

# CODING MONTH

*WE MUST DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE AND GLOBALLY SHARED VIEW OF HOW TECHNOLOGY IS AFFECTING OUR LIVES AND RESHAPING OUR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS.* – KLAUS SCHWAB



## TEMBISA CODING CLASS VISITS RIETVLEI NATURE RESERVE

On the 26th of October, ERP hosted 30 coding students at Rietvlei Nature Reserve for an in the field orientation on how we are using drones and other forms of technology to combat poaching. These students have been partaking in coding classes, over the past 8 months.

Present on this visit was our ERP Ambassador, Clement Maosa, who spent time to motivate and inspire the students on the importance of education as a tool to fight poverty. Clement's own personal story is a testimony of how, against all odds, one can realise their dreams.

We are most grateful to him for taking time off to be present on the day. Tembisa High is a direct beneficiary to ERP's conservation efforts in Rietvlei, as underpinned by our mission, to, through poverty alleviation, conserve elephants and rhinos in the wild.

Clement Maosa, in the Centre of the excited group of coding students, at this recent event.



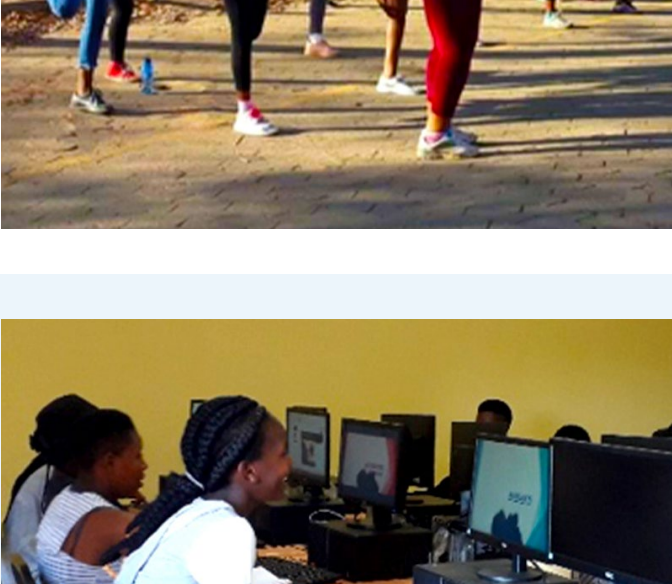
## VEXOSPARK CTC OFFERS CODING CLASSES TO THE DISADVANTAGED

Since January this year, William Makgaba who runs Vexospark CTC has trained over 3,100 individuals, mostly disadvantaged women and students in various IT and coding related disciplines, throughout several villages in Limpopo Province. We have, over the years, worked with and supported William in growing his business, and his efforts amplify our mission to empower communities with poverty alleviation tools that will create jobs.



## VAALWATER FUN RACE EVENT

This past October, ERP, through Waterberg Welfare Society, sponsored and participated in the Vaalwater Community Fun run and walk. This was conducted on every Saturday, starting from the 5th of October, with an official event scheduled for the 9th of November. Additional sponsors to this fun run also included the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, local businesses, Waterberg Tourism and Thaba Meetse with Vaalwater Laerskool playing the host.



## VAALWATER ICT CENTRE UPDATE

The ICT centre, generously funded by iLAB (a member of groupelephant.com), is currently hosting a group of Grade 8 and 12 learners from Metsitshela and Leseding High Schools. These learners are studying and conducting research for their final exams, with some busy completing their final assignments. In addition, Grade 11 learners from both schools have been given a chance to create their own email addresses, affording them an opportunity to start planning to apply to tertiary institutions, or to consider local options of online training courses, available at the Centre.



## MICROSOFT END USER MANAGEMENT GRADUATION

Earlier in the month, George Boya's company, Reshma Business Development and Training, held a graduation ceremony for students from Mokamole Rantlakana Village in Bakenburg.

These students had completed their end-user Microsoft training course. George Boya initially received funding from iLAB through the Vaalwater Centre. Within 6 months of receiving these funds, he had grown his business sustainably to a point where he managed to move out of the Centre and operate independently of grant funding. In his own words: "Your support is still valuable to me and the community at large. Because of iLAB's funding, I am still able to impact on more lives from within my community."



## WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION

As an example of Letitia's daily ERP programmes, she interviewed Dan Mashasha, the outreach coordinator on rhino conservation awareness with a focus on crime prevention in general, to the grade 12 matric pupils, along with a message of support for their upcoming exams.



## NTSHABELENG COOPERATIVE

The cooperative continued to collect and sell various recyclable waste materials, including cardboard, cans and plastics. In addition, they reached out to waste collectors in Inveraan, a village about 20km from Senwabarwana, where they bought aluminium and scrap metal. This month, the cooperative traded approximately 7 tonnes of mixed waste.



## SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE

As the rainy season kicks in, the cooperative is busy tilling the land, in preparation of planting another round of different crops and vegetables that will provide forage for bees as well as food on the table for the beneficiaries and money in their pockets from the sale of excess. They will be planting peppers and cabbages. In this region, to prevent further elephant crossings from Mozambique into KZN, it is planned to provide an additional 30 hives to the Sekelekani Cooperative as well as 70 hives to ten prospective Beekeepers on the border of the Ndumo/ Tembe Reserves, where elephant crossings recently took place, in the absence of Beehive fencing.



## #BIKES4ERP – MADIKWE

Earlier in October, ERP made another bicycle delivery to Madikwe (North West Province), this time benefitting 12 students from Obakeng village. This brings the total number of bicycles we have deployed in that area to 112. #Bikes4ERP is an ERP initiative, driven by Nicolai and Gert from groupelephant.com, and aimed at distributing bicycles to students in remote communities where ERP has conservation projects. The bikes improve student mobility, thereby reducing the rate of absenteeism in schools. We will be reporting on the usage of these, and other bicycles, that we have distributed, in coming newsletters.



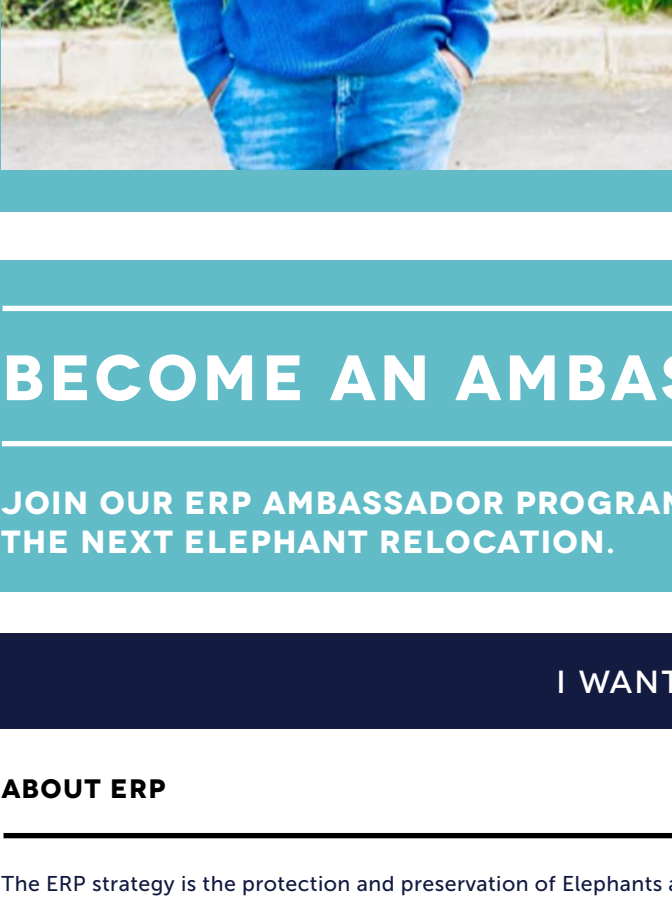
## E'PAP UPDATE

Thanks to ERP (America) we will soon be delivering another consignment of e'Pap to benefit the orphans and vulnerable in Madikwe.



## ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

We are most grateful to our ERP Ambassador Clement Maosa for his continued support towards our various initiatives.



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## ABOUT ERP

The ERP strategy is the protection and preservation of Elephants and Rhinos in the wild through the alleviation of poverty among rural People adjacent to the threatened areas. ERP is an initiative of groupelephant.com, a largely employee-owned group of technology companies, nonprofits and impact investment vehicles with a strong global presence. groupelephant.com is characterized by a primary strategic imperative in terms of which we go 'Beyond Corporate Purpose' in our day-to-day activities. Our poverty alleviation methodology covers Planning, Education, Agriculture, Cooperatives and Environment (P.E.A.C.E.).

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