LUZUKO SONKAPU

RADIO HOST CONTENT CREATOR



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ABOUT

Luzuko Sonkapu was born and raised in Cape Town, New Crossroads. Living with congenital concentric myopathy, Luzuko uses a wheelchair. Despite his challenges, Luzuko has achieved remarkable milestones since joining RX Radio in 2018. He hosts "Ace the Rapper's Space," a show dedicated to his love for rap and Hip-Hop music, where he also provides a platform for other young artists.

Luzuko represented RX Radio in the WHO Reboot Health and Wellbeing Innovative Challenge, where his team emerged as one of the two winners. This victory was based on RX Radio's "Children's Voices on COVID-19" program, highlighting the station's innovative response to the pandemic.

Luzuko's media presence includes appearances on Expresso, BBC News, TimesLIVE, and the RX Radio newsletter. In his spare time, Luzuko enjoys spending time with family and friends. He has a deep interest in philosophy and loves reading research books, especially on the meaning of life. Since the lockdown, children have been affected socially, emotionally, and physically. Many suffer in silence, with their voices unheard and questions unanswered—an ongoing issue even before the pandemic. RX Radio, a child-centered organization based at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa, works to provide a platform for children to access child-friendly information and share their views. The internet radio station, run by and for children, offers 24-hour content including shows, music, podcasts, and public service announcements.

Having been an RX Radio young reporter for over five years, Luzuko has learned that engagement is crucial for children's well-being. Without it, children can feel isolated and out of control, especially in uncertain times. Luzuko's journey with writing began in primary school through Creative Arts, where he was introduced to poetry. Influenced by friends who were rappers, he found his talent in writing stories and poems. In 2016, he started writing music. Despite losing his initial collection of 30 songs, he persevered and continued writing, filling three notebooks with lyrics and poems by 2018. Writing became a therapeutic outlet for him, helping to manage his stress and emotions.

In high school, whenever feeling bored, in a bad mood, or overwhelmed, Luzuko turned to writing songs. His works reflect his life lessons, past experiences, future aspirations, and spontaneous thoughts. Inspired by music being played in his surrounding, he released a demo track called "Butterflies" in 2019. He now has over 50 written tracks and is preparing to release two official songs on SoundCloud and other platforms.

Before his media and music career, Luzuko was a wheelchair ballroom dancer from a young age until his teens. He then transitioned to playing boccia for Western Province, traveling around the country with his team before moving into media and music. Initially starting as a rapper, Luzuko eventually began making beats as a hobby. His creativity in music remains undiminished, deeply rooted in his love for music.

Luzuko is a 22-year-old content creator and radio reporter with congenital concentric myopathy. Beyond his role at RX Radio, he covered Comic Con 24, capturing its vibrant atmosphere. He also participated in the WHO Innovation Challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic, securing second place alongside the pioneering "RX Radio – Children's Voices" initiative. RX Radio, a winner of the WHO-led Reboot Youth Health Innovation Challenge in 2020, has empowered young voices through innovative media approaches, serving as an educational tool during the pandemic. He also attended CottonFest 23, immersing himself in the energetic celebration of urban music and culture of South Africa as well as RX Radio Youth Music Festival that was held for helping the station to raise funds and keep functioning so children have the platform to raise their voices.

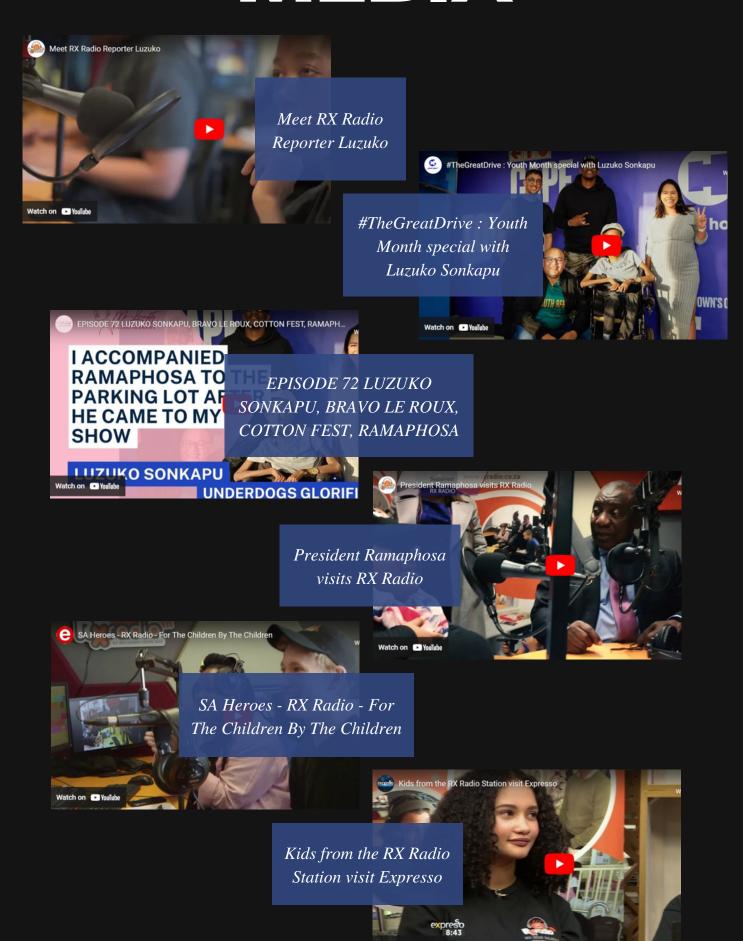
Luzuko has interviewed notable figures including the mayor of Cape Town, Zakes Bantwini, Azana, Mr Thela, Kyle White, DKD, Bravo Le Roux, CIZA, Mankind, and Una Rams. He also had the opportunity to sit next to Cyril Ramaphosa during his visit to the station and escort him out of the venue.

Luzuko Sonkapu continues to inspire through his dedication to music and media, determined to share his voice and stories with the world.

MISSION

To amplify the voices of young people and the disabled community through media content and innovative storytelling. I aim to foster inclusivity, inspire creativity and empower individuals to share their unique perspectives, thereby creating a more informed and connected society.

MEDIA



INTERVIEWS















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