

Hanslab (PTY) Ltd Woman's Day Initiative

61 years ago, on the 9th August 1956 the women of South Africa chose to stand against a regime despite the worldwide belief of the time that women were inconsequential. Their united decision altered the perception of the role of a woman; resulting in the phrase "you strike a woman, you strike a rock" becoming synonymous of a women's strength in South Africa.

"Do not wait for someone else to come and speak for you. It's you who can change the world" – Malala Yousafzai (Women for One Initiative)

National Women's Day was appointed to honour those 20 000 women who showed strength and courage at a time when there was little hope; women who took it upon themselves to inspire and motivate all South Africans. In 2017, National Women's Day and the month of August i.e. Women's Month, has become a platform to bring attention to difficulties faced by the women of South Africa such as stereotypes, parenting, domestic violence, sexual harassment, pay-gaps and a general inequality in all aspects.

Hanslab (Pty) Ltd decided to commemorate National Women's Day by initiating a social responsibility project as part of the company's on-going social upliftment programme. Hanslab (PTY) (Ltd) identified a shelter that accommodates and assists women and children of domestic violence and sexual abuse. On the 31st August 2017, the female staff of Hanslab visited "The Sahara" women's shelter to distribute collected goods and provided a meal to the housed women and children. This was an extremely humbling experience as the environment of facility is very homely and cathartic and this atmosphere flows into all the women and children housed at the shelter. Hanslab is very privileged and proud to be given the opportunity to be associated with such an upstanding and wonderful initiative.

"The best protection any woman can have... is courage" - Elizabeth Cady Stanton

For the safety and protection of the women and children at the facility, Hanslab is not permitted to divulge any personal information about The Sahara.



63% of the employees at Hanslab are female.

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