

SHOWCASING ERP'S CONSERVATION AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVES AT THE RIETVLEI AND DINOKENG GAME RESERVE AND THE ADJACENT BENEFICIARY COMMUNITY OF KEKANA GARDENS



A month of love, caring and sharing.



COLLARING OF MORE ELEPHANTS IN DINOKENG GAME RESERVE

On the 9th of February ERP supported a collaring exercise at the Dinokeng Game Reserve by donating two elephant collars towards the cause. Flying for freedom had sponsored their flying time to the exercise while, Onderspoort had their veterinarian team conducting the operation.

With the donated GPS solution, ERP hopes it will serve as a sustainable option by using it to effectively monitor the elephants, ultimately addressing the multiple threats facing elephants; poaching, human/elephant conflict and lack of space.



ERP GETS SPONSORED VEHICLE TO MONITOR RHINOS

Bull Security has sponsored a vehicle for the Rietvlei Game Reserve. This vehicle is dedicated to the efforts of the anti-poaching unit deployed by ERP at the reserve and is used to monitor the rhino population and protect them from possible criminal syndicates linked to local poachers.

Thank you to the team at Bull Security for believing in and supporting the ERP mission.



ERP TEAM GOES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING

Some of our ERP team members attended photography training with Alaister Russell, a photojournalist, from Sunday Times in an effort to improve their photographic skills for project reporting purposes.

These team members work both behind the scenes and on the ground in a range of activities; monitoring the elephants and rhinos in the wild, as well as actively planning and participating in poverty alleviation activities in partner communities.



DINOKENG GAME RESERVE BEEHIVE FENCE

On Friday 9th of February, ERP representatives together with representatives from Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development met with the beneficiaries from the Beehive fencing project in Kekana Gardens. The purpose of the meeting was to strategize the implementation of another ERP Beehive Fencing initiative to prevent human/elephant conflict. Elephants are terrified of bees and therefore stay away from Beehive fencing while the initiative simultaneously provides an income and jobs for unemployed youth.

A number of other business opportunities are also being explored to create jobs and address poverty in terms of the ERP mandate.



NEW AEROBICS CLASS AT PFARANANI CENTRE

Since ERP took over the management of Pfaranani Skills Training Centre in Kekana Gardens a number of initiatives have been implemented for the benefit of the community, bringing life to the once idle centre. These initiatives include the recently conducted "We Code" programme, whilst a number of interventions in IT training and agriculture are planned for implementation this year. The centre has become a point where community members can meet, or simply walk in and get information on ERP activities and other community related initiatives.

Recently, more than 40 community members got together to form an aerobics class which meets after hours daily at the centre. This class aims to promote health awareness and well-being and is open to everyone within the community. This also promotes social cohesion among members. Vital for the development of the community.



PEREZ FAMILY VISITS THE DINOKENG PROJECTS

ERP recently hosted the Perez family from EPI-USE Argentina, whose visit, among other things, was aimed to deliver shoes collected from the #allwalksforlifeproject and clothes to the orphans at the Bothlokwa Bja Ngwana Safe Centre at Kekana Gardens. They were also given a first hand experience of ERP's interventions in the Dinokeng Game Reserve.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this project and particular thanks to the Perez family who travelled all the way from Argentina to deliver these items to the children of the Safe Centre. We also extend our gratitude to G3G who donated 20 pairs of adult shoes, to the EPI-USE (Pretoria) team that made time to come through, in support, for the day.



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