

2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Primary Health Care
to Rural People

Since 1990

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ASM CLINIC

The ASM Clinic has been rendering Primary Health Care (first level medical care) to rural people since 1990. Originally as a department of Africa School of Missions (ASM), the Clinic has now been functioning as a separate legal entity known as the ASM Clinic since January 2018. ASM Clinic renders Primary Health Care in the following two under-resourced locations in the Ehlanzeni District of Mpumalanga Province, South Africa:

- Peebles Valley bordering on the Masoyi Tribal Trust
- The township of Msholozhi just outside White River



OUR HEART

Our heart is to reach people who usually struggle to access public health services. The mandate is to love and care for all people in need who happen to attend our clinics. The dedicated team of staff and

volunteers are motivated by Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40 "And the King will say, I tell you the truth, when you did it (helped) to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"



OUR VALUES

The ASM Clinic is a value driven organization, these core values capture the heart and ethos of the directors, staff and volunteers:



Respect and dignity: We believe all people are created in the image of God and are worthy to be treated with respect and dignity regardless of their race, gender, religion or background.

Preserving life: We believe that life is a gift from God and will therefore always choose to preserve and protect the life of those who are entrusted to our care from conception onwards.

Christian values: We aim to work within Christian moral and ethical values when rendering any form of health care.

Quality patient care: We aim to ensure quality care for each person treated by our staff.

Standards of excellence: We aim to maintain a standard of excellence in all administration and in the health services that we render.

Accountability and transparency: We aim to be open and transparent in our dealings with each other and with all stakeholders. Each person will be accountable for all their own acts or omissions.

EVERY LIFE

By rendering compassionate and caring primary health care an amazing team of staff and volunteers save lives, improve the quality of lives, and assist people to achieve longevity.

To the team every LIFE matters!

EVERY LIFE



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The **PRIMARY OBJECTIVE** of the ASM Clinics is to render quality, effective, comprehensive primary health care to people who struggle to access care in public facilities, this includes:

- Appropriate treatment of common diseases and injuries
- Provision of essential drugs (no ARVs or TB medication available)
- Certain aspects of maternal and child health care (no immunizations available)
- Prevention and control of locally endemic diseases including TB and HIV infections

The **PRIMARY CLINIC ACTIVITIES** include the following:

- Special health care of children aged 0 to 5 years old
- Acute medical care for older children and adults
- Women's health care (antenatal, postnatal care and provision of contraception)
- Health care for those living with chronic diseases (Non-Communicable Diseases)
- Active screening for chronic diseases (Non-Communicable diseases)
- Active HIV counselling and testing with referral for ARVs where applicable
- Active screening for TB and referring for treatment where applicable
- Individual patient education on holistic health / lifestyle
- Physiotherapy for disabled children, burns and other patients at the Msholozhi Clinic.
- In partnership with El Roi Ministries, the provision of food parcels to vulnerable children and families in extreme need



ASM MAIN CLINIC – PEEBLES

Primary Health Care to Rural People

Clinic consultations are conducted weekdays at the Main Clinic at Peebles, on the Numbi Gate Road between White River and Hazyview. This clinic also serves as the point from which the mobile clinic to Msholozhi is managed. On average this Clinic did 307 consultations per month in 2024. The Main Clinic serves both the local people who live in the Masoyi tribal trust area near Peebles, and the different non-profit organizations in the area.

Word has spread about the excellent standard of care that patients receive at the ASM Clinic and now some patients come from as far away as a 100km to attend the ASM Clinic. Often the local people use the ASM Clinic as a specialist clinic, coming with complicated or advanced medical conditions that were not picked up, or that were incorrectly diagnosed or managed elsewhere.

Chronic conditions managed at this clinic includes hypertension, diabetes mellitus type II, asthma, high cholesterol, mild heart failure, early stages of chronic kidney disease and chronic arthritic pain.



On average, 307 Consultations per month.



Patients travel up to 100kms to attend ASM Clinic.



ASM Clinic manages a number of Chronic conditions.

PEEBLES HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2024



Highlights for 2024 include the following:

- After many years the legal process of subdividing the property Africa School of Missions was finalised. The portion of land that the ASM Clinic operates on was donated to the Clinic and is now registered in the name of the Clinic.
- A generous Swiss donor paid to have additional solar panels, batteries and an inverter added to our solar energy system so that the clinic is almost completely powered by solar.
- The Hermann Ohlthaver Trust funded a large diesel generator as back-up power so that the Clinic can soon go “off the grid”.



ASM MOBILE CLINIC OUTREACH- MSHOLOZI

Primary Health Care to Township Residents

On Thursdays a large team of staff and volunteers hold a mobile clinic outreach at Msholozhi, an informal township on the outskirts of White River. There are three other townships bordering on Msholozhi, residents from these townships also attend this clinic. As this is a cluster of relatively new townships public health services are limited, people need to travel to White River to attend a very busy government clinic. On average this clinic outreach did 317 consultations per month in 2024.

Although there are many South Africans living in Msholozhi and surrounding townships, many of them are undocumented and unable to access social grants. There are also many foreign nationals from neighbouring countries living in Msholozhi who do not qualify for social grants. High levels of unemployment and poverty occurs in these communities exacerbating the health challenges of the township residents.



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Serving residents
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MSHOLOZI HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2024



Highlights for 2024 include the following:

- The third container was opened, and although it has not yet been renovated, the team have been able to start using it as a treatment and physiotherapy room.
- Electricity was installed in this third container, making it easier to use.
- The paving project was completed, and the whole area around the buildings has been paved.



LEGAL STATUS

The ASM Clinic as a legal entity is registered as the following:

- Non-Profit Company (NPC), registration number 2017/392775/08.
- Public Benefit Organization (PBO), reference number 930060619.
- Non-Profit Organization (NPO), registration number 211-289 NPO

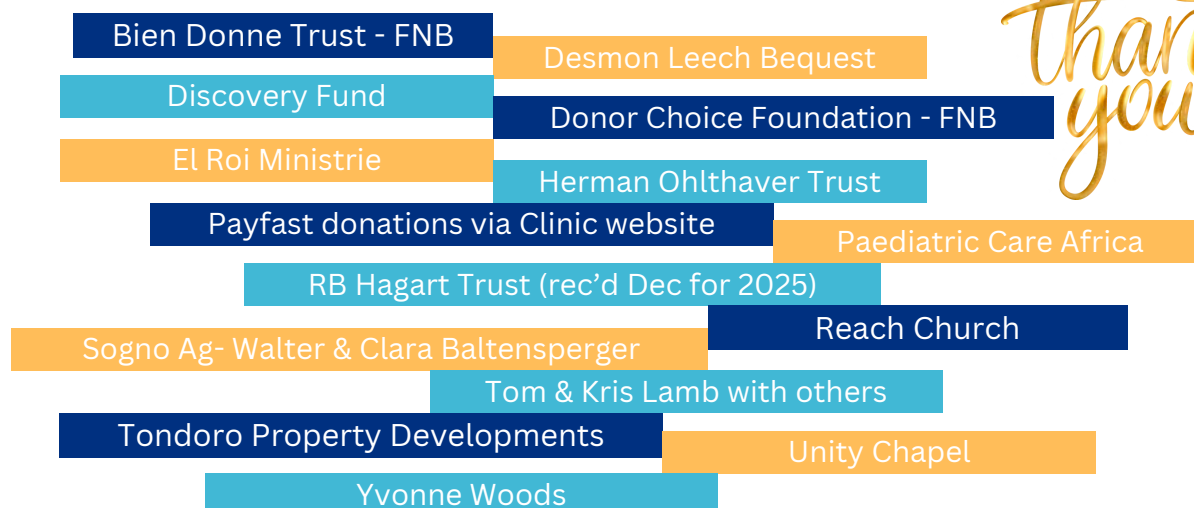
DIRECTORS: P Baxen, J Holtzhausen, S Letsoalo, R Marule, J Smith, Y Woods

INVESTMENT BY PARTNERS

As the ASM Clinic serves people from low and very low-income groups, it is vital important to establish relationships with interested corporate partners, trust funds, businessman, church and individuals to partner with the clinic to take essential health care to these people. Only 15% of the Clinic's income is derived from a small fee that the patients pay, with many who receive the health service for free. The low income from patient fees and the rising inflation rate means that the ASM Clinic remains dependent on donor funding for general operational costs each year.

Funding entrusted to the ASM Clinic is managed by competent people according to the Financial Policy and Procedures as approved by the Board of Directors. Monthly Management Accounts are used to ensure that expenditures are kept within the approved budget, and to give feedback to the directors as required.

2024 DONOR PARTNERS



The directors and staff of the ASM Clinic would like to say a special word of thanks to each corporate partner, trust fund, local charity organization, businessman, church and individual who contributed financially and in kind during 2024. Each contribution was valuable in assisting us to serve the local people in our community. We consider it an amazing privilege to partner with you. Thank you very much!



FEEDBACK ON 2024 ACTIVITIES

The ASM Clinic conducted a total of **6 879** in 2024:

- Children 0 – 5 years: A total of 1 473 consultations with children ages 0 to 5 years were conducted, this represents 21% of the consultations.
- Maternal Care: A total of 543 pre and post-natal consultations were conducted, and 538 contraceptive injections were administered. A total of 1 081 Maternal Care consultations, representing 16% of the consultations.
- Chronic or Non-Communicable Diseases: A total of 1 177 chronic disease consultations were conducted, this represents 17% of the consultations.
- Other Medical Conditions: A total of 3 148 consultations for other medical conditions were conducted, this represents 46% of the consultations.
- 1 269 people were tested for HIV and 98 were referred for essential ARV therapy
- 3 500 people were actively screened for TB, 283 tested, and 25 people referred for life saving TB treatment.

Over the past ten years the ASM Clinic has conducted **56 411** consultations, reaching people who may never have received the essential care they required!

PATIENT IMPACT - WHY IT MATTERS

Antenatal Care

Although gradually coming down, South Africa still has a fairly high Maternal Mortality Rate. Most of these deaths can be prevented by good antenatal and postnatal care.

During 2024 Judy, a 41-year-old woman started attending the ASM Clinic for antenatal care. She already has 9 children and this was her 10th pregnancy. Her age and number of previous births made her a high-risk pregnancy however, by providing good antenatal care everything went well during the pregnancy. At 38 weeks gestation a routine haemoglobin test indicated that she was severely anaemic. As this can endanger the life of both mother and unborn infant, she was immediately referred to Themba Hospital High Risk Antenatal Clinic. Judy received 2 units of blood at the hospital and was kept for a day or two, until the doctor was happy to discharge her and wait for her to go into spontaneous labour. A few days later, she gave birth to a healthy beautiful boy without any complications. As discussed with her during the pregnancy, she has subsequently been referred back to Themba hospital to have a tubal ligation (permanent sterilization).

CHRONIC CARE

The leading causes of deaths in South Africa is tuberculosis, HIV, diabetes, and cerebrovascular diseases, emphasizing the importance of early identification and treatment of these conditions. Practically every patient attending the ASM Clinics is screened for TB and HIV, while all adults and youths attending the Clinics have their blood pressure and urine checked looking for hypertension and diabetes.

Mhlupeku is 80 years old and has been attending the ASM since 2022. He was diagnosed at a local hospital with diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol and referred to his local clinic to continue receiving his treatment there, but he had heard about the ASM Clinic and choose to rather come here. All his chronic conditions are now well controlled and he feels healthy and strong. He is so grateful to the ASM Clinic staff for the care he receives from them.





EXPECTATIONS AND FAITH GOALS

Please join with us in praying and believing for the fulfilment of the ASM Clinic faith goals for 2025:

That God would continue to touch many lives through the care provided by the passionate caring staff and volunteers.

Abundant financial provision for the 2025 Clinic budget to ensure that the Clinic can continue to provide essential care to people who struggle to access care at public health clinics.

Financial provision to complete special projects at the Peebles Clinic site not covered by the 2025 budget for normal operational costs:

- New pipeline from the water reservoir to the clinic's fire hoses.
- Replacing 5 very old computers that are used for general administration and to capture patient consultations.
- Replacing 4 broken air conditioners in the clinic with inverter compatible air conditioners.

Financial provision to complete the renovation of the third container at the Msholozhi Clinic site not covered by the 2025 budget for normal operational costs:

- Dividing the container into two rooms
- Doors, wall insulation and flooring
- Air conditioner for each room

The Clinic directors are all trusting to find another full-time professional nurse with the correct organizational fit to join the team.

“You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.” John 15:16 NLT

“Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.” Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT

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BANK DETAILS:

Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa
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Branch code electronic payments: 051001
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