

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



PEOPLE

- We have reached just over 600 early childhood development practitioners through Real Reform for ECD workshops.
- We have had 102 weekly paralegal walk-in clients and hosted two outreach days.



ACTIVE CITIZENRY

- We have a team of 32 trained and active Water Ambassadors who are voluntarily monitoring water reliability and reporting incidents across 40 villages every day.
- We held 21 workshops with ECD practitioners on how to get ECD into municipalities' Integrated Development Plans (IDPs).
- We supported 30 submissions made by ECD practitioners on the Local Government Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations.
- We supported nine submissions made by ECD practitioners on the Basic Education Laws Amendment (BELA) Bill.
- We held a human rights and water advocacy training workshop for local community leaders and activists.



PARTNERSHIPS

- We provide backbone secretariat support to 11 Steering Committee member partners of the Real Reform for ECD movement, which is supported by over 200 organisations.
- We have strong partnerships with nine ECD forums across seven municipalities.
- We set up a functional Mncwasa Advisory Committee consisting of the Equality Collective, Viva con Agua, Community Development Workers, traditional leaders, and three ward councillors.



RESEARCH

- In partnership with Ilifa Labantwana, we produced a comprehensive study on the regulatory framework for health, safety, and environmental standards for ECD programmes.
- We conducted detailed comparative research on the right to ECD across four countries, in partnership with the University of Oxford.



MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- RR4ECD has written three press releases and three op-eds, hosted five webinars, and made seven media appearances.
- The Equality Collective has appeared in four media outlets, written one op-ed and two press releases, and hosted two webinars, one of which was hosted in collaboration with Pathways Institute and Zabalaza Socialist Forum.
- Three episodes of the Amanzi Kumntu Wonke radio programme have been produced and aired on Bulungula Community Radio.



CAMPAIGNS

- Right to Water: We successfully assisted Amathole District Municipality (ADM) to apply and obtain R8 million from a national conditional grant, the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG), for the refurbishment of the Mncwasa Water Scheme.
- RR4ECD—Make the Bill Better: We were appointed to a Technical Team, led by the DBE, and helped prepare draft amendments to the Children's Act and its Regulations that, if passed, will provide a much more enabling legal landscape for ECD.
- RR4ECD—Local Government Campaign: Of all the municipalities, Breede Valley Local Municipality made strides in how ECD was represented in their IDP. The IDP is now clear on the role of the local municipality in providing for, and expanding, ECD services. We now have a working example for other municipalities.