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VISION AND MISSION

Vision

A society in which children are valued, nurtured and protected; their rights are realised; and where they are able to participate, develop and reach their full potential.

Mission

The Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, aims to contribute to policies, laws and interventions that promote equality and realise the rights and improve the conditions of all children in South Africa, through research, advocacy, education and technical support.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

The Context

Much progress has been made in improving the situation of children in South Africa, but levels of poverty and inequality remain high. More than half of children in South Africa still live in poverty, and this intersects with other challenges such as poor education, high levels of ill health and child mortality as well as violence. Despite 20 years of democracy, it remains true that children's race, socio-economic status and where they live continue to largely determine the quality of services they can access and the range of opportunities available to them. The CI's activities remains guided by the main challenges facing children, while continuing to be responsive to the policy environment.

The Children's Institute

The Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, is a leader in child policy research and advocacy in South Africa. Our activities focus on key challenges to the well-being of South Africa's children: poverty, inequality, HIV/AIDS, high infant and child mortality and morbidity, violence and abuse, and limited voice. Our purpose is to provide evidence to assist policy-makers and practitioners to create policies, programmes and institutions that support the best interests of the country's children.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Children's Institute was launching the 2015 edition of the *South African Child Gauge*®, just as student protests were raging on campuses around the country.

The focus on Youth and the Intergenerational Cycle of Poverty served as a timely reminder of the precarious position of young people in South Africa. The student protests were a painful reminder that despite the vast potential of post-school education to break the cycle of poverty in South Africa, there are still – as the *Gauge* highlights – numerous obstacles facing students and institutions of higher learning.

The student protests sparked much soul-searching within UCT and other universities. We were again reminded that as a nation we have continued to fail to provide training and work opportunities for the youth. Continued introspection, translating into action, is vital if we are to remain relevant contributors to the future of the nation.

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of how topical and important the engaged scholarship of the Children's Institute remains.

The Institute continues to evolve. So, for

example, in 2015 it streamlined its separate-but-not-always-distinct International Advisory Board (IAB) and UCT-based governance board into, now, a single Governing Board (GB). One of the first things the new GB will do in 2016, for example, is offer support and guidance as the Institute draws up a new strategic plan for the years 2017-2019.

As chairperson, it remains a great pleasure to be associated with the Children's Institute. Facing challenges from all corners – policy decisions that have to be disputed, a funding environment in which everyone has to tighten their belts – the Institute remains in almost single-minded pursuit of its objective: to improve in countless ways the lives of children in South Africa.

Professor Susan Kidson
Chairperson, Governing Board



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance structure of the Children's Institute's (CI) is historically based, with the initial start-up grant from Atlantic Philanthropies making provision for the establishment of an International Advisory Board (IAB). The role of the IAB was primarily to guide the growth of the CI as a world-class university-based child policy unit. As the CI evolved, a UCT-based Governing Board (GB) was established to guide the governance of the CI within the university. In time the division of roles between the two structures blurred, in addition to the growing financial costs of having an IAB. Following a consultation process, the GB and IAB were both de-constituted in 2014. A fully constituted new Governing Board consisting of key university members and external members from South African, and the region, was convened in August 2015.

THE BOARD

Chairperson

Prof Sue Kidson is currently a professor of UCT's Division of Cell Biology. An acclaimed scientists and educator, she specialises in cell and developmental biology. Prof Kidson has extensive university management and executive experience, having served as a head of department, deputy dean and acting Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

External Members

Prof Benyam Mezmur is Ethiopian and a lecturer and project head for children's rights at the Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights at the University of the Western Cape. He also serves as chairperson of the United Nation's Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

Ms Lindiwe Mokate is the commissioner for children and basic education at the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). She had previously served as CEO of the SAHRC, had worked on the National Children's

Right Committee, and had set up the Children's Desk within the Presidency.

Prof Crain Soudien is CEO of the South African Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC).

A celebrated educationalist and sociologist, Prof Soudien had formerly been deputy vice-chancellor responsible for transformation and social responsiveness at UCT, and had chaired the Ministerial Committee on Transformation in Higher Education.

University Members

Prof Anwar Mall is acting deputy vice-chancellor, responsible for transformation, at UCT. Prior to this, Prof Mall had been head of the Division of General Research Laboratories. He has also chaired the Department of Surgery's research committee and the Faculty of Health Sciences' under- and postgrad readmission and review committee, and had served as warden for many years.

Dr Reno Morar is deputy-dean responsible for health services in UCT's Faculty of Health Sciences, where he had previously been appointed as health services advisor. Dr Morar has served on numerous national regulatory councils and advisory committees.

He is vice-chairperson of the Medical and Dental Professions Board and of the National Medicines Pricing Committee.

Prof Ingrid Woolard is Dean of the Faculty of Commerce at UCT. A top-cited researcher and hailed as the country's foremost producer of survey data, Prof Woolard continues to have a research affiliation with UCT's Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). Her work focuses on poverty, inequality, social assistance and fiscal policy.

Prof Deborah Posel is a professor of sociology at UCT, where she is also the founding director of the Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA). She had formerly been based at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), which she had founded in 2000. Prof Posel has written and published widely on aspects of South African politics and society.

Children's Institute members

Director, Assoc Prof Shanaaz Mathews

Ms Lucy Jamieson and

Ms Charmaine Smith

EXECUTIVE REVIEW

The past year has seen the expansion of project work by the Children's Institute with a focus on creating a solid evidence base to influence policy and advocacy initiatives. In large part, this growth has been due to the synergies that have been developed between projects. Those synergies spawned opportunities for the conceptualisation of larger multi-year research and advocacy proposals, also in partnership with outside organisations.

The growth in workload meant that the CI could appoint two new – and seasoned – researchers. Aislinn Delany has a development and psychology background with a focus on issues of poverty and inequality and social protection, while Stefanie Röhrs has a legal and public health background with a focus on child rights, law reform and policy development and child protection.

The growth in projects also allowed for the continued appointment of interns and junior researchers, who provide valuable additional research capacity. The use of junior staff necessitates continued mentorship, but does provide the opportunity to grow a group of young researchers who understand child-centred research, child rights and advocacy in practice.

Highlights

The past year was marked by extending our collaborations within the university, the SADC

region and beyond. One of the highlights of the year was the CI's hosting of the very successful three-day 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI), held in partnership with ISCI, the Poverty and Inequality Initiative (PII), UNICEF and the African Child Policy Forum. Not only did the conference attract leading researchers from developed countries, just under half of the delegates were from African countries, providing the CI with invaluable continental exposure.

This year also marked the 10th anniversary and edition of the *South African Child Gauge*®, the Children's Institute's flagship annual publication that reports on and monitors the situation of children in South Africa. In 2015, the focus turned out to be quite timely – in the light of students' #FeesMustFall protests that happened to be raging as the Gauge was launched – on *Youth and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty*. The Gauge once again brought together a broad spectrum of partners: the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency and World Vision South Africa, the DG Murray Trust, the Wits DST-NRF Centre for Excellence in Human Development, and UCT's Poverty and Inequality Initiative.

Beyond these, the Children's Institute continued with its work around strategic themes, through its many research and advocacy projects and teaching. (See pages 8 to 21.)

Administration and other matters

The CI continued to grow its research and advocacy activities during 2015, evident in the growth of the institute. The expanding project activities placed additional demands on support staff who tirelessly worked with projects to ensure it succeeded in their objectives. This has allowed the administrators to focus on their core functions.

Publications and knowledge dissemination

CI staff published in peer-reviewed journals, and contributed to chapters for peer-reviewed books over 2015. In addition, researchers contributed to the Alternate Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child – following on South Africa's country reports – and, as part of this civil society delegation for the South African Alternate Report Coalition, we were elected to attend the briefing meeting of the UN's Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in February 2016.

Conclusion

Hosting the ISCI conference and successfully implementing numerous primary research projects in various provinces has given fresh impetus to the work at the Children's Institute. It has inspired us to weigh up



new opportunities further afield, and has, I believe, thrust us in new directions. The past year has seen the strengthening of partnerships, particularly within the university and the SADC region

**Associate Professor
Shanaaz Mathews, director**

2015 IN REVIEW

The work of the Children's Institute in 2015 was guided by its Strategic Plan 2014-2016, which framed the activities and projects for the year under seven thematic areas.

THEMATIC AREA 1: ENSURE THAT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE MONITORED AND PROMOTED

The South African Child Gauge

The 2015 edition of the *South African Child Gauge* addressed the theme of Youth and Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty. Bringing together 27 expert contributors, the edition's essays highlighted the need for targeted interventions in the critical transition of youth into young adulthood. The writers also provided recommendations for changes in key areas that could break the cycle of persistent poverty. The high-profile launch – attended by some 200 representatives from government, academia and civil society – was followed, the next week, by a daylong workshop jointly hosted with UCT's Poverty and Inequality Initiative.

Children Count

Children Count is an ongoing project that monitors the situation of children in South Africa. Its purpose is to provide public officials, researchers and child rights advocates with regular and reliable data to inform policy and service delivery priorities for children and their households. Children Count tracks around 40 indicators in six

'domains' linked to children's well-being: residential arrangements and orphaning, income poverty and social grants, housing and services, education, HIV and health, and nutrition. In 2015, researchers updated the indicators using the recently released General Household Survey of 2013, and introduced two indicators related to youth (pregnancy and NEETS, aka youth who are "Not in Employment, Education and Training"). Work also started on a data visualisation system, which will include small area-level maps that would illustrate spatial inequality. The maps will allow researchers and service providers to map the nature and spread of child protection and prevention systems.

Advocacy on the Sexual Offences Act

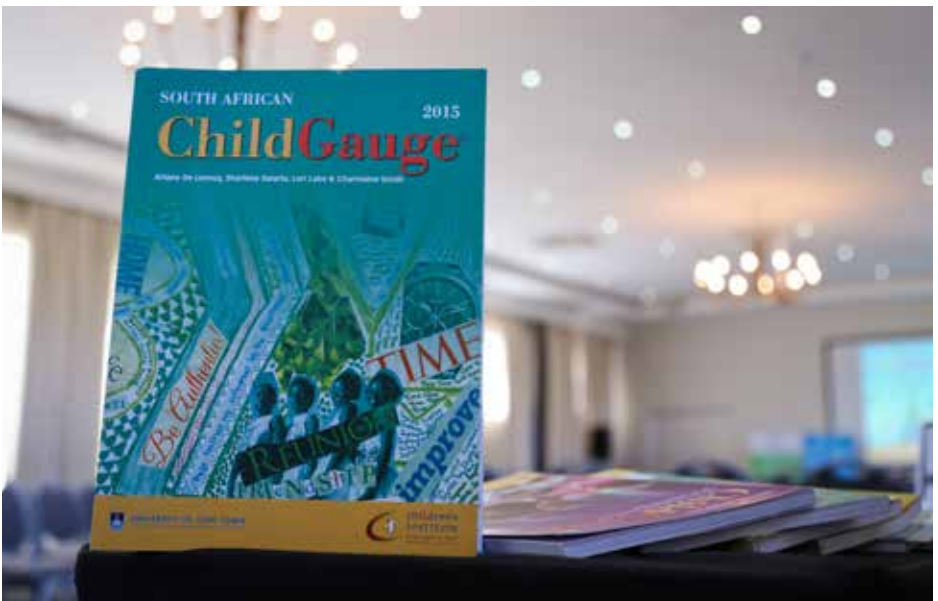
In 2014, the Department of Justice and Correctional Services (DoJCS) announced proposed amendments to the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act of 2007. The CI secured funding from the RAITH Foundation, and worked with the Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights at the University of the Western

Cape and Shukumisa to mobilise sectors of civil society to respond to the proposed amendments. Of particular concern to the CI and partners supported were the sections in which consensual sex between adolescents was decriminalised, and proposed that children should be assessed and found to be a risk before being included on the National Register of Sex Offenders. Representatives from the organisations that took part in the CI process accounted for 18 of the 31 individuals and organisations invited to attend the public hearing, even though these organisations contributed only a small fraction of the 900 written submissions made in response to the Amendment Bill. The CI was also invited to present at the public hearing.

Advocacy on the Children's Act

In May 2015, the Minister of Social Development tabled two amendment bills in

Parliament: the Children's Amendment Bill and the Children's Second Amendment Bill. Controversially, the Children's Amendment Bill seeks to change the definition of a child in need of care and protection, specifically so that it includes any child who has been orphaned or abandoned and who "does not ostensibly have the ability to support himself or herself". Other amendments touched on emergency removals, the definition of persons unsuitable to work with children, the automatic inclusion of the names of child offenders to the National Child Protection Register, and changes to adoption provisions, among other things. The Children's Institute alerted and updated civil society stakeholders and organised a consultative workshop in July 2015 to speak on these bills and prepare for parliamentary advocacy. Submissions were presented to the Portfolio Committee of Social Development in September 2015 by the CI and many of its partners.



THEMATIC AREA 2:

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, FAMILY CARE AND CARE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILD POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Social assistance for orphans in the care of relatives

The Department of Social Development has decided to introduce an extended (larger) Child Support Grant for orphans in the care of relatives, a decision inspired in large part by research and advocacy conducted by the Children's Institute and its civil society partners. The proposed reform is at an advanced stage – it was approved by Cabinet in November 2015 – and has been included in the Department's Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) for implementation in the 2017/18 financial year. In 2015, the Children's Institute analysed trends in the take-up, growth and lapsing of children's social grants; developed and presented legal arguments; and ran four consultative workshops for civil society organisations and government. It conducted research into the vulnerability of orphans in the

care of relatives, and presented preliminary findings at the 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) in September 2015.

The next expansion of the Child Support Grant

Despite substantial reductions in child poverty in South Africa – thanks largely to the expansion of social grants – inequality in the country continues to rise. One way of reducing this inequality would be to expand the reach and amount of the Child Support Grant (CSG). A number of options are being examined. This includes universalisation of the CSG (ie providing it to all children, regardless of the caregiver's income), increasing the amount of the grant, and extending the CSG to age 21 for youth still in education or training. In 2015 – with funding raised from the Raith Foundation – the CI continued a series of dialogues it had started in 2014. The dialogues featured researchers, civil society and government. The aim was to promote evidence-based debate and

discussion on the nature of this expansion. The CI also kickstarted research into the food-component costs of caring for a child, with support from the Centre of Excellence in Food Security. This work that will be included in the doctoral research of the CI's Winnie Sam

Migrant mothers and the dynamics of care

This project, based on the doctoral research of the CI's Katharine Hall, examines patterns of child mobility against the backdrop of adult (particularly maternal) migration. It explores how parents, caregivers and children make strategic decisions about co-residence, child care and household form. Initial research conducted in 2015 included qualitative work with migrant mothers, an analysis of household forms over two decades (1993-2013), and a study on patterns of migration for children and their mothers, using the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS) and census data. Some preliminary findings were presented at ISCI 2015. The research continues in 2016.

11.7 MILLION

children received child support grants in 2015

500,000 CHILDREN

received foster child grants in 2015

127,000 CHILDREN

receive the care dependency grant

THEMATIC AREA 3: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION ON TECHNICAL, METHODOLOGICAL AND POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELLBEING

Regional network for child indicator research

The aim of this project was to explore possibilities for building a regional network of researchers interested in child indicator work, and to build interest and capacity for child-centred analysis of large datasets. Ultimately, such a network could support the human development and poverty eradication agendas of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Findings from these analyses could support country-level advocacy and planning, with possibilities for comparative analyses across the region. The pilot project began in 2013 with the mapping of legislative and policy frameworks, and a review of available data sources in seven countries. Key partnerships have been formed with the likes of UNICEF, the Addis Ababa-based African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), and the Southern African Social Protection Experts Network (SASPEN). A follow-up meeting took place in Harare in July 2015, when new countries and national

organisations joined the network. One challenge raised at the meeting was the issue of researchers' access to national statistics in countries where datasets are not made available. The network met again in a side meeting of the second Child Sensitive Social Policies (CSSP) International Conference in Zimbabwe in November (picture right). Here delegates also marked the pre-launch of the Zimbabwe Child Monitor, modelled on the CI's *South African Child Gauge*®. Similarly, Botswana has published two issues of a review on the situation of children with a set of child indicators, titled *Thari ya Bana*. Namibia, too, is exploring such a project.

5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)

The International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) is an international network of researchers with a specific interest in measures and indicators of children's well-being. In September 2015, the Children's



Institute hosted the organisation's 5th international conference, staged in Cape Town. *Themed From welfare to well-being: Child indicators in research, policy and practice*, the widely hailed conference attracted 200 participants from over 40 countries. These included numerous African nations, which had previously been underrepresented at ISCI conferences. The increased participation was made possible through the CI's partnerships with UNICEF, the ACPF and the Poverty and Inequality Initiative (PII) at UCT. A number of papers presented at the conference were subsequently submitted to *Child Indicators Research*, ISCI's official journal. The programme, presentations and photographs from the conference are now available at www.isci2015.org.

South Africa's Civil Society Report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRoC)

The CI played a leading role in the coalition of 23 civil society organisations that drafted

South Africa's Alternate Report made to the UNCROc in 2015. These Alternate Reports serve as a counterweight to the Country Reports that governments submit under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The South African Alternate Report covered areas such as child protection and violence, birth registration, child poverty, inequality and social grants, foster care challenges and health care priorities. Several CI researchers were contributing authors, and also served on the reference group that gave guidance on the strategic issues to be raised at the meeting with the UNCROc in Geneva in February 2016. Shanaaz Mathews, director of the CI, was named as part of the four-person delegation that would represent the South African coalition of civil society at that meeting. The CI will continue to work with the civil society coalition as it awaits the concluding observations from the UNCROc in 2016. The CI is also involved in reporting to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC).

THEMATIC AREA 4:

FOCUS POLITICAL ATTENTION ON THE SURVIVAL, DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Developing the country's first national ECD policy and programme

During 2013 and 2014, the Children's Institute contributed to a national consortium of ECD experts – led by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) – that developed the country's first national ECD Policy and Programme. The final documents were sent to the national Department of Social Development (DSD) in 2014, after which the department commenced with an internal government review process. In 2015, the DSD undertook a public participation process. The CI chose not to participate in the process as it had a hand in drafting the national policy. It did, however, provide relevant information and advice to civil society organisations who made submissions. In December 2015, the National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy was approved by Cabinet. While there are concerns about the

finalised policy, such as the nature of the co-ordinating mechanism, it remains a landmark policy that prioritises the equitable delivery of an essential package of services for all young children in South Africa.

Developing linkages across thematic areas: evaluating a parenting programme aimed at preventing violence

There is growing recognition that parents, particularly those experiencing high levels of adversity, require support and intervention to assist them in their parental role. Good parenting programmes have been shown to have the potential to promote positive child outcomes, and can prevent child abuse and neglect in the home. There is, however, a dearth of data on effective parenting programmes in South Africa. To help fill this vacuum, the Children's Institute has embarked on an evaluation of a local parenting programme developed and implemented by an established NPO, with the key objective

of preventing harsh and abusive parenting. Funding for the exercise was secured from the Anglo-American Chairman's Fund. The evaluation draws together two of the CI's research areas: violence against children and early childhood development. The programme being evaluated targets school-going adolescent parents and caregivers, recognised as a high-risk group in need of parenting support. In total, 115 secondary school learners were enrolled into the study at baseline in July 2015. The project is a longitudinal study, scheduled for completion in late 2016.

1,018 children died due to homicide in SA in 2009

5.5 per **100,000**
the rate for child homicide deaths in SA in 2009

44% of sexual offences reported to the SAPS involve children under 18

44% of child homicide cases involve abuse

THEMATIC AREA 5: GENERATING AN EVIDENCE BASE ON CHILD PROTECTION AND ADVOCATING TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTION SERVICES

Child-death review

Following a study by the South African Medical Research Council (MRC) on child homicides and its links to child abuse, the Children's Institute launched a project that aims to implement and evaluate child death review (CDR) teams as a mechanism to improve the identification and management of fatal child abuse among other child deaths. Funding was secured from the DG Murray Trust and the Open Society Foundation-South Africa (OSF-SA). The work was conducted in partnership with UCT's Division of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, the provincial Departments of Health and Social Development of the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, the South African Police Service in those two provinces, and Childline South Africa. The project released its findings in July 2015, highlighting the efficacy of the CDR process. It also identified shortcomings in the health and child protection systems, prompting engagement with respective government departments. The project will continue, and is working on expanding the CDR teams to all regions of the Western Cape.

Influencing government strategy on violence against women and children

The South African government has established an Inter-ministerial Committee (IMC) to develop an action plan that aims to address the insidious problem of violence against women and children. To inform this plan, UNICEF has commissioned research into the root causes of violence against women and children. The CI was contracted to lead the children's part of the study – with CI director, Shanaaz Mathews, as lead investigator – in partnership with the Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) at UCT, raising the CI's profile as a thought leader in the area at the University. CI researchers contributed work on the gaps in the legal framework that address the key determinants of violence. Mathews will provide technical assistance to KPMG for its work on the national Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation's diagnostic review on violence against women and children.

Tracking child abuse

In 2013, the CI started a study that tracks child abuse and neglect cases through the child protection system. The aim was to identify and describe the challenges that prevent children from receiving quality and timely protection services. Following initial delays and further consultation with the Department of Social Development and the South African Police Service, new sites in Mdantsane, East London and Matatiele were identified in 2015. Fieldworkers were recruited and trained, and data collection started in September. Fieldwork will be completed in early 2016.

Evaluation of the Isibindi-Childline residential programme

The Isibindi intervention, developed by the National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers (NACCW) and rolled out in partnership with the Department of Social Development (DSD), deploys trained child and youth care workers (CYCWs) as part of the social services workforce. These CYCWs deliver community-based child and youth care services to provide care and protection to children who have been victims of sexual abuse. Through a partnership between Isibindi, Childline South Africa and the DSD, a short-term therapeutic residential programme is delivered to children identified as being sexually abused, providing an alternative to the standard model of care within the public child protection system. The programme targets children from under-served rural areas in seven of the country's nine provinces. The CI has secured EU funding

via the Presidency's Programme to Support Pro-poor Policy Development (PSPPD), UNICEF and Mary Slack and Daughters Fund to evaluate the effectiveness of the residential programme in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, looking at the outcomes for the children over an observed period of time. The findings will inform dialogue with government, civil society organisations and communities. The project results from this longitudinal study will be available in October 2016.

Monitoring and mapping child protection

Limited data is available on the prevalence of violence against children, notwithstanding that it is a pervasive problem in South Africa. A recent study has provided the country's first national prevalence estimates of the sexual victimisation of children, but other administrative data such as the South African Police Services' crime statistics are not routinely analysed from a children's perspective. In addition, there is little precise information on the current nature and extent of child protection services. There is also a need to identify high-level challenges and gaps in service delivery. In 2015, the CI embarked on a project to develop suitable indicators to monitor violence against children. The project will also involve a situational analysis of available child protection services to identify gaps in the system. The project will have a national focus, complemented by in-depth analysis of four pilot sites. It will run for two years, with funding secured from the FNB Fund and the Raith Foundation.

THEMATIC AREA 6:

YOUNG PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

Mobile phones and youth in South Africa

Since 2012 the CI has been collaborating with Durham University, UK, for a study on the use of mobile phones among young people in three African countries: Ghana, Malawi and South Africa. The study aimed to describe how the rapid rise in mobile phone usage has impacted the lives, life chances and wellbeing of young people. It looks, in particular, at how growing use has influenced social networks, job seeking, employment, education, health, participation in social movements, political processes and intergenerational relations. As coordinating partner for South Africa, the CI supervised data collection in urban, peri-urban and rural areas in Gauteng, the North West and Eastern Cape. The project was concluded in 2015 with the development of two policy briefs that focused on the impact of mobile phone usage on, respectively, health and education.

The 2015 South African Child Gauge

To celebrate the tenth issue of the CI's flagship publication, the 2015 issue of the *South African Child Gauge* focused on the transition from childhood into adolescence and young adulthood. The nine essays explored the publication's core theme, Youth and the Intergenerational Transmission of

Poverty, outlining the structural constraints and multiple dimensions of poverty that shape young people's lives – and identifying critical points of intervention that have the potential to improve outcomes for young people and the next generation of children. The series of nine essays looked at the impact of poverty, school and post-school education, unemployment, parenting, health and belonging. In addition to a pull-out poster and policy brief, the 2015 issue featured a youth bulletin, which was developed in collaboration with 18 young South Africans. The CI is also working with IkamvaYouth, the DG Murray Trust and the Poverty and Inequality Initiative (PII) at UCT to develop an online portal that will enable young people to better understand and access the key pathways from school to work. Partner organisations on the 2015 *Child Gauge* were UNICEF; the Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development (PSPD) in the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation; World Vision South Africa; the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development at the University of the Witwatersrand; the DG Murray Trust; and the PII. The launch in November (right) was followed by a series of Youth Policy Dialogues bringing together policy makers, academics and civil society thought leaders to explore how to help young people make the difficult transition between school and employment.



THEMATIC AREA 7:

BUILDING CAPACITY

The CI aims to build the capacity of health and social services professionals so that they can better give effect to children's rights in their professional practices. The Institute does this through its formal teaching, continuous professional development courses, and informal workshops and seminars.

Formal teaching

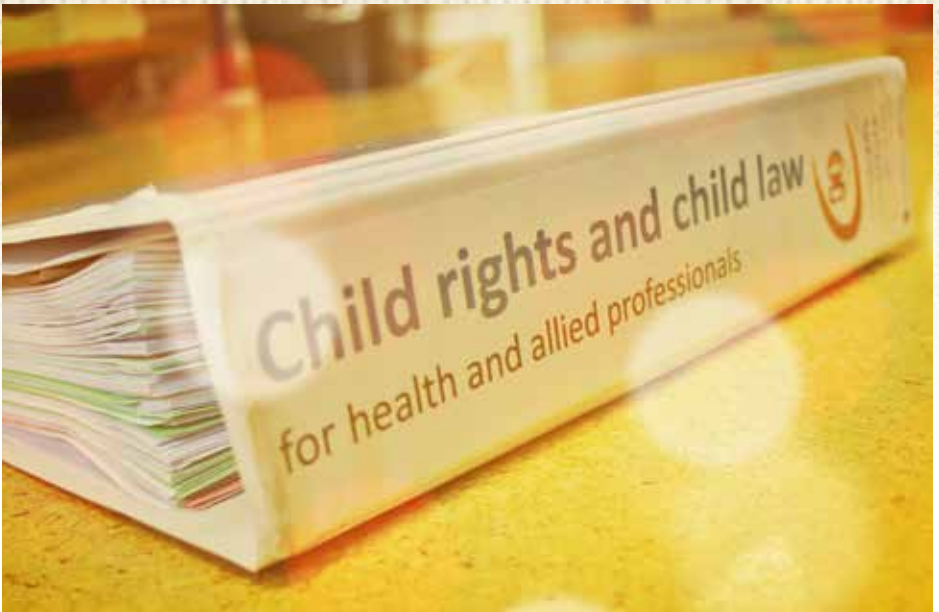
Postgraduate Diploma in Community and General Paediatrics

In 2015, UCT launched its new Postgraduate Diploma in Community and General Paediatrics, which aims to build leadership for child health at district level. Based on the success of its child rights course, the CI was invited to contribute a module on Advocacy in Child Health, which carries 10 points at NQF level 9. The module is located at the start of a two-year programme and is intended to serve as a touchstone that students can refer back to in later modules on policy, programmes, organisation and management. The course drew on the expertise of the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching to maximise the potential of the online platform and stimulate participation and shared

learning. The blended learning programme provided an ideal opportunity to introduce a number of practical tasks – such as a home visit and patient satisfaction survey – that enabled students to integrate child rights into their practice. The course culminates in an advocacy project in which students can consolidate and apply what they had learnt. Nearly all the students elected to continue with their advocacy projects after completion of the lauded module. Several were also invited to present their projects at the Child Health Priorities Conference in December.

Postgraduate teaching for health professionals

CI staff continued to present lectures to fourth- and fifth-year medical students at UCT, reaching some 400 students over the 10 sessions. These lectures focus on children's living conditions and access to services, the role of doctors in realising children's rights in their professional practice, and the consent provisions and reporting obligations of the Children's Act. Seminars on children's rights and the Children's Act were also presented for both the Postgraduate Diploma on Child Health for paediatricians and the Diploma on Child Health for nurses and midwives.



Professional education and training

Short course on Child Rights and Child Law for Health and Allied Professionals (CRaCL)

The CI ran its short course on child rights and child law for the fifth year. The weeklong course continues to attract doctors, nurses, social workers and allied professionals working in diverse contexts. It is accredited with both the Health Professionals Council of South Africa, and the South African Council of Social Service Professions. In 2015, 28 practitioners registered for this course, which generates income for the CI.

Seminars and workshops

The Institute ran a series of workshops and seminars designed to promote an appreciation of child rights, advocacy and

child law including. This included a workshop on advocacy for child health at the 6th Child Health Priorities Conference in KwaZulu-Natal, a seminar for registrars in emergency medicine, a workshop for the Paediatrics Special Interest Group of the South African Society of Physiotherapists, an interactive workshop for the Cape Town Child and Adolescent Psychoanalytic Group and the ProTeen Seminar Series, and presentations at the Western Cape Disability Forum and Alexandra Hospital. Following amendments to the Sexual Offences Act, the CI was asked to brief three groups of GPs and the UCT Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health on these changes and their implications. The CI also hosted an interactive workshop for members of the South African Sexual Health Association, and presented to child- and youth-care workers at the national and Western Cape forums of the National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers.

FINANCE

2015 in review

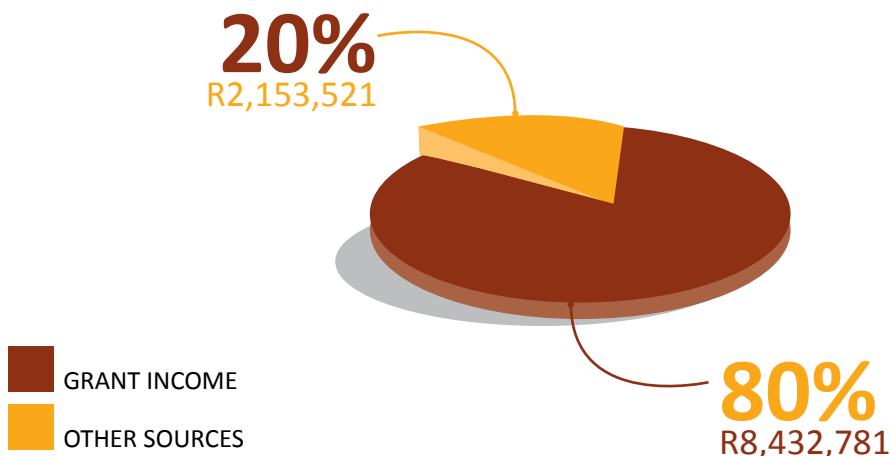
The year ranks as one of the most successful fundraising years for the Children's Institute, raising in excess of R10 million. This amount includes several multi-year grants, a funding mechanism the Institute will continue to pursue as part of its strategy over coming years. Most of the funding was raised from existing donors, but in 2015 the Anglo Chairperson's Fund also came on board as a new donor, awarding the Institute a two-year grant (covering 2015 to 2016) worth R1 million. A total of R8,432,781 was raised from grant income, and another R1,653,512 from other sources. Additionally, PSPPD contributed R500,000 to direct costs for the *South African Child Gauge* 2015.

Total expenditure for 2015 was R9,450,444, which was R11,610 (0.1%) less than anticipated.

Fundraising for 2016

By 31 December 2015, the balance of funds stood at R11,987,307. This amount includes R4,795,813 committed to contractual grants and general operating expenses for the year 2016, as well as reserve funds of R7,191,494 million that are held in a high interest-bearing investment account. Additionally, the CI had committed contracts to the value of R3,740,000. Thus it had raised 61% of its 2016 budget and 15% of its 2017 budget.

Lucy Jamieson was appointed as chairperson of the CI's finance committee, which continues to oversee the organisation's finances. The committee also led the review of the Institute's support needs from the Research Finance units that fall under the restructured Faculty of Health Sciences.



Balance Sheet

INCOME (for 2015 to 2017)

Grant income	8,432,781.68	
Consultancies & commissions	43,893.00	
Sale of publications	1,392.82	
Child Rights short course fees	88,100.00	
Teaching/secondment UCT	61,377.50	R10,586,293.88
University support	391,209.83	
Miscellaneous income	280,210.99	
Interest on investment	787,328.06	
Direct expenditure support for Child Gauge 2015	500,000.00	

EXPENDITURE (2015 only)

Salaries	6,259,545.60	
Service provider & ad hoc support costs	87,265.72	
General operating costs	128,986.07	
Consumables	18,039.65	
IT equipment and peripherals	42,901.23	R9,450,444.26
Organisational development	56,429.38	
Communication products	14,466.19	
Travel	63,586.00	
Project activity costs	2,548,403.32	
UCT levy	230,821.10	

SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL) FOR 2015

R1,135,849.62

Donors for 2015

- Anglo American
- Centre of Excellence in Human Development, Wits
- DG Murray Trust
- DFID, via Durham University
- The Elma Foundation
- First Rand Foundation (FNB)
- International Society for Child Indicators
- National Research Foundation/Thuthuka
- Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development (EU)
- Raith Foundation
- UNICEF South Africa
- World Vision SA

88% of 2015 operating costs recovered

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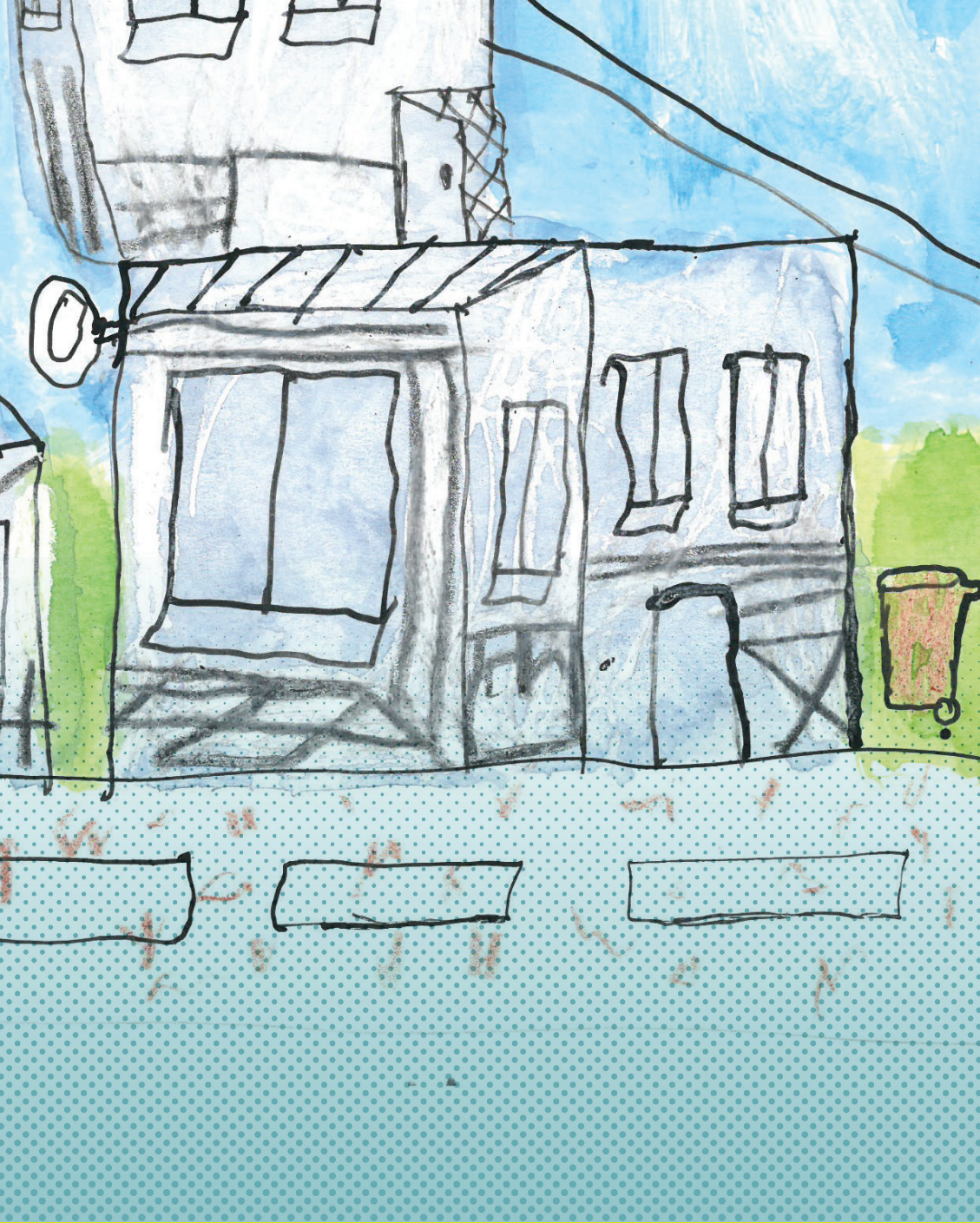
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