

# CELEBRATING A NEW DAY AND NEW YEAR IN 2020



JOIN ERP IN 2020 TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO CONSERVE ELEPHANTS AND RHINOS THROUGH THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY.



## NDUMO E'PAP FEEDING SCHEME

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Drs. Rose Kransdorf and Cheryl Ogilvie, the orphans at Ndumo have been provided with an interim supply of e'Pap to supplement what we had sent towards the end of last year. Mr. Don Mthembu, the Chairperson of the Ndumo Orphans Committee received this latest consignment on behalf of the committee and beneficiaries. In these images, Mr Mthembu and some of the beneficiaries pose with their much loved and treasured food supplement, which over the years, they have nicknamed 'the clever food' owing to how it gives them mental and physical energy throughout the day. Most of the beneficiaries, sadly, go throughout the day without a decent meal, and the e'Pap goes a long way in supplementing their daily nutritional needs.



## SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE – GAZINI, KZN

Towards the end of 2019, the Sekelekani Cooperative harvested their honey from the 50 hives that form the beehive fence. In total, they harvested and sold over 200kg of raw honey. Apart from generating the much-needed income from their honey sales, the cooperative's beehives also managed to deter elephants from crossing into their communities, which is a step closer to addressing the long-standing human-elephant conflict issue in the area. This initiative is a classic ERP intervention, representative of our mission to ensure that a symbiotic relationship exists between wildlife and humans for the benefit of both.



## NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Thanks to funding from The Body Shop, late last year, our recycling cooperative in Senwabarwana, Limpopo, underwent a permaculture and gardening training workshop, as part of our food for the waste programme. We are proud to report that, though early days, the group has started realising some of the benefits of their efforts from the garden. In the top image, two of the cooperative members harvest some vegetables to share and take home, whilst the others are busy sorting out collected waste materials to send off to the market. In addition, the cooperative collected and sold over 55 tonnes of mixed waste in 2019. That is almost 10 tonnes more than what they collected and traded in 2018.



## ERP VAALWATER CENTRE

Towards the end of last year, Waterberg Waves FM, an ERP funded community radio station in Vaalwater, joined the rest of the world in celebrating International Human Rights Day, which saw over 100 youth and learners from local schools in Vaalwater actively participating in the proceedings held at WESSA Bush Pig Environmental Centre, Limpopo. The focus of these celebrations was on environmental rights, sustainable development goals, climate change and environmental protection. As ERP, we firmly believe that the future of conservation and environmental sustainability is in the hands of the youth, and we are proud to have been represented at this event through Waterberg Waves FM by our Environmental anchor in the region, Letitia Mahlatji.



## VAALWATER ICT CENTRE PROGRAMMES

During the month of January 2020, the iLAB funded ICT centre at Vaalwater conducted outreach programmes where they were targeting high and primary school teachers in enrol for the accredited NQF Level 3 End-user computing course. Our own experiences in the past have shown that in most cases, teachers in some of the schools we work with do not have adequate working knowledge on how to use computers, which means they cannot confidently teach their students on ICT related subjects. The outreach programme is an effective way to address this challenge and will continue during the course of this month. This is but one of the community-related offerings we provide to our beneficiaries living adjacent to game and nature reserves where we have conservation interventions in place.



## NOKIA FUNDS ERP COMMUNITY-RELATED PROGRAMMES FOR ANOTHER YEAR

We extend our gratitude to Nokia, for, once again, funding our various community-related programmes for 2020. These programmes, which include coding and virtual reality reading courses, will be implemented in partnership with Got-Game at our Maboneng and African School for Excellence in Tsakane. We will be providing more updates in the coming newsletters.



## AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

We are grateful to our existing ambassador, Clement Maosa, for his continued commitment to assisting in our various programmes, and we welcome Ayanda Msweli, our latest Ambassador from KwaZulu Natal.

## 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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