







## *AMIRAPARK (2014)*

*Photo 2021  
Children play.  
Everyday day.  
365 days a year*

## *SARAFINAPARK (2016)*

*Photo 2021  
The "Dino".  
One of the  
many devices  
on this public  
playground*



## *LESEGO Primary school (2016)*

*Here too it was a  
hustle and bustle  
of interest.  
Now children are  
still playing  
lustily here*

In addition, Amira is also committed to endangered species and performs here and there for other charities.

She goes **ALL IN!**

Held in high esteem by her fans, Amira enjoys worldwide attention. Assisted by her parents and her brother Amira goes her own way.

A "normal" young adult in everyday life and a

**DIVA** on stage. Amira has only just started.



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*Amira*



Stichting Gelukskinders has set itself the goal of realizing Amira's dream. The foundation is assisted by a few volunteers. Only the necessary costs to keep a foundation running are used. More than 80% of your contribution goes directly to the main goal of the foundation, the maintenance and construction of new playgrounds, as well as the special actions that make life of the children in the townships more enjoyable.



*Visit our webshop. CD's DVD's and other Amira related items are for sale. The profits from these sales go entirely to the children who have a lot of fun in their playground.*

Website: [www.gelukskinders.org/en/](http://www.gelukskinders.org/en/)

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# Amira

For Amira, family, school, pets, singing, drama, dance, piano and her foundation Gelukskinders are very important. All these in no particular order. Her commitment to this is **PHENOMINAL** !



Gelukskinders foundation, playground projects in the townships of South Africa. An initiative of Amira Willighagen, winner Holland Got Talent 2013. Her comment on RTL Late Night, "Of the money I'm going to earn on the sale of my CD, I'll give part of it away, because I can't live with that money, while I know there are children who can't even play", has prompted a couple of adults to set up this foundation for her.



*photo: (2014) Amirapark. The first playground was already a fact before the foundation became reality.*

The foundation aims to let as many children as possible play. Specifically in the townships of South Africa, where Amira, then 7 years old, first noticed the problem. Potchefstroom, where Amira now lives, has the attention. Gelukskinders hopes to be able to expand from here.



*Lesego Primary  
School 2  
(2018)*

*A playground has  
been added for the  
youngest.  
With a real sandbox.*



*Also here a  
merry-go-round. The hit of  
every playground. As you  
can see, Amira is enjoying  
herself to the fullest.*

*Promosa Primary School*

Again, one playground was not enough.

*Ribbon cutting for  
the first large  
playground (2017).  
The youngsters are  
already eagerly  
waiting*



At an opening, it is always a party for the children. Lemonade, snacks and since Amira saw that children drank from only one cup, or from a plastic cup, all children, for which a playground is intended, get a metal cup. See the following photos.



At Easter or Christmas, Amira ensures that children get something extra through her foundation. The local shops are happy when Amira comes shopping.



*Balls...lots of balls.  
In all shapes and sizes.*







*Under the watchful eyes of fans and Amira, all equipment is carried inside "Morswedi Wa Both Kres" in Sonderwater. The following pictures show how much fun the children are having.*



*Promosa 2 for the lower grades (2017)*



*Children climb, slide and clamber.  
A lot of fun for everyone*



*Swinging.  
Who dares to  
go the highest?*

*Climbing the  
slide from the  
wrong side.  
Is there any  
child that hasn't  
done this too?*







*Photo:  
Our workers.  
Paintwork at the  
Promosa school.*

In the public parks,  
Amirapark and  
Sarafinapark, the

foundation hires one or more site employees,  
depending on the ammount of work there is. They  
ensure that the playgrounds remain tidy and  
well-maintained. They also do the necessary paint  
work, once every two to three years. The repair  
work is carried out by our plygound maker,  
Jolly Jungle Gym.



*Photo:*

*Mowing the lawn is also  
part of maintenance.  
Here our employee is  
busy in amirapark.*



*Photo: The crawling  
and sneaking through  
tunnel at "Buttons  
And Bows". This time  
Schilpaddie made her  
appearance, the  
mascotte of  
Gelukskinders.*

Detail: All the equipment in the creches are  
specially made to measure.



*Photo L:  
Boka Moso  
Photo R:  
Keotsipile.  
All will  
have to  
wait for  
their turn.*



The schools "Boka Moso and "Keotsipile" now  
also have a Gelukskinders playground as well as  
the creche "Morswedi Wa Both Kres" in  
Sonderwater. The latter opened just before  
Amira's 18th birthday.







*Photo:  
The same  
place an  
hour later.*

2020/21. The world was at a standstill. Nevertheless, Gelukskinders had an opportunity to have three more playgrounds brought into use by the end of 2021 for children who had to wait for a long time. Playgrounds were placed in "The Hope Of Glory" creche, "Buttons And Bows" kindergarten and "Opang Diatla" school and when Amira doesn't have to go to school herself, she is present at every opening.



*Photo L: At Hope Of Glory  
Photo B: At Opang Diatla*



*Photo:  
A drop in the  
ocean?  
Certainly not for  
the know  
10.000 children,  
who can play to  
their hearts"  
content.*



Some come quotes from Amira from various interviews: "of course food and clothes are also important, which is already being done by large organisations. I build playgrounds". How about this quote?: "Nelson Mandela once said that children should be able to play. That makes them happy. Happy children perform better at school and thus have a better preparation for their future"



A more recent quote of Amira:  
"Children's work is to play".  
This text is on a small monument  
at the Promosa school.  
(See photo)



2019. The lustrum year of the foundation Gelukskinders. Time to unpack SIX new playgrounds. 1 playground in the Ourief school. 1 large playground in the Ikalafeng school. 2 playgrounds in the Loula fourie school. Another 2 in the Tshupane school. The year ends with a grand concert in Turnhout.



*Photo:  
Amira gives  
children from the  
Ourief school  
a push.*

*Photo:  
Wheelchair  
accessible  
merry-go-round  
in the Ikalafeng  
school.*



*Photo:  
At the request of  
Amira, equipment  
in unicorn colors*



*Photo:  
Also at the Loula  
Fourie school it's  
very busy at the  
merry-go-round.*

*Photo:  
The 2nd  
playground is  
for the higher  
grades.  
Children and  
teachers are  
happy with it.*



*Photo:  
The plane in the  
Tshupane school  
just before the  
opening.*