

# CONSERVING ELEPHANTS AND RHINOS THROUGH THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY



## CELEBRATING WORLD FOOD DAY

ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, 1 IN 9 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD GO HUNGRY. AN ESTIMATED OVER 2 MILLION CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA DO NOT GET ENOUGH FOOD TO SUSTAIN ADEQUATE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.



### FEEDING A CHILD CAMPAIGN

According to Food Aid Foundation, around 795 million people do not have adequate food to enable them to lead a healthy life. In South Africa, an estimated over 2 million children do not get enough food to sustain adequate growth and development. This often leads to stunted growth among children, most of them living in remote disadvantaged communities. Over the past 15 years, one of the ways we have positively contributed towards addressing this hunger crisis has been through the distribution of ePap to orphans and vulnerable children in Ndumo and Madikwe. ePap is a fortified food supplement that promotes nutrient replenishment by providing these children with the basic nutrients essential for their growth. It is worthwhile to consider that the cost of providing an orphan or vulnerable child with a monthly supply of ePap and food parcels costs around R100.00 – the approximate price of two muffins and two cups of coffee in an average restaurant. Visit [www.peacefoundation.org.za](http://www.peacefoundation.org.za) to learn how you can make a difference.



### VERTICAL AGRICULTURE

Agriculture, be it through commercial or subsistence farming, is the backbone of most African economies. With technology influencing our day to day lives, it has become imperative to explore ways in which technological innovation can enhance how we conduct farming activities. Vertical farming is one such example where agriculture and technology are brought together. This method of agriculture uses indoor farming techniques and controlled environment agriculture technology, where all environmental factors, including light, humidity and temperature can be controlled. This method of farming requires less labour (and supervision) and greatly reduces the time frame of growing crops and leafy greens for the market because it operates 24 hours a day. Our team had the pleasure of visiting a containerised vertical farming facility in Tembisa, where our partners from Got-Game have been working through the Gauteng Provincial Government. Together with Got-Game, we anticipate setting up similar facilities in a number of communities where we currently have a footprint. During the same trip, our team also had the pleasure of touring the YES Youth Hub, which houses the vertical agriculture initiative. This is a hub that was again designed and set up by our Got-Game partners as part of the government's efforts to create meaningful and sustainable jobs. The hub includes an ICT centre, internet cafe and a well managed restaurant among other features. It also provides small business registration facilities and access to internet, making it a vibrant facility that exists to serve the local community.



### THE RECYCLING BUYBACK CENTRE IN SENWABARWANA

Our recycling cooperative continues to grow their business through buying and selling of waste in rural Limpopo. Currently, they buy waste materials from around 41 waste collectors scattered throughout the Blouberg Municipality in Limpopo. Their 3 tier waste collection model which includes the use of trolleys, donkey carts and a cooperative vehicle enables them to maximise the amount of recyclable waste materials that they can bring through for processing at the Centre. In this picture from the month of October, the cooperative is preparing to sell aluminium and sub grade metal in Polokwane, a round trip of about 200km. We commend and celebrate their day to day efforts in not only sustaining livelihoods, but also in ensuring Senwabarwana is clean and aesthetically pleasing.



### UPDATE ON THE #BIKES4ERP IN MADIKWE

Lemogang, our mechanic in Madikwe continues to monitor and fix all the 100 bicycles handed out to students in 4 primary schools in Madikwe. We will be conducting our first in depth evaluation of this programme towards the end of November, and we will then provide the findings of this evaluation.



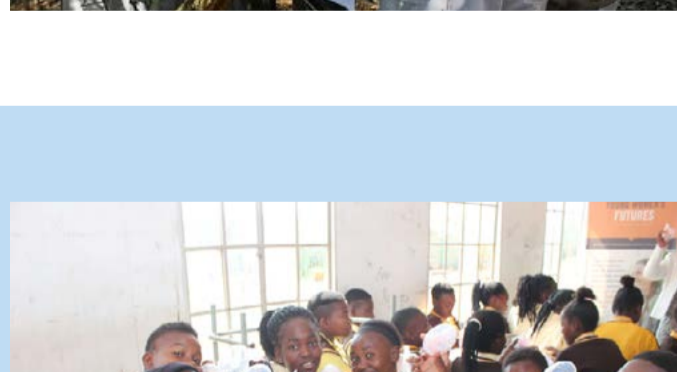
### WATERBERG BIOSPHERE INITIATIVES

On the 27th of September, the Waterberg Biosphere committee, Chaired by Mr Lesiba Masibe (P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees and ERP Community Projects Facilitator for Limpopo) convened a strategic planning session at Lepalala Wilderness. The aim of the session was to craft a five-year work plan in order to guide the work of the Biosphere for it to meet its primary objectives. Attending were stakeholders from Waterberg Nature Conservancy, Welgevonden, NAFCOC, Limpopo Tourism Agency, Community Property Associations, Local and District Municipalities and SANPARKS to mention but a few. Biospheres are established by consent of stakeholders in specific regions with the support of the Department of Environmental Affairs within a UNESCO framework of Man and Biosphere Reserves with the objective to conserve Biodiversity, Restore and Enhance Ecosystem Services, Foster the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, contribute to Building Sustainable, Healthy and Equitable Societies, Economies and Thriving Human Settlements and support Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change and other aspects of Global Environmental Change among other tasks. For ERP, the Biosphere is an opportunity to showcase a community driven and corporate social responsibility model not only in our country, but internationally as well through reports submitted to UNESCO.



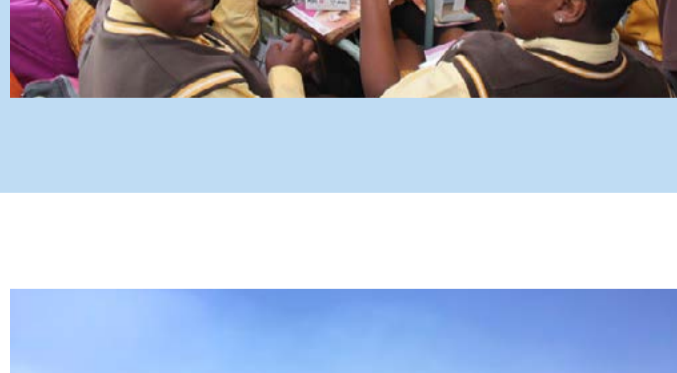
### UPDATE ON THE GAZINI HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT PROJECT

The Sekelelani Honey Bee Co-operative, with much appreciated funding from ERP (Elephants, Rhinos and People), continue to make strides in bringing about their own development. The group has made significant progress in the development of their agricultural site and have continued to monitor and maintain the beekeeping initiative. Because of their tenacity and dedication, no elephant crossings have been reported in the current reporting period. Last month, we reported on their work in progress of clearing the 2 hectare agricultural plot. In October, they were able to finish a number of tasks, including ensuring that they have a safe and permanent supply of clean fresh water. With regard to their beekeeping and honey production, we have been monitoring the hives over the months, and anticipate that the next honey harvesting will take place towards the end of November.



### ELLE CUP DISTRIBUTION AT KEKANA GARDENS SCHOOL

We recently distributed just under 1700 Elle Cup products to three schools in Kekana Gardens. Elle Cup is a women's health company dedicated to providing an efficient and long-lasting women's sanitary product, to minimize the amount of school girls who regularly miss school because of poor knowledge or access to the right type of sanitary product. The program not only involved distribution of these cups, but was also strongly focused on education and enabling the girls to better how to make use of the product.



### EPI-USE FUNDS PFARANANI SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE

We are grateful to EPI-USE for funding the Pfaranani Training Centre in Kekana Gardens over the next four months in partnership with the local community, represented by SANCO, as well as the Tshwane Municipality. Their funding will go towards covering capital and operational expenditure for setting up an internet café, ICT centre and a cleaning supplies dispensing shop for the benefit of the community, along with a solar powered borehole, accompanied by solar power training programme for 12 unemployed youth. These initiatives will be allocated to local SMME's to manage, as part of our Enterprise Development program.

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