



1993–2018 MILESTONES

Sitting
under trees



P

7 Hubs
fully equipped



Over
crowded
classrooms



E

250 Androids
deployed



Small scale
subsistence farming



A

Successfully established
commercial farming



Unsuccessful
individual efforts

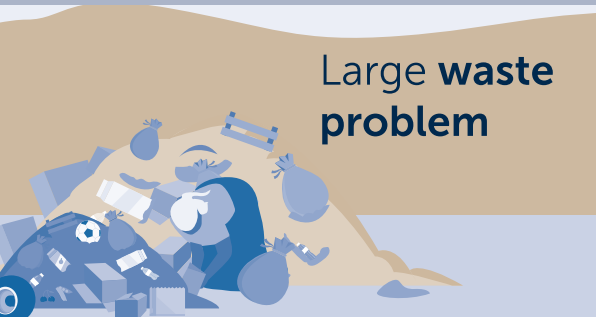


C

23 cooperatives
successful



Large waste
problem



E

3 recycling
cooperatives



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN P.E.A.C.E.

WE BELIEVE EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES
IN RURAL AFRICA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE
PRESERVATION OF ELEPHANTS AND RHINOS

MISSION STATEMENT

In the understanding that development means the development of people, it is the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's objective to provide disadvantaged communities with the necessary tools, skills and information to bring about their own development, and, in so doing, improve educational and socio-economic standards in their communities, thereby, alleviating poverty.



DIRECTORS REPORT

2018 marks the 25th Anniversary of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust. It allows us the luxury of looking back, assessing our achievements and our failures with equal scrutiny, enabling us to consider and plan a way forward for the next 25 years.

A little more than a year ago we had the privilege of becoming a member of groupelephant.com and a participant in ERP (Elephants, Rhinos and People). Taking on the role of alleviating poverty related to the conservation of threatened wildlife – in particular elephants and rhinos – has catapulted our work into an exciting new and challenging space.

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation is one of the beneficiaries of the 1% of funding raised through the EPI-USE group of companies.

Their mission, in their business model is to “go beyond corporate purpose” by raising funds from 1% of their revenue from clients within the group in 27 countries.

Our 25 years of experience gained in community-driven socio-economic development programmes has enabled us to be a meaningful partner in this integrated process, with a focus on the alleviation of poverty and its direct impact on the protection of wildlife.

Local communities have in the past received little or no economic benefit from the protection of wildlife, adjacent to their borders, or, on restituted land.

They become victim to the propagation and facilitation of poaching as their only source of income.

When provided with a direct, economic benefit from the protection of wildlife, the voice of the communities then play a key role in preventing poaching and fighting for the protection and survival of their valuable cultural and environmental wildlife heritage.

Using the Ashoka accredited (2007) P.E.A.C.E. Model, implemented through the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation, ERP has been able to widen it's offering to rural communities from the point of view of socio-economic opportunities, linked directly into the field of conservation and tourism, with the adjunct opportunities for agriculture, waste management and improved education, being core components of the offering, giving renewed credence and relevance to the holistic P.E.A.C.E. Model. Our recent collaboration with Arthur Anderson and his company, 'Got Game', has enabled us to strengthen and improve our capacity for delivering an integrated HUB, comprising all the elements that we have always delivered, with confidence in the knowledge that the product that we are delivering is more durable and covers all the facets of development that our model prescribes.

TRUSTEES

This is an appropriate time to say a very special thank you to our Board of Trustees, many of whom have been supportive of our work since its inception.

We would like to thank our Chairman, Phakama Nhassengo, for his commitment and support at all times throughout his past year as

Chairman which has been greatly appreciated by all. Mr. Mhlongo a longstanding and committed member of our Board passed away recently.

He will always be fondly remembered for his interest and support and for the work that we did together in Kwazulu-Natal. Our sympathy goes out to his family, he will be missed by all of us.

P.E.A.C.E. FOUNDATION STAFF AND ASSOCIATES

I take this annual opportunity, as always, to formally thank our longstanding, loyal and totally committed staff, comprising, Edith Hlalele – since 2006, Eliot Chisango since 2010, Thami Mupawose, 2010, Nonceba Lushaba – since 1999, and Lesiba Masibe – since 1998 for their commendable and much valued contributions to the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation.

Lesiba has recently been joined by a very valuable member of our team, Letitia Malatji. Letitia not only supports Lesiba with his work as the Chairman of the Waterberg Biosphere, but, also runs a daily environmental awareness and education programme on the Waterberg Waves Radio Station, proudly sponsored by ERP.

Our capacity has recently been further enhanced with the addition of contracted service providers, Dr. Tlou Setumu who joined our ranks two years ago and whose impact on our work in Blouberg, and the Limpopo in general, in terms of heritage and cultural events, has been invaluable and greatly appreciated by all who have had the pleasure of working collaboratively with him.

Angelique Anjinho (contracted), responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation of our projects; Jean Nagiah (staff), assistant to Dereck Milburn and fundraiser for ERP with a focus on B-BBEE Scorecard opportunities; Jordan Abbot (contracted), responsible for educational support programmes with a focus on the deployment and management of Androids in schools, through our most recent associate, Will Burger and his MathU programme for improved Maths and Science in schools.

I would like to make special mention of the ongoing, pro bono, service that we receive from James Arbuthnot, who continues to scrutinize, authorize and make our month end payments, electronically, even though he is now living in Cape Town. For his ongoing commitment and loyalty, we are deeply grateful.

The background image shows several individuals wearing white protective suits and hoods, working in a field of tall, green grass. They are positioned around wooden boxes with metal tops. One person is standing on a box, while others are nearby. The scene is outdoors under a clear blue sky.

PROJECTS

The past year brought some very exciting projects and opportunities in all sectors of our work. Some of them are described below in their specific sectors.

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PLANNING

FROM UNDER TREES TO HUBS

NDUMO

When we first met the people at Ndumo their meeting place was under a large tree. With the construction of the Ndumo Community Hall in 2004 (pictured below), the community never looked back. With access, via a satellite dish, to the internet, they were able to change many lives through providing entry level IT training programmes, in the IT training Centre and internet café, communicate with the outside world, support small enterprises such as a thriving bakery that provided the local community with freshly baked bread along with a

good living for the entrepreneur who successfully ran the business. The bakery was eventually sold to Boxer Trade.

All of the above, along with a well-equipped Pre-school, meeting rooms, a computer training Centre and a large Hall, have served the community well over the years. There is now, however, a need to renovate the building which had, sadly, not worn well over time.

VAALWATER HUB

This Centre, in Vaalwater, was recently leased to ERP, from the Waterberg Welfare Society (WWS)

for a five year period, where the commitment is to establish a self-sufficient training and incubation Centre to address youth unemployment in the area. A state of the art IT Training Centre was funded through iLab, (a member of the EPI-USE group) through the B-BBEE Scorecard. The Community Radio Station, located in the Centre, was recently provided with funding through from EPI-USE, with Scorecard funding to improve their facilities and this has resulted in a great opportunity for ERP/ P.E.A.C.E. to impact positively on the local economy.



A desperately needed Hospice, one of only two registered Hospices in Limpopo, closed down temporarily, due to lack of funding and we were pleased to assist with the reopening and the continuation of the remarkable work that they do for local people suffering from HIV/AIDS with funding from a private donor.

A full time well qualified environment educator, Letitia Malatji, has been engaged to provide daily educational radio programmes on the radio, sponsored by ERP. This is in

preparation for the hopeful success of the nearby land restitution opportunities, preparing young people for their future involvement in the conservation of wildlife in their community, preserving their precious heritage – with a particular focus on elephants and rhinos.

KEKANA GARDENS PFARANANI CENTRE HUB

Dinokeng Game Reserve
Beneficiaries – Kekana Gardens
Community – Pfaranani Training and Incubation Centre:

In October, 2017, the Tshwane Municipality negotiated with ERP/P.E.A.C.E., to take over the Pharanani Centre from the Municipality with a view to establish a training and incubation Centre to address the overwhelming unemployment amongst local youth in the community – to upskill them to be suitable for employment, with a focus on IT literacy and also to provide them with entrepreneurial opportunities. The Centre is provided rent free and the Municipality also provide 24 hour security and covers the water and electricity costs.



EDUCATION

FROM OVERCROWDED CLASSROOMS TO ANDROID DEPLOYMENT

LIMPOPO ICT CENTRES

Women in ICT – She Will Connect Programme

At three of our P.E.A.C.E. IT centres in Limpopo namely Ikageng, Mokopane and Mogoshi, we trained over 15 000 women from 2014 to date under the She Will Connect Programme run by William Makgaba. This is a programme run in partnership with Intel under their Global Girls and Women Initiative, which seeks to empower millions of girls and women around

the world through technological access. This programme not only closes the gender gap in information technology but also has an important multiplier effect – expanding opportunities for families especially those in rural communities.

A revolutionary intervention in the educational sphere has recently become available to the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation in the form of Android phones, equipped with Science and Maths curricula for Grade 8, 10, 11 and 12.

These Androids will be piloted, through P.E.A.C.E. at the Steve Biko High School, in Kekana Gardens. The Androids, putting the responsibility of education in the hands of the individual pupil instead of a potentially underqualified teacher, as is the case in many rural schools, should make a remarkable difference in the quality of education in the future.



Solar powered Android.



Recently two additional IT centres were established in Limpopo, funded through iLab.



Dental hygiene – Colgate distributing toothbrushes and toothpaste to the Primary School in Kekana Gardens.

AGRICULTURE

SMALL SCALE SUBSISTENCE FARMING TO COMMERCIAL FARMING

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has, over the years, established three drip irrigation farming ventures, all of which have been successful in providing food on the table, and a sustainable income for three cooperative ventures in KwaZulu-Natal. These farms transformed subsistence farmers into commercial farming initiatives and they ranged in size from a small vegetable garden to a five hectare commercial venture, adjacent to Ndumo, as well as a ten hectare farm at Sicabazini which was, for many years, funded

generously by Toyota Tsusho Africa and was recently handed over entirely to the community.

We believe that Agriculture is the driving force against unemployment, hunger and resultant malnutrition in this country and we have, over the years, tried consistently to promote small farming cooperatives.



COOPERATIVES

CREATION OF 23 SUCCESSFUL COOPERATIVES

We have had success in the Waste Management sector, with the Nthsabeleng Cooperative which is growing in profitability and management skills, as well as the Sicabazini Agricultural cooperative in Kwa-ZuluNatal. Our mission is to grow the strength of these cooperatives, and many others that have been registered but that remain without the essential

support that is required for success – financial management services and centralized marketing. Through the establishment and support of second tier structures that will provide these essential services to primary cooperatives, we believe that they will improve their ability to grow and perform in a more effective, profitable and business-like manner. In this regard we

have been in discussions with the German Cooperative Movement, here in South Africa, the DGRV, and we look forward to putting forward a strategic plan for the support of primary cooperatives, using technology for back office management as well as bulk buying and bulk distribution of products through HUBs.



ENVIRONMENT

SOLVING EXCESSIVE WASTE BY CREATING 3 RECYCLING COOPERATIVES

WASTE MANAGEMENT

We have developed a strategy for waste recycling in rural areas, focusing on collections (using trolleys and donkey carts), sorting and selling of this waste to generate income for the unemployed rather than dumping and landfilling it. We initiated this recycling Buy-Back centre in Senwabarwana (Limpopo) at the beginning of February 2014. In spite of numerous challenges and hurdles to overcome, Eliot Chisango has persevered, gained the respect and trust of the ladies in the cooperative and, as a result, he has established a growing enterprise with the possibility of spreading throughout the Blouberg Municipality, also linking with Molemole and providing a

replicable and successful model for the public/private cooperative model of cleaning and sustaining a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment. His efforts have been well recognized and he has won a number of awards, including a United Nations Global Environmental Award through SEED and a local award from the recycling company, PETCO, based on the work that he has done to develop a sustainable rural waste management model.

HUMAN/ELEPHANT CONFLICT

In order to protect further incursions from the Dinokeng elephants onto private property and breaking through fences onto the nearby highway, ERP has

established its second Beehive Fencing initiative to resolve ongoing human/elephant conflict. The first such initiative was established in KZN to prevent elephants from Mozambique crossing into KZN and destroying the local farmer's crops.

This has proved to be a very successful intervention – not only preventing elephants from crossing over, but, most importantly, providing local subsistence farmers with a honey production business. Recently this cooperative group were provided with an agricultural project – planting vegetables to increase the forage for the bees and also providing food on the table for the local farmers who will also sell excess products into the wider community.



LAND RESTITUTION

Addressing the investment of conservation, agricultural and educational opportunities to people who have received title deeds to land which they have legitimately claimed is vital to the success of ERP. Finding safe havens for endangered elephants and rhinos, and, simultaneously alleviation the endemic poverty associated with rural communities is the essence of the work of ERP. Achieving these goals, however, has been filled with unpredictable challenges and blockages, and overcoming these obstacles, remains a frustrating but essential hurdle to surmount if we are to succeed in achieving any of the goals of ERP. We hope that the future will bring improvements in this regard.

Working collaboratively with Dereck Milburn on the conservation side of ERP has been an exciting experience. His willingness and courage to take on the most astounding and risk ridden

opportunities to save elephants and rhinos has been extraordinary and hugely admirable. A number of videos have been produced detailing his remarkable and successful relocation of endangered elephants to safe havens – in particular Mozambique as well as Zimbabwe.

Dereck is also instrumental on working on a number of restituted land opportunities which we trust will come to fruition shortly.





ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

ORPHANS AT NDUMO

South Africa continues to experience one of the most severe HIV/AIDS epidemics, globally. According to Statistics SA Mid-Year Population Estimates publication for 2018, the total number of persons living with HIV in South Africa increased from an estimated 4,25 million in 2002 to 7,52 million by 2018. For 2018, an estimated 13,1% of the total population is HIV positive. Approximately one-fifth of South African women in their reproductive ages (15–49 years) are HIV positive.

This epidemic has left a trail of children, tragically, left to fend for themselves, in an already impoverished and harsh environment. The figures estimated, at Ndumo, of the numbers of children who have been left without parents

or relatives, to raise younger siblings, has risen to an astounding 1 800, at the last count, and the figure continues to rise. Helping these children to survive has fallen to an already stressed community and the task has been taken up with great courage by a group of concerned teachers in the community – the Orphans Care Committee. Of the total number of orphans 450 remain without government support grants and it is these children whose plight weighs heavily on an already stressed community.

We were most grateful to Jan van Rensburg, of EPI-USE America who has come to our assistance, by providing funds to feed ePap to these 450 orphans for a period of three months, while we try and raise additional funds to support them in the longer term. These

children live in dire circumstances, in makeshift shacks, and have insufficient clothing.

ePap has still remained an important aspect of the service delivery in our HUBs. We are pleased to report that we continue promoting the product into our Centres and feeding orphans at Ndumo and wherever else the need presents itself. In this regard we are very pleased to welcome Shelley Lasker into our group of associates. An experienced distributor of ePap in Zimbabwe, Shelley has recently joined our ranks to establish a sustainable ePap distribution initiative, piloted at Kekana Gardens and we look forward to replicating this model wherever it is required.





ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES AND CLEAN UP CAMPAIGNS

Thanks to the sterling work of Dr. Tlou Setumu, we conducted a number of clean-up campaigns in Senwabarwana under the theme "Keep Senwabarwana Clean, Green and Hygienic." This is part of our on-going efforts of preserving the environment in Senwabarwana through linking cultural and heritage issues to environmental conservation.

During Arbor month, Dr Setumu planted 344 trees, with help from community volunteers. Most of the volunteers are usually traditional dance groups that are mobilized by Dr Setumu.





ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

2017 MANDELA DAY AND DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

MANDELA DAY

The EPI-USE Talent Management Team, pictured below, baked and sold muffins for their Mandela Day contribution, and all proceeds were donated to the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation towards the Old Age Home residents and the Orphan Day Care Centre in Kekana Gardens.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

In December we collaborated with EPI-USE Africa to fundraise for and deliver gifts to the Old Age Home residents and the Orphan Day Care Centre children in Kekana Gardens. In total, our efforts benefited over 50 individuals, with the aged getting blankets and linen and the orphans receiving gift bags full of goodies and toys.



FUNDERS AND PARTNERS



Continued support, over a period of many years, from the Victor Daitz Foundation in funding a portion of our administrative costs is always greatly appreciated.

EPI-USE and EPI-USE ANALYTICS, continue to provide us with their Enterprise Development and SED spend and they cover the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's monthly administrative costs. This support allows the Foundation to channel 100% of all funds received from EPI-USE, from their ERP funding initiative, (i.e 1% of EPI-USE global revenue), directly into projects. We will continue, however, to charge local corporates an administrative fee of a minimum of 10% of a total project cost, to enable us to implement and manage local donor funded projects effectively, particularly through the B-BBEE Scorecard.

We continue to have a partnership agreement with Raizcorp and we appreciate the funding that they provide on a monthly basis.

The Ashoka network provides a valuable group of partners, globally.

Toyota Tsusho Africa continues to fund and support our agricultural model, for the past eight years. This has enabled us to develop an initiative which is replicable and sustainable and provides a suitable means of addressing poverty through agriculture, wherever it is required – creating employment and improving the quality of life and health in deep rural communities – transforming subsistence farmers into commercial agricultural ventures.



CONCLUSION

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has been fortunate to have been involved with many inspirational people over the past 25 years, who have helped make its vision for rural development a reality. By far the most inspirational people, however, are those who comprise the communities in which the Foundation works - individuals who have refused to give up in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and who remain positive in spite of the fact that they face daily struggles for survival that most of us cannot even begin to imagine.

It is humbling to be confronted with the hope, spirit, love and dignity of the people in the disadvantaged communities in which we work, and it has been a privilege to be associated with initiatives to improve their quality of life. We urge you to join us in an effort to eradicate the poverty in our midst and make a lasting difference in impoverished rural communities - together we can do it.

The AGM for June 2017 to June 2018 was scheduled for the 20th July, 2018 and we look forward to a special event commemorating 25 years in the life of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation.



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