



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Nelson Mandela Foundation,

The year coming to an end will be long remembered in the annuals of the Nelson Mandela Foundation. It was our first year without our beloved Madiba. The many events we have participated in during the last two weeks to mark the first anniversary of his passing have reminded us of how much we miss him. We have felt the loss all over again in many tangible ways, not least the outpouring of affection for him and his legacy from around the world.

It has been a busy year and a challenging one as we have worked determinedly to heed Madiba's call to us to keep walking the long walk, hard as it might seem without him and tiring in ways it didn't seem to be twenty years ago.

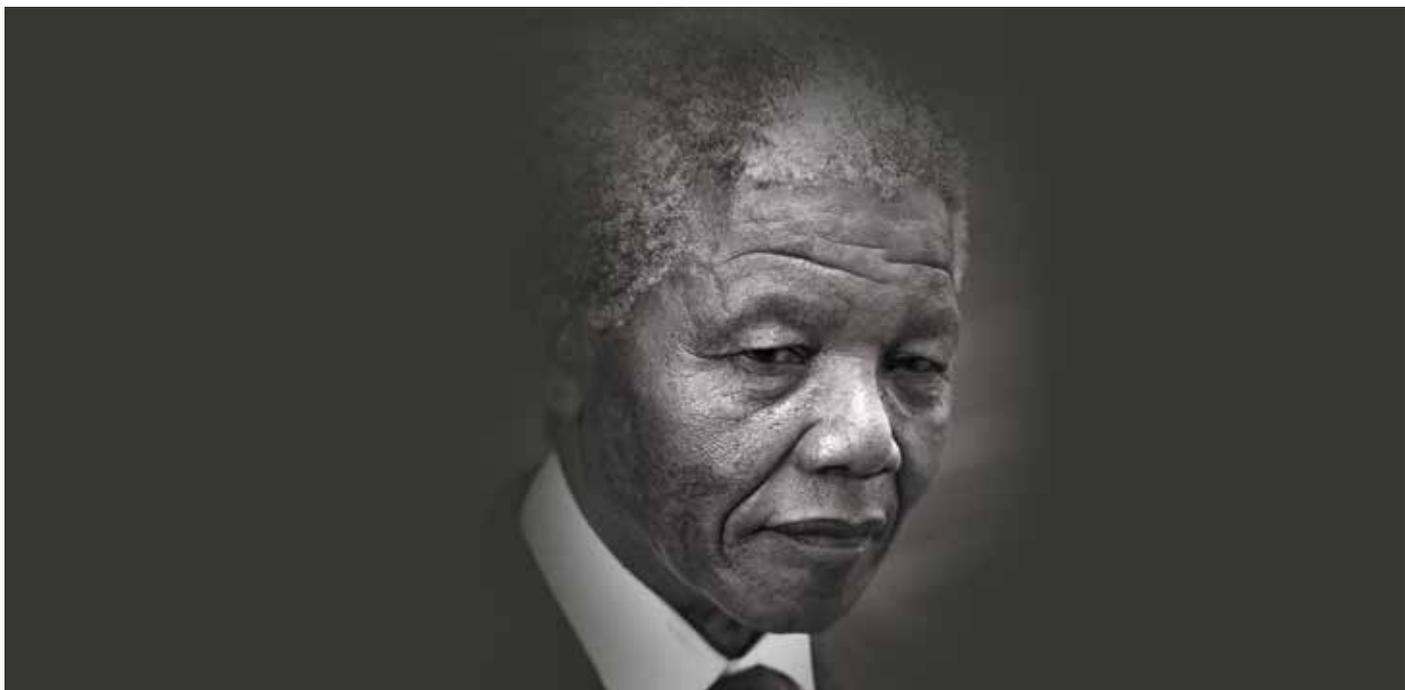
We can all celebrate our demonstration of how his legacy lives on, that we can collaborate in a way that Madiba would want with all stakeholders in his legacy, and that the Foundation has a sustainability model that promises success. This legacy demands of us to be a custodian of his life and times; to collectively lift the burden of poverty and inequality by promoting a socially just society. Our three core areas of work have all undertaken important new initiatives and show evidence of significant impact. We are on track with the implementation of our five-year (2013-2018) strategic plan as outlined in some of our activities below.

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of the Foundation staff and the unstinting support of our friends. We thank each and every one of you for your incredible support and invaluable contributions during 2014 and we look forward to walking a new path together in 2015.

Wishing you a good rest over the coming holiday period and a very good new year.

Warm regards,

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Some Nelson Mandela Foundation Highlights in 2014

This has been a year which has taken the Foundation to the length and breadth of the world. It has involved engagement with a myriad of stakeholders, young and old.

Dialogue, outreach and advocacy are core deliverables of the Foundation on a daily basis and involve collaboration with a number of stakeholders, both locally and internationally.

[The Nelson Mandela International Dialogues](#) co-convened by the Foundation and the GIZ Global Leadership Academy allowed for an international platform for an intensive dialogue process on transitional justice and reckoning with the past. The series involved participants from 11 countries over a period 14 months, with an extended series planned for 2015.

[The 12th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture](#), delivered by President Bachelet and hosted by the City of Cape Town on “building social cohesion through active citizenship” was a resounding success reaching a collective audience of almost 2000.

Together with the Institute for Security Studies, we held a [colloquium on open democracy](#) and the Protection of State Information Bill that currently waits to be signed in to law by the President.

[A range of youth dialogues](#) around issues pertaining to active citizenship including leadership, participation through education, community and alienation were conducted throughout the year with partners including Brand South Africa, the Ubuntu Sessions and KayaFM.

We were a partner on the [Global Watch campaign against racism and discrimination in sport](#) spearheaded by the Sexwale Foundation with its first Summit held at Emperor’s Palace in November 2014.

The Foundation worked hand-in-hand with the UN and Coca-Cola in the [UN’s My World Campaign](#) to generate new millennial goals post-2015 with a focus on the development of youth worldwide and their collective responsibility to own their futures through addressing key issues and needs.

The Mandela Day 2014 Campaign was launched on 8 April in collaboration with the Presidency, the UN, key government departments. Focus themes for 2014 were education and literacy, food security, shelter and volunteerism through service. Highlights include over 1200 registered web activities worldwide, a Google Doodle to honour Madiba, over 15000 new educational books collected for Mandela Day libraries and over 65 Mandela Libraries launched, almost 500 000 food parcels packed, development of food gardens nationwide with a relevant maintenance and nutrition rollout, over R1 000 000 worth of sanitary towels collected/donated to keep girls in school, with that a rollout programme of health awareness for girls through the Trek4Mandela and Caring4Girls Campaigns, 67 Houses built in Pelican Park Cape Town in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the 2nd annual Kaya FM Relay for Mandela raised R1 500 000 for the work of the Foundation. [Click here for more.](#)



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The Nelson Mandela Foundation and the National Library launched a first of its kind [de-acidification project](#) to further protect Nelson Mandela's papers. Thousands of President Mandela's papers which are housed in the archive at the Foundation have gone through a process of deacidification. Funded by the Embassy of the United States of America, the project involved experts at the National Library of South Africa painstakingly removing harmful acids from each item. It has guaranteed the life of the items for at least another century.

This year saw the launch of our new [website](#), a visually rich, technological portal and information hub on the life and times of our Founder. Integrating the upgraded Mandela Day [minisite](#), the hub is complete with digital resource packs, an interactive timeline on Madiba's journey, a live activities calendar and a real-time social wall.

Three exhibitions were launched this year to complement the Foundation's [permanent exhibition on the life and times of Nelson Mandela](#): David Turnley's photographic epic "[To Madiba with Love](#)", the [Mandela-Gandhi installation](#) to mark the centenary of Gandhi returning to India, and the commemorative exhibition to mark the first anniversary of our Madiba's passing [In Tribute to Nelson Mandela](#) which will be on display at the Centre of Memory until end of February 2015.

Our Research & Archive team gave support for the launch to The Cambridge Companion to Nelson Mandela, the documentary 1994: The Bloody Miracle, and a new edition of Nelson Mandela: The Authorised Portrait.

Our Research & Archive team just released a provocative archival piece on Nelson Mandela's autobiography Long Walk to Freedom which was published twenty years ago, in December 1994. For a decade now the Nelson Mandela Foundation's research and archive team have been locating, documenting and interrogating those resources. This continuing labour has revealed a number of inaccuracies in the published text. [Here](#) is a summary of the results of this labour.



Become Part of the Living Legacy

A year after Madiba's passing the Foundation has, over the last ten days, organised and participated in [numerous events, gatherings and projects](#) to mark the first anniversary of the passing of our beloved Founder, Madiba. It has been extremely moving to see demonstrated once again Madiba's power to unite people on a global scale. People the world over joined South Africans in remembering a historic icon as the first democratically elected President of South Africa and true man of the people.

On the anniversary of Madiba's passing, the Foundation launched a commemorative web application, [In Tribute to Nelson Mandela](#), which allows people to post their messages to Madiba. About 43 000 tributes have already been posted, including messages from personalities such as Barack Obama and the Dalai Lama.

It is in this spirit that we thank all those who have contributed to the work of the Foundation this year. Thank you to all those who choose to walk Madiba's talk.

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