

Inventory of traceable resources available in South African Sign Language as on 18 June 2026

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Background:

Dr Michelle J. White,* on behalf of the Child Language Research Node sponsored by the South African Centre for Digital Language Resources, set up the initial version of this document after doing thorough online searches on various platforms and contacting various resource developers.

As part of a project establishing what members of the Deaf and SASL-using communities would require from a sign bank for South Africa, stakeholders were interviewed by Candice Morgan. The initial version of this inventory was presented to interviewees, and they were requested to identify any SASL-related resources that they were aware of that were not yet in the inventory. Further amendments to the inventory were made after said interviews.

The first amended version of this document served as input for discussion by stakeholders at a public dissemination event to be held on 29 May 2026 during and after which stakeholders mentioned existing resources not yet in the inventory, manners in which the inventory can be kept current, and the kind of inventory curatorship that would be required. Further amendments to the inventory were made after the dissemination event, leading to the current version of the inventory.

*Dr White has since joined the South African Centre for Digital Language Resources as data scientist.

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Organisations led by the Deaf / existing for the Deaf

(with or without digital resources in South African Sign Language;
excluding university departments, centres or sections)

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| 1. Deaf Community of Cape Town | http://www.dcct.org.za/ |
| 2. Deaf Economic Forum | Could not source contact details online |
| 3. Deaf Empowerment Firm | https://deafempowerment.co.za/ |
| 4. DeafNET | https://www.deafnet.org/ |
| 5. DeafSA (Deaf Federation of South Africa) | https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064710339351 |
| 6. eDEAF | https://www.edeaf.co.za/ |
| 7. Handlab, Stellenbosch University | https://handlab.co.za |
| 8. Hands with Words | https://www.handswithwords.org.za |
| 9. HI HOPES, WITS University | https://www.wits.ac.za/hi-hopes/ |
| 10. National Institute for the Deaf (NID) | https://nid.org.za/resources/ |
| 11. NEMA (Disability group) | Could not source contact details online |
| 12. SANDA (South African National Deaf Association) | http://www.sanda.org.za/resources.html |
| 13. SLED (Sign Language Education and Training) | https://www.sled.org.za/ |
| 14. Slow Sign Language on Wheels | Could not source contact details online |
| 15. SociGO | https://socigo.org.za/index.html#homePortfolio |
| 16. Voice in Hands (linked to NID) | Voices in Hands Different.org |

Schools for the Deaf with specific SASL resources: (Contact the school for verification)

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| 17. Fulton School for the Deaf (has dictionary app): | https://fulton.org.za |
| 18. Transoranje School for the Deaf (has e-book for teaching Linguistics) | transoranje2@gmail.com |

South African special schools with SASL as school subject

Eastern Cape

Efata School for the Blind and Deaf

082 776 1513, 047 065 0689

Queenstown Road, Mthatha

efatablinddeaf@gmail.com

SASL Gr R - 12

Reuben Birin School for the Hearing Impaired

041 450 7532

Corner of Uitenhage and Betathelsdorp, Algoa Park (Missionvale), Port Elizabeth

reubenbirin@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12 English

Sive Special School for the Deaf

087 056 2193

164 Church Street, Cedarville 4720

sivespecialschool@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12 English

St Thomas School for the Deaf

043 2890 919

Woodlands Mission, Izeli, Stutterheim

stthomasdeafschool@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12

Free State

Bartimea School for the Deaf and Blind

051 873 2205, 082 770 5529

Poloko Road, Selosesha, 9783

bartimea.school@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12

Thiboloha School for the Deaf and Blind

058 713 0048 98

Motebane Street, Phuthaditjhaba, 9866

thiboloha@lantic.net

SASL Gr R – 12

Gauteng

Dominican School for the Deaf (Hammanskraal)

081 336 3272

2118 Letsomila Road Hammanskraal, 0400

Dominicanschool.ds@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12

Ekurhuleni School for the Deaf

1 Mofokeng Section, cnr Thutong and Sontonga Str, Katlehong

ekudeaf1@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 9

Filadelfia Secondary School for the Deaf / Disabled / Blind

012 793 1204/5

3167 Aubrey Matlala Drive, Block L, Soshanguve, 0152

admin@filadelfia-school.org.za

SASL Gr 8 – 12

MCK Special School

011 852 7827

13 Delphinus Str, Ext 9, Lenasia, 1827

principal@mck.org.za admin@mck.org.za

SASL Gr R – 12

Sizwile School for the Deaf

011 988 1017

4339 Jonas Moabi Street, Dobsonville, Soweto, 1863

madilongaluvhimbi@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12

St Vincent School for the Deaf

011 788 5430

158 Oxford Road, Melrose, 2196

principal@stvincentschool.co.za

SASL ECD, Gr R – 12, SoS DCAPS, SPID

Transoranje School for the Deaf

012 386 6072 / 3 / 4 / 5

855 WF Nkomo Rd West, Pretoria West

transoranje2@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12, SoS, DCAPS

Kwa-Zulu Natal

Durban School for the Hearing Impaired

031 903 7253

16 Khotho Mkhunya Rd, Amanzimtoti

dshi@telkomsa.net

SASL Gr R – 9, SoS, DCAPS (Autism Spectrum Disorder)

Fulton School for the Deaf

031 7671215

8 Roosevelt Rd, Gillitts, 3610

principal@fultonschool.co.za

SASL Pre-school, Gr R – 12, SoS, SPID

Indaleni School for the Deaf

033 212 9434

Methodist Church Mission, Richmond

indalendeaf1@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 9 English

KwaThintwa School for the Deaf

031 783 4005, 031 783 4006

Old Main Road, Inchanga, 3670

admin@kwathintwaschool.co.za

SASL Gr R – 12

St Martin De Porres School

039 682 5725

21 Aiken Street, Port Shepstone

stmartin@telkomsa.net

SASL Gr R – 12, SoS

VN Naik School for the Deaf

031 577 1280, 031 577 1281, 082 881 4777 (Principal)

1201 Inanda Road, Newlands, Durban

vnnsdeaf@gmail.com

SASL Gr R - 12

Inkanyiso Special School

034 980 9842

20 Scratch Crescent, Vryheid, 3100

inkanyisolsen@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 6 SoS

KwaVulindlebe School for the Deaf

031 400 0394, 031 400 0587

29 Apollo Street, Havenside, 4092

ndlovund@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 7

Vuleka School for the Deaf

035 833 8009, 082 462 6532

Nkonisa Reserve, Amaphuthu Tribal Authority, Nkandla, 3855

vulekaschoolftd@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 12, SoS – with NID

Bumbisizwe Special School

076 221 2619 (Principal)

E9309 Section 5, Newcastle, Madadeni, 2951

bumbisizwespecialschool@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 6

Inkanyezi or Nkanyezi Special School**Khulani Special School****Schola Amoris**

039 974 1900

North, Lot 357 Aster Rd, Umzinto, 4200

scholaamoris@telkomsa.net

SASL Gr R - 6

Limpopo

Bosele School for the Deaf and Blind

082 462 7359

Klipspruit Mission, Mpudulle, 1057

boselespecialschool@gmail.com

SASL Gr R - 7

Sedibeng Special School

014 763 6130

100 Crescent Fontein, Corner Groen Kloof and George Wells, Onverwagt, Lephalale, 0557

Sedibengschool12@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 7, DCAPS, SoS

Setotolwane LSEN Secondary School

073 851 7772 (Principal)

118 Hwiti Street, Mankweng, 0700

setotolwaneschool@gmail.com

SASL Gr 8 – 12

Tshilidzini Special School

015 964 3646

Shayandima Location, 90 Denzheni Street, 0945

tshilidzini@absamail.co.za

SASL Gr R – 7

Yingisani School for the Deaf

071 163 3670 (Principal)

Greater Tzaneen Rural, Limpopo, next to Lethaba Hospital

Yingisanispecialschool46@gmail.com, tillykhohlisa@gmail.com

SASL Gr R - 7 English

Mpumalanga

Bukhosibetfu Inclusive Primary School

Kamagugu Inclusive School (Severely Intellectually Disabled only)

013 748 0016

1669 Ingwenya Street, Kwamagugu; Nelspruit

kamaguguschool@gmail.com

SASL DCAPS DCAPS (Gr RR – 5)

Marietjie School for LSEN (Only one class for Deaf)

017 631 1474

3rd Lane, Silkaats Kop, Secunda, 2301

marietjielsen@telkomsa.net

(only age groups, not grades)

Silindokuhle Special School

Father Charles School

Wolvenkop Special School

Northern Cape

ReTlameleng Special School

053 871 3289

17 Reserve Road, West End, Kimberley, 8301

retlameleng@telkomsa.net

SASL Gr R – 12

North West

Kutlwanong School for the Deaf

014 001 9948

Phokeng, Rustenburg

kutlwanong@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 7 D-CAPS

North West Secondary School For the Deaf

Western Cape

Carpe Diem School

044 874 4074

Lang street, Bos en Dal, George, 6529

carpediemgeorge@gmail.com

SASL Gr R – 10, DCAPS (6 – 18 yrs)

De La Bat School for the Deaf

023 342 2560

30 De La Bat Road, Worcester, 6850

reception@delabatskool.co.za

SASL Gr R – 12, SoS

Dominican School for the Deaf (Wittebome)

021 761 8046. 021 761 8048

6 Clare Rd, Wittebome, Wynberg, 7800

deafwyn@mweb.co.za

SASL Gr R – 12, SoS

Mary Kihn School for the Hearing Impaired

021 447 0310

34 Low Street, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925

marykihnschool@gmail.com

SASL DCAPS (only)

Noluthando School for the Deaf

021 361 1160

400 Jeff Masemola Road, Trevor Vilakazi, Site B, Khayelitsha

Noluthando.inclusive@wcdschools.gov.za

SASL Gr R – Gr 7, SoS

SASL resources in the private sector

Name	Resources	URL	Contact person	email	Contacted	Replied	Notes
Accessibility with Jabaar	Talk show that confronts misconceptions about disabilities and the disadvantaged community.	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6Uk5-f14SAGtCu5n4d_Av0o6r7D4Rt9	NA	jabaar.disabilityshow@gmail.com	no		Mr Jabaar Mohamed is the Deaf host, who sings during his shows.
Andiswa Gebashe-AND I Sign	Content creator on YouTube who uses SASL in her videos and makes videos about all things sign language.	www.youtube.com/@Andi_Signs	N/A	N/A	no		
Baloz Mdikane	YouTube content creator using SASL (37 videos).	www.youtube.com/@balozmdikane9062	N/A	N/A	no		Mainly shorts
BookDash	Children's books in SASL (211 at end of 2026).	https://bookdash.org/books?s=&languages%5B%5D=sgn&wpessid=33781	N/A	team@bookdash.org	no		
DeafNET	DeafNET is a network of knowledge and expertise that brings Deaf and hearing people together to serve the needs and interest of Deaf communities.	https://www.deafnet.org/	N/A	projectclerk@deafnet.co.za	yes	not yet	DeafNET is an international organisation that operates on the African continent and adjacent Indian Ocean Islands, and is registered in South Africa as a Charitable Trust, Non-Profit Organisation and Public Benefit Organisation.
DeafSA (Deaf Federation of South Africa)	Some videos on social media.	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064710339351	N/A	Brunodruchen@deafsa.co.za	yes	not yet	Website does not work, only Facebook.

Deaf Touch	A platform supporting communication and accessibility for Deaf users.	https://www.deaftouch.co.za/	N/A	info@deaftouch.co.za	no		
DEP Dictionary	African Sign Language app with 5000+ signs and high-quality videos. Currently, supports Kenyan Sign Language (KSL) and is working on expanding to other African and international sign languages in future updates.	https://www.deafelimu.plus.co.ke/#features	N/A	N/A	no		African app based in Kenya, so not just South Africa
DTV DeafTV South Africa	Deaf TV programme with some videos on YouTube and on their website.	https://www.deaftv.co.za/	N/A	chrismeier@deaftv.co.za	no		www.youtube.com/@DeaftvCoZa
eDEAF	Videos aimed at the Deaf for skills development training in SASL.	https://www.edeaf.co.za/	N/A	info@edeaf.co.za	no		
Effata vir Dowes / Effata for the Deaf	Christian Facebook group with some SASL content	Effata vir Dowes / Effata for the Deaf. Facebook					
FTHK	Children's books for the Deaf	Not known		Not known			Suggested by in-person attendee at the dissemination event but could not trace this on the internet
Handlab	Stories, debates, advertisements, poems, dramas and other genres (all to be used as literature for the school subject SASL as Home Language).	https://handlanb.co.za	Simone Conradie	info@handlab.co.za	yes	yes	3 attachments received: catalogues for Handlab learning and teaching material (LTSM), School of Skills (SoS), and DCAPS (Differentiated CAPS) material. The only texts that are not in the catalogue are LTSM texts that have not yet been approved by the DBE (waiting for another DBE screening session).

Hands with Words	Deaf feature film “Home” in SASL, Bible translation in SASL	https://www.handswithwords.org.za/bible-translation/			no		
Jimmy Swafo South African Sign Language SASL	Youtuber that has some SASL videos.	www.youtube.com/@swafojimmy	N/A	N/A	no		Mainly shorts
Khomotso_Maluleke-Skhosana	SASL for beginners videos.	www.youtube.com/@khomotsomaluleke8920	N/A	N/A	no		Mainly shorts
Knowtice	Youtuber that has a playlist of SASL videos.	www.youtube.com/@knowtice-lac	N/A	N/A	no		instagram.com/tshepo.sasl
Learn SA Sign Language	Photos of how to sign specific words.	https://www.facebook.com/sasignlanguage	N/A	info@learnsasl.co.za	no		
Lekker Deaf SA	Community Facebook group.	Lekker Deaf SA	N/A	N/A	no		Some resources posted but mainly a community for Deaf people living in SA. One would have to join the FB group.
Lindokuhle Glenrose	7 videos on YouTube signing songs in SASL.	www.youtube.com/@lindokuhleglenrose1993	N/A	N/A	no		
NID (National Institute for the Deaf)	DIY videos, information videos, SASL worship songs, storybooks, digital interactive educational books, Deaf awareness material, SASL posters, dictionary, online course, online learner license course.	https://nid.org.za/resources/	N/A	nid@nid.org.za	no		
Real SASL	Word lists, videos, dictionary with category,	https://www.realsasl.com/index.php	N/A	realsasl@outlook.com	no		

	location and handshape info and search function.						
SANDA (South African National Deaf Association)	Human rights and advocacy organisation of Deaf people.	http://www.sanda.org.za/resources.html	N/A	info@sanda.org.za	yes	not yet	
SASL - Skills Training	YouTube content creator teaching SASL (44 videos).	www.youtube.com/@SASLSkillsTraining	N/A	N/A	no		
SASL DEAFinition	Free app that allows the user to browse words, look up specific words and request a word if it is not available on the app. Also has word of the day.	https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sasl-deafinition/id1583012841	N/A	N/A	no		
Signing with Mel SASL	A hearing South African teacher who teaches Deaf children. YouTube channel with the purpose of teaching the hearing basic signs, and guiding young Deaf children with some educational, physical and story telling during COVID-19 lockdown (47 videos).	www.youtube.com/@signingwithmelsasl6779	N/A	N/A	no		
SLED (Sign Language Education and Training)	Various videos of books and songs in SASL. Comprehensive learning and teaching resources, mostly videos and accompanying printed lesson material.	https://www.sled.org.za/	N/A	info@sled.org.za	no		https://www.sled.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SLED-Annual-Report-2019-2020-v2-medium.pdf
SociGO	Organisation that increases awareness of Deaf culture, identity and sign language	https://socigo.org.za/index.html#homePortfolio	N/A	info@socigo.org.za	yes	not yet	Create events, activities and festivals for the Deaf community

	through performing arts, music, sport, and visual arts for all people of all ages in South Africa.						
Talk Sign	SASL phrases in picture.	https://www.facebook.com/talksign/	N/A	info@talksign.co.za	yes	not yet	Website does not work and the email bounced, only on Facebook
The Sign Tutors	Videos on social media, especially on YouTube with lessons, explanations and single words.	https://www.youtube.com/@southafricansignlanguage	N/A	thesigntutors@gmail.com	no		https://www.youtube.com/@southafricansignlanguage
Tom Deaf Guy	Content creator on YouTube who is Deaf and uses SASL in his videos.	www.youtube.com/@tomdeafguy	N/A	N/A	no		
Twinkl	Teaching resources, mainly posters and flashcards.	https://www.twinkl.it/resources/south-africa-resources/teacher-tools-south-africa-suid-afrika/south-african-sign-language-sasl-resources-teacher-tools-south-africa-suid-afrika	N/A	N/A	no		
Unmute With Hands	4 instructional videos on YouTube.	www.youtube.com/@UnmuteWithHands	N/A	N/A	no		
Vocal Hands	YouTube channel of which the aim is to interact with the Deaf community and the hearing community, and to learn more about the Deaf community (7 videos).	www.youtube.com/@vocalhands1426	N/A	N/A	no		Instagram:@lebo.mol, Twitter:@ole_mol, Facebook:Olebogeng Molamu

Vodacom Emergency Services	Services that enable Deaf individuals to access emergency assistance.	https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.vodacom.er24help&hl=en_ZA	NA	NA	no		
Wie is ek?	Website with mental health resources, translated to SASL.	https://sasl.wieisek.co.za/index.php	N/A	N/A	no		
Yellow Owl: SASL Interpreted Content	Yellow Owl offers variety to audiences by interpreting extraordinary stories into SASL with captions; resulting in more inclusive and accessible content.	www.youtube.com/@yellowowlsasliinterpretedco5559	N/A	N/A	no		

SASL resources in higher education

Institution	Resource	Contact person	email		Contacted	Replied	Notes
Durban University of Technology	https://www.dut.ac.za/dut-deaf-centre-to-introduce-sign-language-translation/						DUT made an executive decision to provide South African Sign Language translations of selected emergency communication and information of high importance to staff and students via Pinboard and other social media platforms. Henceforth, selected communiqués will include a video link that provides access to a South African Sign Language translation of the English text.
North-West University	Courses in SASL	Mr Dawie Melamu (Academic Assistant of South African Sign Language)	dawie.melamu@nwu.ac.za				
North-West University	Courses in SASL	Ms Naomi Matthys (Junior Lecturer)	Naomi.Matthys@nwu.ac.za				
Rhodes University	Dictionary mentioned in talk	Ian Siebörger	ian.sieborger@ru.ac.za		yes	Not yet	
Sol Plaatje University	Courses in SASL	Marga Stander: Senior Lecturer teaching sign language Hazel Sivell	marga.stander@spu.ac.za		yes	Not yet	

		(Lecturer: Sign Language)					
Stellenbosch University	Courses in SASL	Mrs Susan (Modiegi) Njeiyana	modiegi@sun.ac.za				
Stellenbosch University	SASL corpus creation	Kate Huddlestone	katevg@sun.ac.za				
Tshwane University of Technology	https://www.reah.co.za/?fbclid=IwY2xjaWM_YQFleHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHiV5-U8mntp9YqXuW11dRi6hC5F2godKK6b2bzNT5qpTZOUH6wZ5KAoHH7TB_aem_m8MagQWH0V2BovCv0vVglQ	Wonder Ndlovu - alumnus	?				REAH offers digital apps, tools, and systems to improve accessibility and support the needs of individuals who rely on sign language to communicate.
UCT	Website available in SASL: https://www.polity.org.za/article/uct-pilots-website-to-translate-essential-content-into-sign-language-2025-07-09	Michelle de Bruyn	Michelle.deBruyn@uct.ac.za		yes	Not yet	
UCT	SASL taught to speech therapy and audiology students	June Bothma (not employed)					https://signlanguagebyjune.wordpress.com/
UNISA	N/A	Karina Van Aarde (retired)	?				Karina Jooste-Van Aarde was a Deaf staff member of the University of South Africa, who retired in December 2020 and is a member of the Deaf community in Pretoria. She

							studied Linguistics for degree purposes at Unisa. She worked with the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages as a Deaf co-researcher and was a diplomatic mediator between the lecturers, the Doctoral and MA students and the Deaf community.
University of Free State	SASL toponymic corpus	Chrismi-Rinda Loth	LothC@ufs.ac.za				
University of Free State	SASL toponymic corpus	Kirsten De Villiers	DeVilliersK2@ufs.ac.za				
University of Free State	SASL toponymic corpus	Tshilidzi Masinamela	MasinamelaT@ufs.ac.za				
University of Johannesburg	Authors of 10.23919/SAIEE.2023.10071977	Shingirirai Chakoma & Philip Baron	pbaron@uj.ac.za		yes	Not yet	Converting SASL to verbal/text output with wearable gloves
University of Johannesburg Community Engagement	https://www.instagram.com/unisign_connect/	Mpho Mokgethi	Through instagram				Uni-Sign & Connect is a student led, capacity-building project established in 2024. The goal is to create a more inclusive, accessible university environment.
University of Limpopo	Master's student thesis on sign language community	Supervisor: Joe Kubayi Master thesis: Chake Nkhululeko	joe.kubayi@ul.ac.za		yes	Yes	Ms T Dzivhani: SASL office started in 2023 and it is taking ground. So far we have two Deaf students and two SASL interpreterand. Part of our plan is to develop our own Term bank that will assist the Deaf

							students and the SASL interpreter.
University of Pretoria	Courses in SASL		info@enterprises.up.ac.za				In an effort to address industry- or sector-specific Sign Language training needs, Enterprises University of Pretoria (Enterprises UP) presents the South African Sign Language Training Programme with the objective of customising in-house training options geared towards addressing a specific organisation's needs and to upskill and develop staff accordingly.
University of the Western Cape	https://cs.uwc.ac.za/sasl/	James Connan (doesn't seem to be at UWC anymore)	j.connan@ru.ac.za		yes	Yes	Up until now, the project has developed a digital SASL phrasebook. User interaction is through a cellular phone and the processing happens on a server. The phrasebook performs whole sign recognition of manual gestures. It can be used for remote phone to phone communication or on a single device. The system also has a phrase lookup feature. He is very willing to help out with the project and offered his professional videography skills too.

University of the Western Cape	https://signsupport.org/	Bill Tucker, Associate Professor of Computer Science	info@signsupport.org				SignSupport is a collection of mobile apps running on an innovative Deaf contact centre designed and developed to support the lives of Deaf people who communicate primarily in South African Sign Language (SASL).
University of the Witwatersrand	Language School: SASL as BA and postgrad subject	Multiple staff members	https://www.wits.ac.za/sllm/south-african-sign-language/staff/				
University of the Witwatersrand	Centre for Deaf Studies https://www.wits.ac.za/centre-for-deaf-studies/ SASL guide: <i>SASL: A teacher, friend & family resource for beginners</i>	Prof Claudine Storbeck (coordinator)	Claudine.Storbeck@wits.ac.za				Deaf Cam SA, Hi Hopes, Roots Resources, Bilingual Education, Deaf Art, Parent Support
Walter Sisulu University	TRANSFORMATION AND LANGUAGE DIRECTORATE	Dr. Marinkie Madiope: Director – Transformation and Language Unit Mr Sinoyolo Nokutywa	mmadiope@wsu.ac.za snokutywa@wsu.ac.za		yes	Yes	
Walter Sisulu University FameLab winner	South African Sign Language digital avatars – a powerful tool to support communication	Nasiphi Phaliso	?				

	between hearing and deaf or hard-of- hearing individuals.						
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