



Press release

Health Promotion South Africa Trust (HPSA) now affiliated with the United Nations

Stellenbosch, South Africa / Oostvoorne, the Netherlands, 9 may, 2019 - **The Department of Global Communications (DGC) Civil Associations, the Department of the United Nations that is responsible for joint ventures with private organizations, has added Health Promotion South Africa Trust (HPSA) to its list of affiliated institutions. This list only contains private organizations that meet the criteria of the United Nations and that endorse and support the principles of the organization.**

Health Promotion South Africa Trust is an international non-profit organization that is registered and established in South Africa and that focuses on "Life Changing Health Education".

Affiliated organizations

The committee for private organizations of the Department of Public Information (DPI) meets twice a year. "This meeting is important for adding new organizations to the list, for removing organizations that no longer meet the criteria and for evaluating the existing organizations", according to Jeffrey Brez, Head of the Department of Global Communications. "Our cooperation with private organizations is of major importance for achieving our objectives."

"We are very pleased with this recognition by the United Nations", says Ms. Malmsey Rangaka, chairperson of Health Promotion South Africa Trust. "We heartily support the objectives of the UN and will continue to do our best to make a contribution to their realization with our activities."

The following persons may represent HPSA in respect of the United Nations: Dr. h.c. Harold Robles (Co-Founder and special advisor HPSA), Ms. Malmsey Rangaka (chairperson HPSA), Mr George Arrey (CEO HPSA) and Ms. Seyda Ozturk (chairperson US Friends of the Health Promoters).



About Health Promotion South Africa Trust

The mission of Health Promotion South Africa Trust (HPSA), a registered non-profit organization, is to educate and promote health and well-being at the individual and community level in South Africa. HPSA operates in vulnerable communities, where adults, adolescents and children are taught essential information and practical skills on how to prevent disease and live a healthy lifestyle. We teach in community centers, in schools, in crèches, in churches and in commercial centers. Since the majority of our target population is women and girls, we also offer other workshops, when requested, such as dealing with violence and rape, parenting skills, and teenage pregnancy.

We call our teachers Senior Health Promoters, and we only train teachers who live in our targeted communities. Being taught by someone who speaks their language and lives in their community helps our clients to learn better. We also partner with other agencies in the communities we serve.

The impact of our work is considerable. We reach between 15, 000 and 20,000 people every year. Our attendees enjoy their learning and are very appreciative of the chance to learn knowledge that can improve the health and outlook of their families, friends and themselves. It is also often reported to us that many of our graduates find work in orphanages, crèches, elder care etc.

Years ago the two founders of Health Promotion South Africa Trust (HPSA) Dr h.c. Harold E Robles and Dr Jelle Braaksma, were very aware of the poor health of many people in vulnerable communities in South Africa. They realized that there was an urgent need to provide free health education to these vulnerable people. So they founded HPSA, as a very practical way of realizing their dream of healthier South Africans!

There are plans to offer this approach to other communities in other African countries and beyond as soon as possible.

For more information please visit us at: www.healthpromoters.co.za

In 2016 HPSA earned Barack Obama's endorsement

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