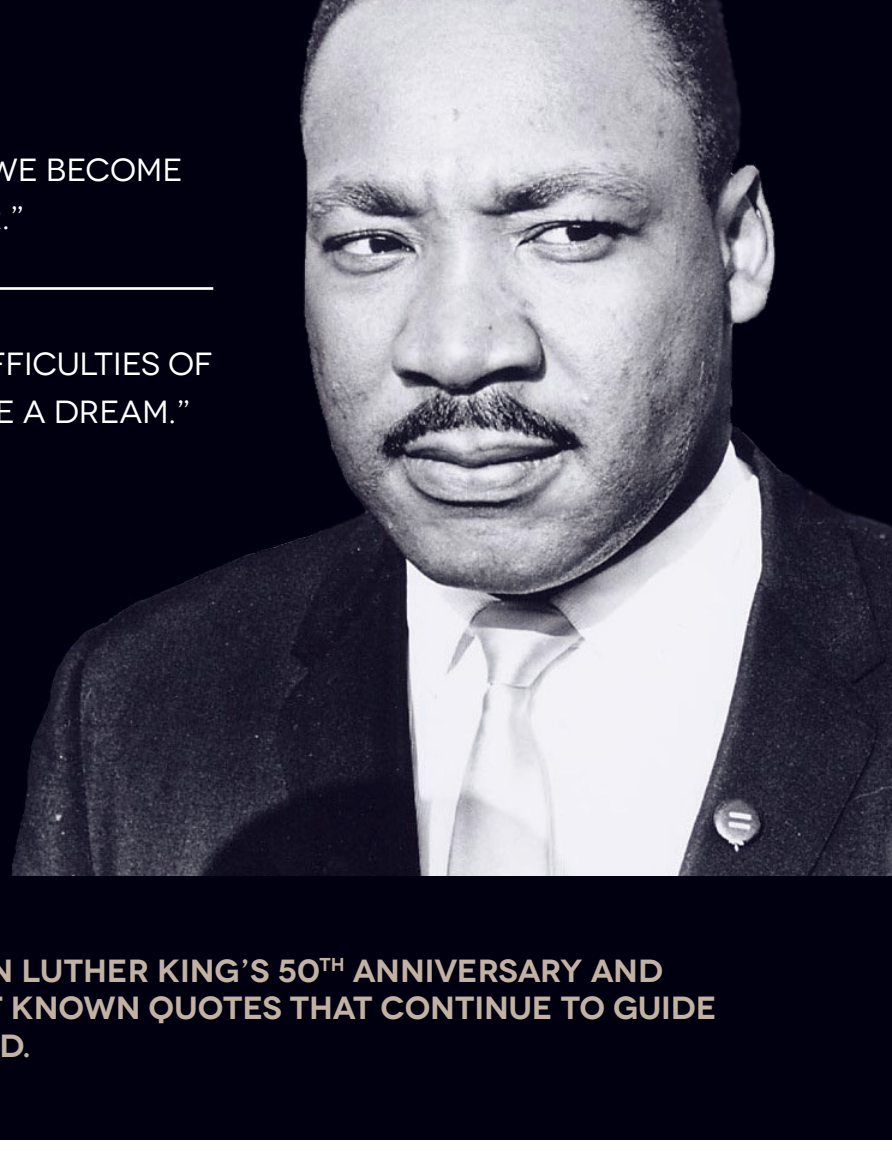


50TH ANNIVERSARY IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING



“OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.”

“SO EVEN THOUGH WE FACE THE DIFFICULTIES OF TODAY AND TOMORROW, I STILL HAVE A DREAM.”



THIS MONTH, WE REMEMBER MARTIN LUTHER KING'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF HIS BEST KNOWN QUOTES THAT CONTINUE TO GUIDE US IN THE HOPE OF A BETTER WORLD.



IT training centre in the process of renovation.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON PFARANANI SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE

Work is currently being done to set up a Digital Service Centre and a Catering Facility at Pfaranani Centre. These two enterprises will directly benefit the community through creating jobs and providing vital services to over 5000 inhabitants of Kekana Gardens. More updates on this initiative to follow in our next newsletter. These facilities are funded jointly by EPI-USE and Nokia through Scorecard Funding.

The planned IT Training Centre is funded by iLab through Scorecard Funding.



DRILLING OF THE BOREHOLE AT PFARANANI CENTRE

Through our partnership with University of Johannesburg's Process, Engineering and Environmental Technology Station (PEETS), and EPI-USE Scorecard Funding, we have been able to co-fund the drilling and installation of a borehole at the Centre to serve the Centre and the wider community. A group of 18 youth from the community will be trained to install and connect the borehole, and solar pump, and, going forward, they will be able to provide a service to the wider community in terms of the maintenance of solar facilities. The community of Kekana Gardens has, up until now, never had direct access to fresh running water. This is life-changing, and an improvement for the quality of life of the people as well as their economic future.



Orphans at Madikwe receiving ePap.

DECEMBER E'PAP DISTRIBUTION IN MADIKWE

In December 2018, ERP funded and distributed 13 bags of e'Pap at Maretswana/Katnal ELC which benefited Orphans and vulnerable children living in communities in the vicinity of the Madikwe Reserve.

We are grateful to EPI-USE for the continued funding for the Ndumo orphans. In November, they availed funding for an another 5 months to ensure a constant supply of ePap to the 450 orphans that are monitored and assisted by the local Ndumo Orphans Committee.



One of the groups of orphans at Ndumo receiving their monthly supply of ePap.



ERP AMBASSADOR MOBILIZES RESOURCES FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Through the ERP Ambassador volunteer Programme, Michael Van Heerden from the EPI-USE Pretoria office mobilized some of his colleagues to fundraise for tools and seeds for a vegetable garden at Pfaranani centre. We are most grateful for this gesture, which truly expresses the groupelephant.com mission of 'Going Beyond Corporate Purpose.'



#BIKES4ERP- BLOUBERG

Through dedication and tenacity from the appointed mechanic, Samuel, we have continued to monitor and support the usage of the bikes in 5 schools in the Blouberg area. We recently received an encouraging report highlighting the impact these bikes have had in 1 of the schools, Tumakgole Secondary, where the overall pass rate at matric went from 51% in 2017 to 80% last year. All students who received bikes under our programme performed exceptionally well in their final examinations. An inspiring outcome for our Bikes4ERP programme, driven so successfully by two EPI-USE staff members, Nicolai van der Merwe and Gert Vermeulen, who are, once again, 'Going Beyond Corporate Purpose'.



The heart warming sight of access to a supply of clean running water at the Buy Back Centre.

UPDATE ON THE RECYCLING CENTRE IN BLOUBERG

After a minor setback last year with the solar system on site, power has now been restored to the Recycling Centre in Senwabarwana. This means that both our Cooperative members and their donkeys now have a reliable supply of clean running water from the borehole. We will, now, revive our permaculture garden at the Centre which will once again provide a supply of fresh vegetables to the Cooperative members and the collectors.



WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION

Letitia Mahlaji continues with her daily ERP conservation programmes focusing on wildlife protection and various other relevant conservation and environmental issues within the Vaalwater community.

The radio station is planning to broadcast live online very shortly. Lesiba Masibe has been coordinating an effort to get this accomplished.

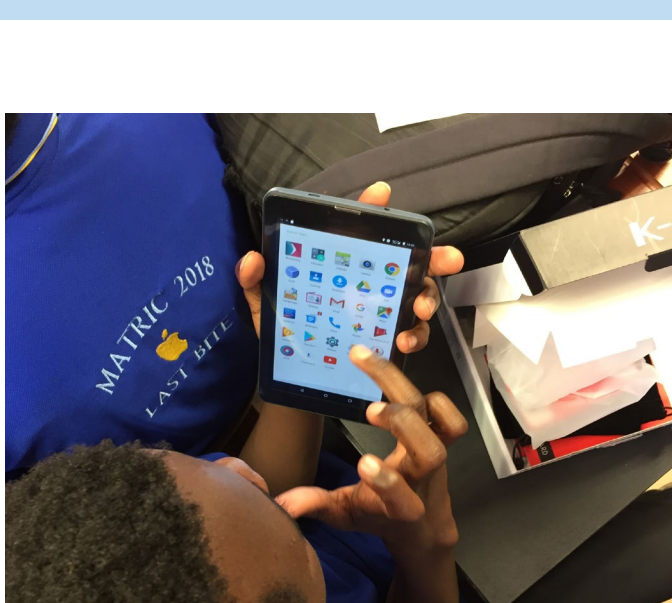


Collecting honey at Gazini from the Beehive Fencing.

GAZINI BEEHIVE FENCING AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECT

The Sekelakelani Cooperative was able to purchase seeds, tools and irrigation materials for their agricultural venture at the end of 2018. They also managed to purchase materials to build an ablation facility onsite, which will be in the form of a pit latrine.

On the beekeeping front, the cooperative harvested 147kg of honey, which should give them an income of more than R7,000 when sold. Through the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation, they already have their first order, through the provision of bottles of honey as corporate gifts.



Scholar attentively working on his Android phone, using the MathU App.

POSITIVE RESULTS FOR GRADE 10 PUPILS AT STEVE BIKO SECONDARY SCHOOL

An assessment was done on the Grade 10s at Steve Biko Secondary School who were one of three classes at the School, that received the MathU Androids last year. Overall, there was an outstanding 30% increase in the pass rate at that level. This year, Maxtec have already funded 85 learners for the same MathU programme at the same school, and we anticipate more positive results at the end of the year.

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