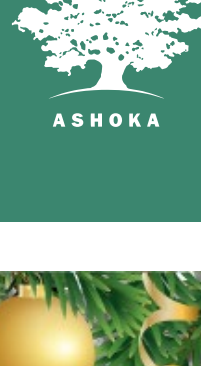


# SEASON'S GREETINGS



AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO AN END WE FOCUS, IN THIS NEWSLETTER, ON SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR GONE BY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU AND ON WHICH WE HOPE TO EXPAND ON IN THE YEAR THAT LIES AHEAD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST, AND, WE, ALONG WITH OUR TRUSTEES, STAFF AND BENEFICIARIES, WISH YOU A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON AND A YEAR OF HAPPINESS, HEALTH AND PROSPERITY IN 2020.



## THE VAALWATER CENTRE

Leticia and her team, representing ERP, attended the Walk and Learn in the Wild Side 2020 Planning at Marakele National Park on the 22nd of November 2019. This was a workshop aimed at engaging with various stakeholders in order to plan for environmental education and career guidance for 2020. In attendance were stakeholders from Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Limpopo, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Waterberg TVET College and Marakele National Park People and Conservation team. This collaborative initiative bodes well for the year ahead.



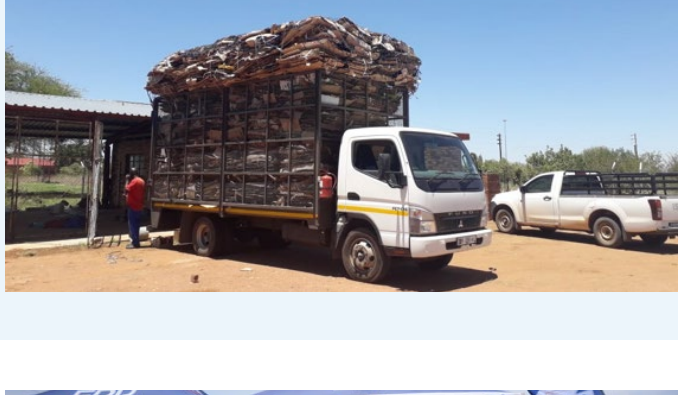
## WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION

Leticia's efforts throughout the year, have, each month made huge impacts on the lives and awareness of environmental issues and challenges among the local youth, where she has campaigned tirelessly and effectively, with a focus on the value of wild-life for the future prosperity of local communities. Through her daily programme Hlago Ya Africa, Leticia continued to highlight the importance of elephant and rhino conservation as part of our poverty alleviation strategies to the Waterberg Community. In addition, her programme also covered several relevant topics that included issues around climate change, drought mitigation, gardening and the importance of recycling.



## VAALWATER ICT CENTRE

iLAB, part of the groupelephant.com family funded a portion of the development of the ICT Centre in Vaalwater as part of Enterprise Development spend. Some of the highlights from the centre this year included the training of 24 unemployed youth in End User Computing as means to empower them with the basic IT skills that they may not have been exposed to in school. In addition, the centre hosted a group of Grade 8 to Grade 12 learners from Metseshela and Leseding high school who were studying for their final exams, with some completing their final assignments. These students came through to conduct research in order to submit their assignments before writing their final examinations. In addition, Grade 11 learners were given an opportunity to create their own emails to enable them to apply to tertiary institutions on time.



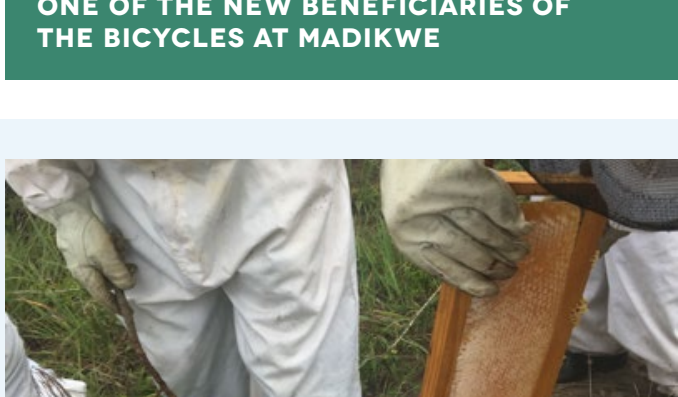
## NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The month of November was an eventful one for the cooperative. Over and above their regular, and, very impressive, waste collection and sales, they underwent gardening and nutrition training workshops, all aimed at enhancing their knowledge on the importance of consuming healthy food and a balanced diet. The gardening workshop culminated in the cooperative having established their own fresh vegetable garden, which will form part of their food for waste programme, while the nutrition workshop saw them receiving packets of e'Pap, a supplement containing 21 nutrients that help to address hidden hunger. We are most grateful to Lorraine Mabeba, from the nearby Magabeng Lodge for her inspiring and effective work on these initiatives.



## #BIKES4ERP

On the 26th of November, the #Bikes4ERP team, led by Nicolai van der Merwe and Gert Vermeulen, from EPI-USE, along with over 100 community members braved the rains that graced the Blouberg area to attend the bikes delivery event, at which 50 students received a bicycle each to assist with travelling to and from school. The 50 beneficiaries all come from the three beneficiary communities, adjacent to the Blouberg Nature Reserve, where ERP will be rolling out various conservation strategies quite shortly in partnership with the local beneficiaries.

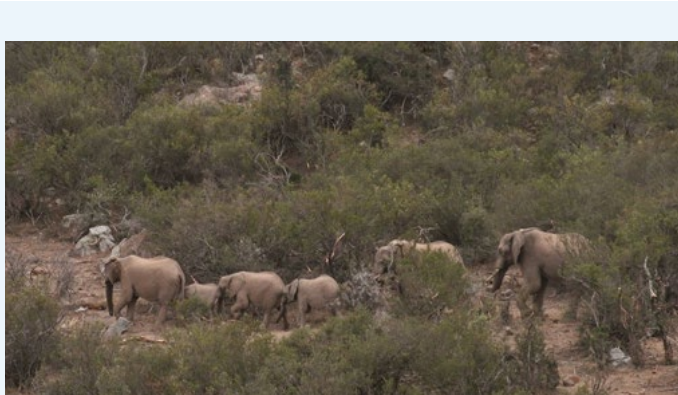


In addition to this event, there was a presentation ceremony at Madikwe, recently, where twelve bicycles were delivered for the benefit of local learners from the beneficiary community. This event was presided over by the donors, from SAP USA, along with the EPI-USE USA, representative, Quintin Smith and wholeheartedly appreciated by the beneficiaries.



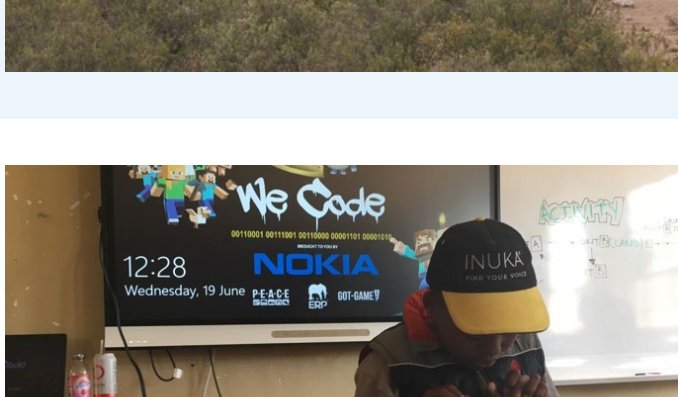
## SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE- GAZINI

Celebrating the success of The Sekelekani Honey Bee Co-operative, initially funded by SAP USA, and currently supported with much-appreciated funding from ERP (Elephants, Rhinos and People), continue to make strides in bringing about their own sustainable development. Currently, the cooperative is busy with their new crop of chillies (for the market) and vegetables for their own and local consumption. This is over and above their honey production initiative, which not only has shown to successfully address human-antelope conflict, in areas where Beehive Fencing has been deployed, but also provides the Cooperative with income generated from the bulk sale of honey for the market, bottled, eventually, and branded with ERP labels. It is our wish to expand this initiative throughout the Northern reaches of KwaZulu/Natal, where, accompanied by the agricultural component, it should have a profoundly positive effect on the local economy and quality of life of the local people.



## RIETVLEI RHINO DEHORNING

Together with our partners from the City of Tshwane, Bull Security, Flying for Freedom, Fidelity Security and Jacques O'Dell from Onderstepoort, we recently undertook a rhino dehorning operation at Rietvlei Nature Reserve. Although not eliminating the risk completely, the dehorning aimed at significantly decreasing the risk of poaching rhinos, and ensuring their safety. Dehorning is part of the security plan that ERP has put in place at the Nature Reserve, complementing our ERP Airforce programme which uses drones and software technology to monitor the rhinos. We are most grateful to SAP, who generously funded this exercise, ensuring its success. We also extend our gratitude to the City of Tshwane for entrusting us with supporting and assisting in the rhino program at Rietvlei Nature Reserve.



## UPDATE ON MOUNT CAMDEBOO ELEPHANTS

Harry, Mount Camdeboo's new elephant bull, has met the herd! The herd of twelve were introduced at Mount Camdeboo in May this year. They made their way into Harry's valley a few days ago, and they have remained together since then. The herd's matriarch seems particularly fond of Harry and stays close to him. Together, Harry and the herd have explored some new areas, the presence of each seeming to give the other more confidence. These elephants are continuously monitored by Penny, from ERP, who reads these animals, continuously, ensuring a better long term understanding of the challenges of relocation, via her reports and research.



## TEMBISA HIGH SCHOOL CODING

In partnership with Africa's Got Game, we implemented a weekly WeCode programme at Tembisa High School, a local school situated on the outskirts of Tembisa Secondary School. This programme benefited 30 students who were introduced to the world of technology, in the hope that they could consider a career in conservation through coding in the future. The group visited Rietvlei Reserve, where they had an infield practical experience of how ERP uses coding in conservation. Also present during this field trip was ERP Ambassador, Clement Maosa, who used this opportunity to motivate the class on the importance of education and coding as a foundational skill.

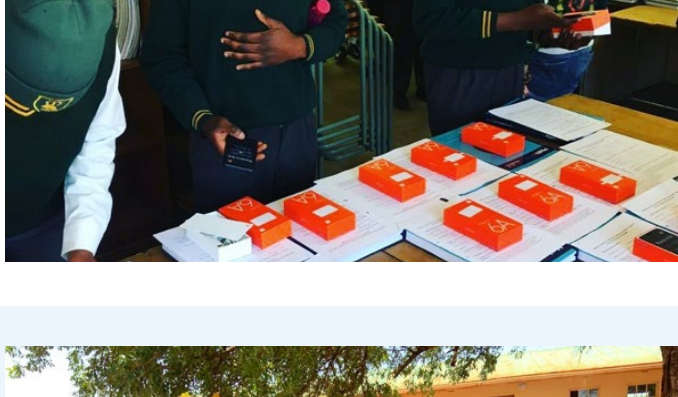


CLEMENT MAOSA, OUR MUCH VALUED AMBASSADOR ADDRESSING THE STUDENTS DURING THE SITE VISIT AT RIETVLEI GAME RESERVE



## NOKIA FUNDS A VIRTUAL REALITY PROGRAMME

Earlier in the year, Nokia donated a fully equipped Virtual Reality (VR) container, geared with VR headsets and screens that enable the teaching of English reading to Grades 1-3 students. We deployed this technology at the African School for Excellence in Tsakane. We conducted a trial run of this initiative during the course of the year, and, we plan to run the full programme from the beginning of 2020.



## MATHU ANDROID PROGRAMME

During 2019 we launched the second phase of our Mathu Maths and Science Android programme. We deployed 155 Android phones to Grade 12 students at Tembisa Secondary School. These phones are preloaded with the Maths Curriculum and aimed at improving results, dramatically, as has been the case in the past. Thanks to Maxtec and Tracker for their generous funding which made this intervention possible. We are grateful to Will Burger for deploying this life-changing state of the art technical intervention, using AI, with regard to the teaching of Maths and Science in our projects.



## FEEDING OF THE ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Thanks to the on going funding from ERP, we have once again been able to continuously feed the orphans from Ndumo. We have also been able to feed the orphans and the vulnerable in Madikwe, through this generous funding, in keeping with the ERP mission.



## ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Clement Maosa, our local ERP celebrity Ambassador, for his continued support of our various programmes. Clement has been able to not only avail himself to attend some of our projects, but has also used his social media platforms to promote some of our initiatives. Clement has over one million followers on Instagram, growing daily and we are very privileged to have access for ERP on his platform. We look forward to working with him in 2020, as we roll out more programmes in various communities.

We would like to introduce Ayanda Msweli, our recently appointed ERP Ambassador, based in KwaZulu, with whom we hope to work closely with in the coming year.

## DONORS AND FUNDERS OF OUR INITIATIVES THIS YEAR

We take this opportunity to thank our generous donors, who, throughout 2019, have enabled us to reach out to many in need, changing their lives for the better.



## BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

JOIN OUR ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME AND YOU COULD BE JOINING US ON THE NEXT ELEPHANT RELOCATION.

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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](http://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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