

# Nozi Ntlanywa [BEADWORK]

I have become creative at a young age; I then decided to make money out of my talent in 2013. I am currently based in Mthatha waterfall Park, where I operate on daily basis.

I started as an all rounder in the initial stages of my business as I did an assortment of things in the form of church uniforms, the makoti wear, redesigning tekkies, beaded jewelry and men's outfits.

In 2016, I then decided to focus on tekkies and jewelry made out of isishweshwe prints and beads, introduced the African print as well, due to the interest shown by my customers. I design for all ages in females, there's also a growing interest in men, which I regard as a good thing.

I am involved in this project of Arts in action through Impendulo Foundation because it gives me an opportunity to give back to unemployed victims and survivors of Gender Based Violence. The skills transfer is assisting the people to be able to stand on their own and make their own money to be sustainable.

## **SERVICES AND PRODUCTS**

Beaded Jewelry

Cushions

Semi-Traditional Wear, Redesigning Tekkies



## Pinky Vinjwa [BEADWORK]

Born and bred in Port St Johns, a very strong, humble and respectful lady. My passion is socialize , love cooking and playing netball. I like going to church and I am a firm believer of God. I am involved in this program because it gave me an opportunity to share my GBV journey with young people and gave me opportunity to get healing. I would really like to share my life experiences with many more others and motivate them about the journey of life.

I heard about this project Arts in Action through a lady who is a member of Impendulo Foundation who had been attending GBV dialogues and arts in Action workshops in Viedgesvile. Gender Based Violence is real and affecting us in many different ways . I would like to gather and help other survivors like me and motivate them and bring more awareness to the people about GBV



# Xoliswa

## Rolo [BEADWORK & spoken word]

I was born at Tekwini location , Port St Johns, Eastern Cape

I am community activist , Community Health Care Worker. I am very passionate about changing people's lives . I enjoy working with people , I like to see my community being developed and myself too.

I heard about Arts in Action in a campaign held in my community, I then joined the support group. I joined so that I can be assisted with the skills that can help me to earn a living and be able to transfer the skills to others in my community. I would like to be equipped with skills that will help me eradicate GBV in my community and keep my community members active in development rather than violence. Skills like arts will keep me busy and my community members



# Andiswa Selani

[BEADWORK]

Born at Libode, I now reside in Mtalala in Port St Johns . I am a humble person ,I love and respect people . I like to motivate people about life, and about the challenges we face in our daily lives . I am a volunteer of Impendulo Foundation , I involved myself in this project of Arts in Action because I saw that a lot of people need comfort and they need spiritual and emotional growth. . For many years I have wishing to groom the youth and my community members. Impendulo Foundation gave me the opportunity to lead the Arts in Action dialogue support groups in Port St Johns . It is a great pleasure for me to be part of the beadwork arts programme. This skill will help me to make more money and also develop my mind



# Bongiwe AKA Makazi Nyathela [POTTERY]

My name is Bongiwe Nyathela, born Emampondweni in Ntabankulu, residing in Mthatha Eastern Cape. I'm a hard working conscientious and loyal person who is totally dedicated to her work, best in co-ordinating, managing.

SKILL (POTTERY). Has demonstrated the ability to plan and organise effectively. Team working skills. Negotiating marketing techniques, managing tasks remotely.

GBV Arts in Action. I believe communicating in a variety of situations we can be able to increase sustainability and also generate income through pottery production by training and selling pottery products, improving potter production technology and to be business competitors with the product. Also to improve livelihood and alleviates poverty amongst our vulnerable, infected and affected communities.



# Zuko Selani [SPOKEN WORD AND THEATRE ]

My name is Zuko Selani, young energetic 26 years of age born and bred at Upper Ngqwarha A/A Mqanduli in the Eastern Cape. I was raised by a single parent I am an artist who believes that art is the only way to express how you feel and art is something that was drawn up before it was really made. I've always had a passion for art since a young age.

I recited my poems at Ingwane FM, Unitra Community Radio (UCR FM), Sajonisi Youth Radio, published at Ikhwezi laseMthatha (Newspaper). Featured on Aphiwe Songqela's YouTube channel called, "The Concept" to motivate people about my successes and my failures of my journey. In 2018 I joined Ikhwezi laseMthatha publication as a reporter and sales representative. That is where I gained more experience in the journalism industry. Later that year I introduced myself in film making, I received a training from Allude Production based in Mthatha, I was trained to be an actor. I took part in various films/short stories/street plays around Mthatha, Love and obsession (Z.M Production), Silent death (Allude Production) to name the few.

I am currently an activist of Gender Based Violence at Impendulo Foundation based in Viedgesville Mthatha where I direct teenagers/ victims to take part in dialogues

This programme also encourages people not to stand by when one hears or witnesses the abuse, to be a responsible father figure in the society and a role model and to teach boys that violence is not acceptable. I'm very keen to educate others about GBV.

