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TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS WITH P.E.A.C.E. FOUNDATION

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 their educational and socio-economic standards, ultimately, alleviating poverty.”

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation’s amalgamation with ERP (Elephants, Rhinos and People), using the P.E.A.C.E. Model, to alleviate poverty, has resulted in the broadening of the scope of our mission: “To protect and conserve Elephants and Rhinos in the wild, THROUGH THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY”.

The report for this year will, therefore, reflect a broadened scope of work reflective of the expanded mission statement, and with a focus on technology as a life-changing and driving factor in the future.



DIRECTORS REPORT

Passing our quarter of a century, last year, was a rewarding milestone to celebrate, and, continuing with our efforts into the next quarter century, with our widened scope of work, is a challenge that we look forward to taking on.

We are blessed with a team of committed staff, who work collaboratively, with the support of our implementation partner, Arthur Wade Anderson (Got-Game), to ensure excellent standards and accountability. Within the framework of ERP, we work collaboratively with Dereck Milburn, enabling the alleviation of poverty in communities adjacent to the areas where his sterling work in the conservation space is taking place.

With the technical, financial, and strategic support that we continue to receive from the EPI-USE group of companies, we feel confident that the future of P.E.A.C.E., within the ERP and groupelephant.com, stable, will expand the scope of our work and the geographic areas in which we currently operate.

Core to the efforts and work of ERP is the acquisition of land that has been restituted successfully and put in the hands of the claimants. To date, the efforts of obtaining title deeds for claimed and restituted land has been a daunting challenge.

We are delighted, however, to report that, finally, after the tireless efforts of Lesiba Masibe, in community negotiations, supported by Dereck Milburn, ERP have succeeded in partnering with the local group of beneficiaries of the Blouberg Nature Reserve, in collaboration with Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), in Limpopo. More details of this groundbreaking event will be shared within this report.

In laying out our Annual Report we will focus on the specific sectors, as portrayed in the P.E.A.C.E. Model, namely, Planning, Agriculture, Education and Environment (inclusive of ERP contributions).

Reflected in these various sectors will be the projects and initiatives that we have undertaken, over the past year, thanks to the generosity of our donors, without whom none of our efforts would have been possible.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the helm of the P.E.A.C.E Foundation Trust as the Chairman has been an exciting opportunity seeing the organization grow and mould into a self-sustaining NGO. The excitement of seeing development and touching lives of many in the areas we serve makes P.E.A.C.E Foundation Trust rewarding. The dedication of our management team makes changing communities easier and sustainable.

As I step down as Chairman I can only hope my contribution has been significant that generations will be uplifted with the work the P.E.A.C.E Foundation Trust has done.

Cheers to a wonderful year of amazing work!

Phakama Nhassengo

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PLANNING

As a result of our recently formed partnership with Arthur Wade Anderson's company, Got-Game, we have been able to interpret our P.E.A.C.E. Model, as an effective poverty alleviation solution, covering all aspects of a community's needs and effectively addressing these needs.

The picture, below, shows the conceptual design and prototype for a typical HUB, as interpreted by Got-Game as an effective and sustainable offering of economic benefit through which to eliminate poverty through the creation of local jobs and supporting local enterprises.

The example below shows the typical integrated structure of a HUB, inclusive of all essential support services and functionality, with a particular focus on the development and support of cooperatives, in and around the HUB.



A typical HUB, implemented by Got-Game at Tembisa, including all the main HUB offerings and services. The Centre is mainly off the grid and driven by solar energy

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EDUCATION

Our most exciting developments have undoubtedly been in the field of education. Having said that, however, developments in all sectors of P.E.A.C.E. have been life-changing for beneficiaries, where technology, in its most advanced form, has had an extraordinarily positive impact on the standards of education through the use of Artificial Intelligence.

Our recently formed partnership with Will Burger enabled the deployment of his MathU programme of Android phones into some of our beneficiary schools. This intervention has been extremely successful. Thanks to funding received for Android tablets from (i) Maxtec Peripherals (Pty) Ltd who funded 52 Grade 12s, and (ii) Innovent (Pty) Ltd who funded 123 Grade 10s at Steve Biko High School, we were able to positively impact on the standards of Maths and Science at this school.

For 2019, Maxtec and Tracker jointly funded Androids for 151 learners at Tembisa Secondary School, a gesture we greatly appreciate and we look forward to a similar positive impact once we have deployed the Androids and then conducted an impact assessment. We want to thank Tariq Shurmah from Nextec for generously assisting us with an opportunity to access B-BBEE Scorecard funding, through the SED sector, which enabled us to carry out this intervention.

With recent and remarkably generous funding from Nokia, we were able to implement various innovative educational programmes, using state of the art technology in collaboration with Got-Game, including rolling out very exciting coding workshops for learners of all ages along with the use of Virtual Reality Cameras for distance learning purposes.

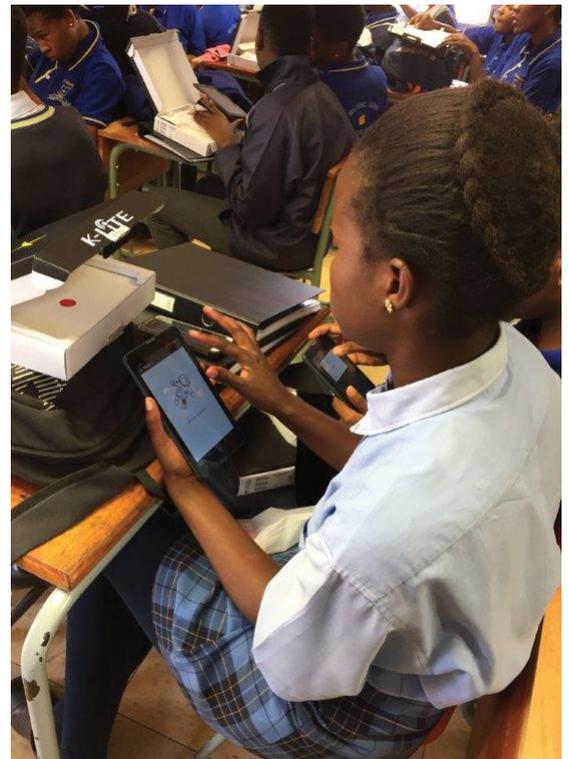
The importance of this programme cannot be stressed strongly enough, as it provides a positive intervention into the quality of life and education of young learners.

It equips them with greater insight into the exciting world of technology, and, specifically, Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Under the guidance of project manager and facilitator, Thami Mupawose, an exciting programme, funded and sponsored by Nokia, has been deployed in the African School for Excellence (ASE) in Tsakane.



Some of the students from Tembisa High School attending a coding class.



Android devices for the MathU programme.

This programme, supported by ERP and Got-Game, trains teachers, using virtual reality glasses, and distance supported tutoring, thereby improving reading and literacy from primary school through to high school.

The ASE educational model was designed specifically to address the needs and challenges of African secondary school learners who are eager to learn, but whose efforts are frustrated by barriers such as insufficient school funding and high tuition costs.

We are pleased to be associated with the ASE in improving educational standards in the future.

We are extremely grateful to iLAB, a groupelephant.com Group member, which has once again funded the support and expansion of the IT training labs at the Vaalwater Center, along with an internet café, to provide the community with access to training, information and IT support services. This has had a profoundly positive impact on the lives of young people in the vicinity.

Working with Got-Game in the educational space, we can deliver tertiary education programmes online through our HUBs. These programmes are accessible locally in HUBs so that young people will be able to acquire tertiary education without having to leave their homes, travel long distances and having to find accommodation under challenging circumstances far from their homes in rural areas.

Our efforts at developing a showcase integrated HUB (Incubator and Training Centre), in partnership with the Tshwane municipality, for the benefit of the community bordering on the Dinokeng Game Reserve – Kekana Gardens - were sadly abandoned when we were forced to withdraw from the initiative due to circumstances beyond our control.

We have now moved on, along with our Nokia funding, to support the community and schools in Tembisa, Tsakane and Maboneng, in partnership with Got-Game.



Container donated by Nokia which facilitates and supports a virtual reality reading training programme through distance learning and advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI).



Students using the Nokia-funded Virtual Reality headsets at the Tsakane African School for Excellence.

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AGRICULTURE

We believe that high-tech agricultural initiatives will form the backbone of sustainable economic development in South Africa and Africa in general. Once again, the drivers behind the deployment of this initiative into HUBs and schools is Got-Game. Thami Mupawose has oversight of all the agricultural options that we are able to offer.

Through the African Schools of Excellence (ASE), we are piloting new high-tech innovations (as shown above) that we believe will positively impact the lives of young people in our country, demonstrating that agriculture can be a high-tech opportunity to drive an economy through tech-based agriculture. Children will be exposed to this technology at school level so that when they complete their school education, they will already be well-informed about the opportunities that are available in the high-tech agricultural space.

We continue to promote drip-irrigation initiatives for larger expanses of land and where local communities are willing to work collaboratively in cooperative groups.



Upright agricultural venture inside the Tembisa HUB.



Hydroponic Tunnels, along with Aquaponics at Tembisa also implemented through Got-Game.



Standard drip irrigation crops work well for larger expanses of land.

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COOPERATIVES

Over the past 26 years, the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has established numerous cooperatives in a variety of sectors, from craft through to agriculture and waste management. Based on our long-term local experience in working with cooperatives, along with the results of an academic study by UC Berkeley postgraduate students, we are in a position to present a technology solution, developed and emanating from a business within the groupelephant.com Group of companies, which provides

a solution for the development of a comprehensive database of individuals as well as individual cooperatives, with a facility through which to provide back-office financial services along with banking and insurance opportunities to cooperatives.

We believe that this offering will have a profoundly positive effect on the success of local cooperatives in the future. The HUB concept, described earlier, is also a vital element in securing

the success of cooperatives with its capacity to provide centralized bulk-buying and bulk-marketing, along with essential business support and training services.



NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Over time, we have developed a strategy for rural waste management as an alternative to the common practice of dumping and landfilling. The model is based on collecting, sorting and selling waste to generate income for the unemployed.

Our pilot project in this sector is the Ntshabeleng Cooperative, based at Senwabarwana (previously known as Bochum). This initiative, started in 2014, has, at its helm and driving force, a key member of our team, Eliot Chisango. Eliot has won a number of awards and accolades for his work in waste management, and it gives us great pleasure to showcase the exceptional results that he has spear-headed.



The Ntshabeleng Cooperative's vehicle filled up with aluminum - ready for the market.



Donkeys delivering waste to the centre.

Assisted over the past four years by a local young woman, Cosy Manoko, who trained at one of our Centres in basic IT and administrative skills, she provides regular reports on the project and helps with general administration.

The ladies who started this Buy-Back Centre were originally sorting waste at the local dump site without protective clothing and with exposure to the elements. They now run a successful enterprise where they can pay themselves a monthly stipend, pay the driver's salary, and deal with the costs of running the Centre.

They now have a keen sense of ownership of the business and understand the responsibilities incumbent on them and towards one another as a team.

They are also responsible for an initiative with donkeys, using humane harnessing, in custom-designed carts, to transport waste to the Centre not more than 8 km away. Waste collectors provided with carts are responsible for transporting waste to the Buy Back Centre where the waste is weighed and telephonic banking payments are made to the collectors. The truck, which was a donation from the Pick n Pay Foundation, services the collection and delivery of waste from further afield.

This initiative is key to promoting Blouberg's tourism industry, and P.E.A.C.E. works closely and collaboratively with the local municipality to ensure a cleaner and aesthetically pleasing environment. This includes the planting of indigenous trees to beautify the town.



The Ntshabeleng Waste Management Cooperative with Cosy Manoko, the Centre Manager.



ERP: ELEPHANTS, RHINOS AND PEOPLE

As mentioned previously, working with an expanded mission statement, “Conserving elephants and rhinos in the wild THROUGH the alleviation of poverty”, has given greater impetus and relevance to the work that the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has been doing over the past 26 years. Working collaboratively with a team of conservationists led by Dereck Milburn has validated the economic value of our work.

HUMAN/ELEPHANT CONFLICT - BEEHIVE FENCING

Beehive fencing is the quintessential example of the web and interdependence established through ERP between the wellbeing of animals in the wild, and the economic opportunities associated with this, which improve the lives of local people living in proximity to conservancies.

As a solution to the incursion of elephants into community property, this initiative simultaneously provides local bordering communities with protection against elephant invasions, while providing an assured income for the bordering community from the production of honey produced in beehive fences. These hives are supported by agricultural initiatives which add to the livelihood of the community while providing additional forage for the bees, thereby increasing honey production.

The Sekelekani Honey Bee Cooperative are members of the Gazini community in Northern Umhlabuyalingana near the Mozambique Border. They were affected by elephants crossing over from Mozambique in search of water and food, while walking their historical route in high drought season.

This resulted in the destruction of subsistence crops on their route and instilled fear in the local community. ERP intervened with the proposed solution of beehive fencing, along with a strategically placed borehole on the Mozambique side of the border. A second beehive fencing project was successfully established on the border of the Dinokeng Game Reserve.

The intention is to expand this initiative, throughout the Provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo, as an effective job creator with an assured income from reliable markets. This is a game-changer for poverty-stricken rural communities in our country and a positive move towards ensuring the safety of our bees that still remain under threat.



Sekelekani Cooperative.



Honey used as corporate gifts.

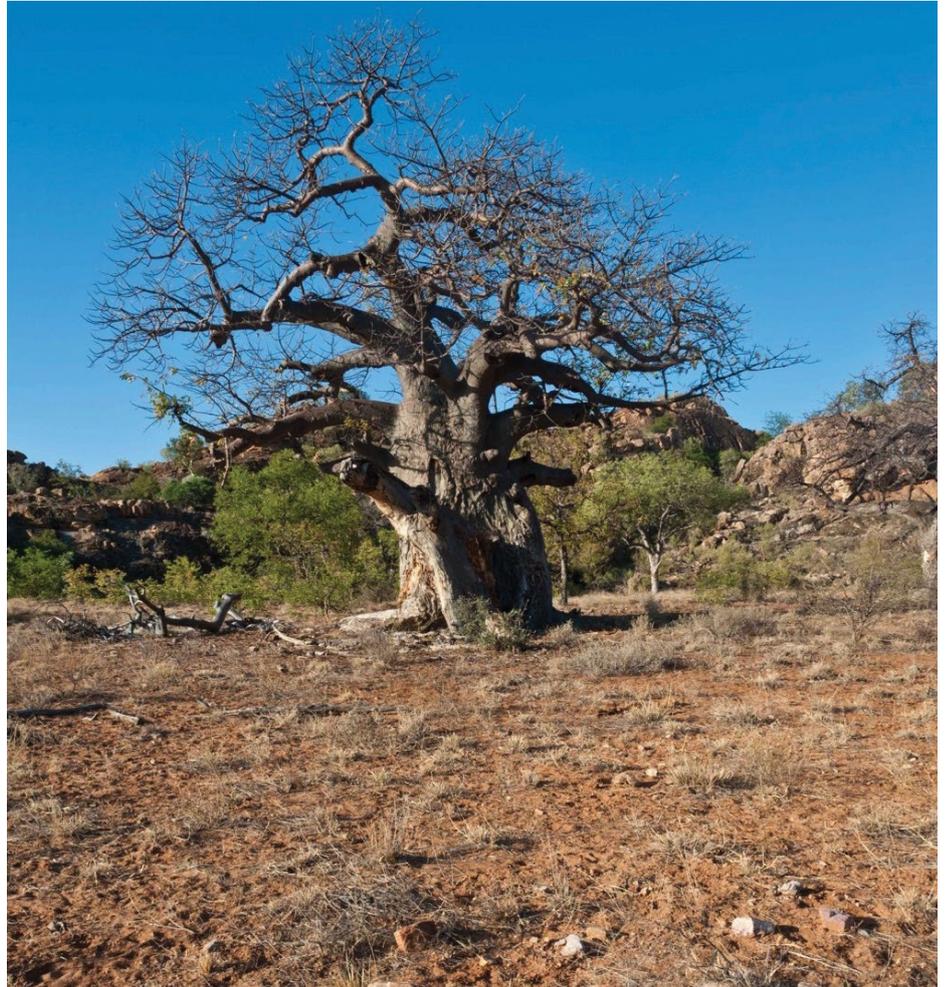


Butternut crop at Sekelekani Cooperative.

LAND RESTITUTION

After extensive efforts by our team in Limpopo, headed by Lesiba Masibe, working tirelessly with communities who have access to restituted land, along with Dereck Milburn who has lobbied government in both Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal to acquire restituted land on which to conserve elephants and rhinos, we are delighted to report that, finally, two properties have been acquired in Limpopo and one in KwaZulu-Natal.

Partnering with ERP, these beneficiaries will provide land on which ERP can safely deploy elephants and rhinos and the community will receive benefits based on their needs that will change their lives dramatically from an economic point of view. They will also receive a variety of interventions to improve the standard of education offered at present.



Typical landscape on the restituted land.



ERP team with the Chairman of the Community Property Association.

ELEPHANT AND RHINO PROTECTION AND RELOCATION

Continuing with his courageous and admirable work in collaring elephants, dehorning rhinos and removing threatened animals to safe havens, Dereck Milburn and his dedicated team have undertaken and fulfilled heroic feats for ERP. They have successfully moved endangered elephants on an extraordinarily long journey to a safe haven in Mozambique and his work has been inspiring.

Dereck's most recent feat was removing two families of elephants from where they were under threat of culling, to two safe havens over 1,000 kms from their location in the Eastern Cape.

The relocation of these elephants aims to establish viable breeding populations, while at the same time eliminating the need for culling in overpopulated Game Reserves. The family groups were transported to two private reserves – Mount Camdeboo and Buffalo Kloof.

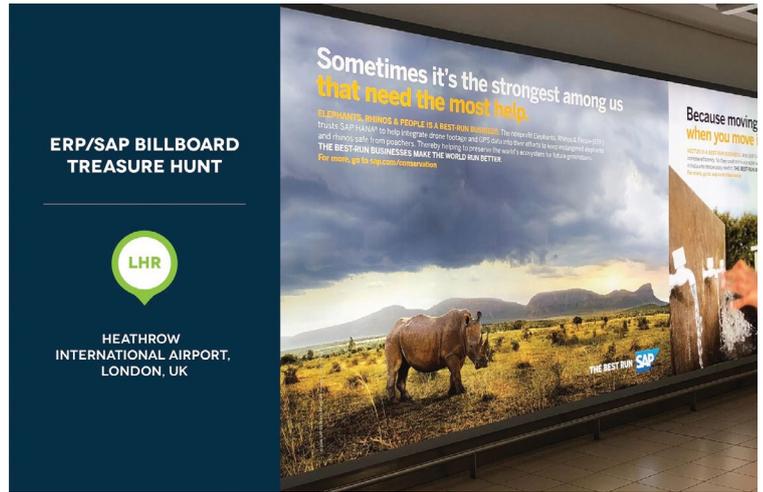
ANTI-POACHING - THE USE OF DRONES

Nokia has been incredibly supportive of our ERP conservation initiatives. They have strategically deployed cameras in drones at some of our conservation properties. This intervention, was carried out in collaboration with Dereck Milburn (ERP) and David Allen (EPI-USE), who drives the SAP supported anti-poaching software technology, provided in the Drones.

David has worked closely with SAP to develop an effective anti-poaching drone, equipped with SAP technology that is able to detect movement at great distances and identify whether the movement is coming from an animal or a potential poacher. SAP has embraced this initiative and as a result, they have advertised their role in ERP by erecting large billboards at airports throughout Europe and the UK, showcasing their input.



Capturing of one of the elephants.



ERP/SAP billboard, Heathrow Airport, London.



One of the elephant families arriving safely at their new home.



ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

In an effort to address basic human rights and the alleviation of poverty, the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has supported several initiatives to improve the quality of life of previously disadvantaged people. They are presented below:

VAALWATER HUB

Located in the heart of the Waterberg Biosphere and managed by Lesiba Masibe (Chairman of the Biosphere) and his exceptional team of people emanating from the Waterberg Welfare Society (WWS), the Vaalwater HUB is a showcase of all the elements required to improve the quality of life of people in poor communities.

Incorporating one of only two registered Hospices in Limpopo, the Centre serves HIV patients, in-house and with community-based homecare services, an orphan aftercare Centre, a thriving IT training Centre, and a Community Radio Station. This is manned largely by volunteers and driven by the dynamic and dedicated services of Letitia Malatji, a local BSC graduate.

Letitia provides daily ERP-sponsored educational programmes on the station. She also runs outreach programmes in the surrounding schools and supports educational programmes with a focus on wildlife and environmental issues.

View a video of how the HUB at Vaalwater has impacted on the community. 



Letitia presenting her programme on Waterberg Waves Radio Station.



View from the front of the Vaalwater Centre.



Professional nurse attending to a patient at the Hospice at the Vaalwater Centre.



Vaalwater IT Centre (funding provided by iLAB).

#BIKES4ERP PROGRAMME

The distribution of bicycles in rural schools under this programme continues. In August 2018, we distributed 100 bicycles to five primary schools in Madikwe, and in early 2019, some of these bicycles were redistributed to more students when Grade 7 recipients went on to high school. The students are supported by Lemogang, a local youth member we trained to be the mechanic responsible for the Madikwe project. The Blouberg project continues to impact high school students in four different schools, and we provide ongoing support to Samuel (the local mechanic) in ensuring that the bicycles are well utilized for their main purpose of addressing school absenteeism owing to long distances travelled to and from these schools.



Some primary school students who received bicycles in Madikwe.

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

EPAP AT NDUMO

Over 400 of the around 2,000 orphans at Ndumo do not have access to welfare grants and are totally dependent on donations and community support for access to food. In this regard, the Ndumo Orphans committee, headed by Mr. Don Mthembu (retired school principal), and Mr. Bheki Mthembu (school principal) to manage and support these children with the assistance of field workers and caregivers. Thanks to the ongoing funding from EPI-USE America, these children have been supported with provisions of ePap (food and nutritional supplement) as well as support from the caregivers who provide the support that they so desperately need.

EPAP AT MADIKWE

While negotiations continue with ERP and the community at Madikwe, they have been provided with a supply of ePap to support roughly 50 orphans and vulnerable children through the ERP initiative.



Orphans and vulnerable children at Madikwe receiving their ePap in December.



Some of the orphans at Ndumo.

MANDELA DAY

This year on Mandela Day, with the assistance of EPI-USE (a special mention to Jana Kotze) and Housing Investment Partnership (HIP), we were able to provide over 100 blankets and food parcels to elderly residents in Kekana Gardens.

ORPHAN DAY CARE CENTRE

The Orphan Day Care Centre at Kekana Gardens was the beneficiary of a state-of-the-art Play Centre generously funded by iLAB and erected by Got-Game.



Some of the elderly upon receiving their blankets.



The jungle gym at the Day Care Centre.



Mandela Day.



AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME



We want to express our very sincere appreciation to Clement Moasa, well-known TV star and celebrity, and his business manager, Bonga Percy Vilakazi, for very graciously arranging for a short promotional video to be made – thanks to Got-Game for facilitating this effort – promoting ERP on Clement's extraordinarily large social media following of 1 million followers on Instagram alone. By sharing our news on his social media platforms and promoting the work of ERP, we expect that we will tap into the interest of young people regarding the importance of poverty alleviation in the protection of our wildlife heritage for future generations.

STAFF

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation staff, based in our head office in Johannesburg, as well as those members of staff and facilitators, driving our projects in far-flung places.

Without their commitment, loyalty and dedication to the work that they do on a daily basis, we would never have been able to make the impact that we have in the lives of our beneficiaries in rural South Africa.

With continued commitment, I believe that our ambitions and beliefs will be carried forward for the next 25 years, and beyond.

A special word of thanks to our Chairman, Phakama Nhasengo, who has provided much valued support for all our efforts, supported by his Vice Chairman, Lesiba Masibe, along with all the other members of the Board. We are, as always, most grateful.



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Thami Mupawose
Project Management



Eliot Chisango
Environment & Waste Management



Jordan Abbott
Education



Cosy Manoko
Centre Manager (Limpopo)

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 over a number of years.

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

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

We conclude this report with a quote from Nelson Mandela, who said: “Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that generation. Let your greatness blossom!”

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