

CELEBRATING ENVIRONMENT MONTH



RURAL WASTE RECYCLING IS PART OF THE INITIATIVES WE IMPLEMENT IN COMMUNITIES TO BOTH PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PROVIDE INCOME AND MUCH NEEDED JOBS.

Although South Africa has moved down to Level 3 of the Covid-19 lockdown, most of our projects have been heavily disrupted and are still yet to commence operations. Currently, only Sekelekani Cooperative (Gazini) and Ntshabeleng Cooperative (Blouberg) are operating at full capacity as per the current government regulations. We however continue with the ERP food distributions, now into the second month, spread over 9 locations in 4 provinces

ERP EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

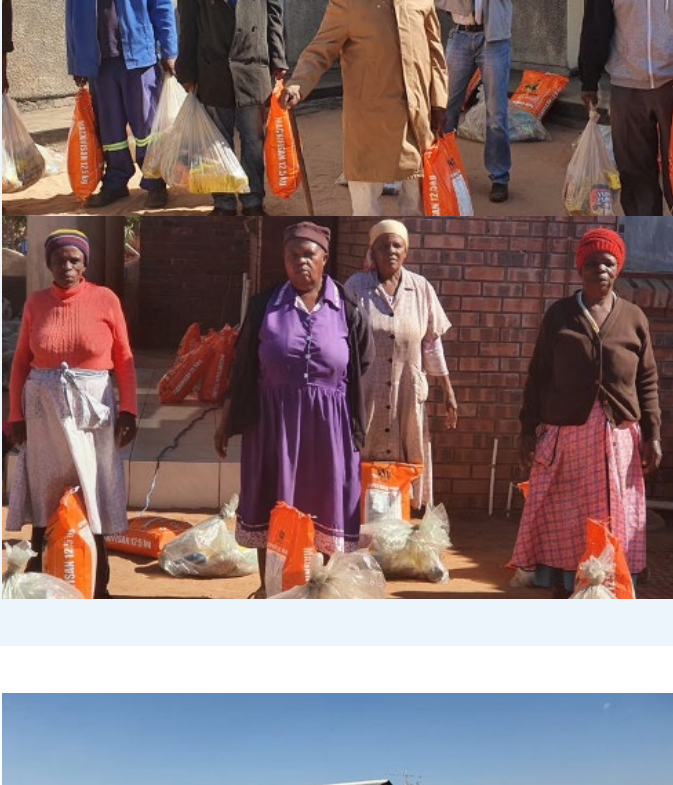


KWAZULU NATAL

At the end of May, we delivered the first round of food parcels to the Sekelekani BeeHive Fencing Cooperative where the people are planting crops and tending BeeHives for honey production as a pilot ERP Human/Elephant conflict solution. The photo regrettably does not do justice to the expressions of gratitude and appreciation shown by the recipients. They were overwhelmed by the prospect of not having to worry where the next meal would come from. There will be two more months of food provided.

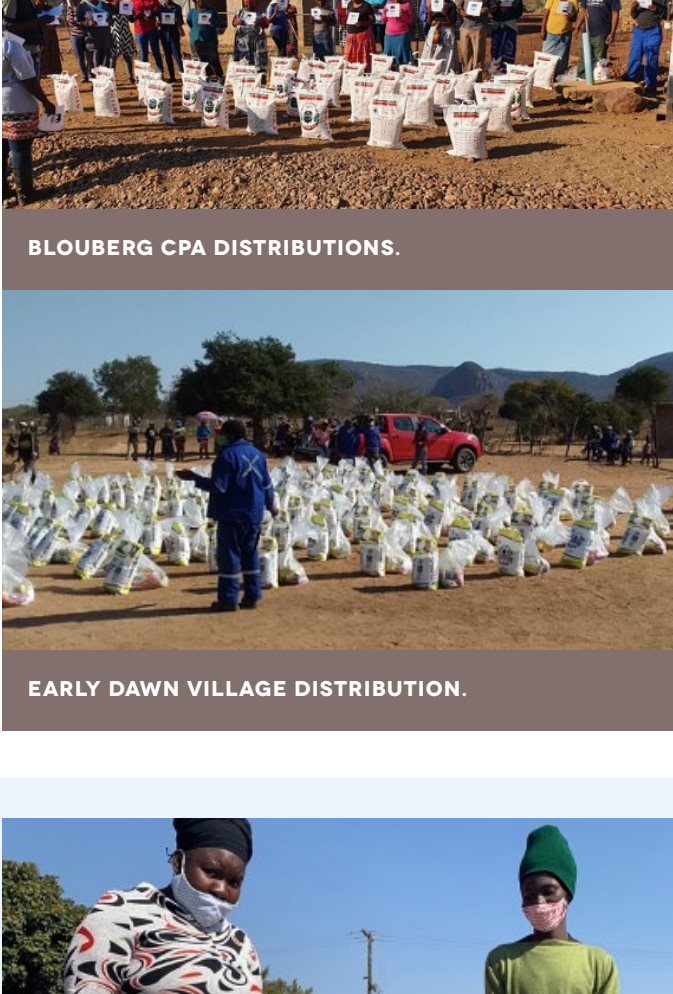
Beneficiaries in the Ndumo/Tembe Community, were provided with food parcels, distributed at a local school where their children are in attendance.

We are in the process of negotiating land partnerships with these local communities along with very supportive local Traditional Leadership. Andreas Malwane, the local community ERP representative organized the distribution which was spread over a period of nine days at different schools. The very bad roads and difficult conditions resulted in him only being able to distribute parcels to one school per day.



WATERBERG FARMS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our Chairman, Lesiba Masibe, (not shown in the pictures) successfully delivered the second round of monthly food parcels to the beneficiaries at the Morogoa and Moepel farm villages. The process of delivering food parcels to beneficiaries living in remote, almost inaccessible villages is a marathon undertaking but very rewarding and much appreciated by the recipients. We are most grateful to Lesiba for the effort and tireless effort that he puts into this mission and for which the beneficiaries are greatly appreciative.



BLOUBERG CPA DISTRIBUTIONS.

EARLY DAWN VILLAGE DISTRIBUTION.

BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY MAKGABENG COMMUNITIES

Lesiba also undertook the delivery of parcels to the Blouberg and Makgabeng communities. Thanks to our Trustee, Fortune Mabeba, for providing a safe place to store these parcels the day before distribution to our beneficiary communities, and for ensuring that these communities were well prepared for this month's delivery.



L&J INFORMAL SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

The second month's round of 500 food parcels was delivered to a new group of beneficiaries from L&J informal settlement. This settlement borders Rietvlei Game Reserve, where ERP is currently implementing conservation initiatives using drone technology, together with work conducted by ERP Rangers who operate in the Reserve to protect the Rhinos.



KEKANA GARDENS/DINOKENG GAME RESERVE

We also provided food parcels to Dino Beekeepers, a group of 8 youth adjacent to Kekana Gardens, a community bordering Dinokeng Game Reserve. ERP has been working and supporting this group in the development of their beekeeping business over the years.



NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

Although the Cooperative's waste collections have been affected by Covid-19 and the onset of the winter season which often sees a reduction in the type of materials discarded, the Cooperative continued with their core business of waste recycling. Thanks to Lorraine Mabeba, the Cooperative continues to also work on their vegetable garden as part of the food for the waste programme.

The Cooperative and their team of waste collectors received their second round of food parcels on the 29th of June.



SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE

In May, we reported that the Sekelekani Cooperative had recently planted their winter chilli crop. With hard work and determination regardless of the Covid-19 lockdown and its associated adverse socio-economic effects, the cooperative's efforts are beginning to show as the crop has germinated and is showing signs of positive growth. The winter crop serves to supplement income the cooperative gets from the honey production and marketing, as winter is usually a low honey production season. This project classically serves as an ideal ERP initiative, as it brings together both the conservation and poverty alleviation aspects of our strategy.



ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

We anticipates engaging with our two ambassadors, Clement Maosa and Ayanda Msweli in a number of our initiatives so that they become a powerful voice in promoting our mission within the communities we work in.

AS WE ARE CURRENTLY HALFWAY WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF FOOD PARCEL DISTRIBUTIONS, WE WILL AGAIN BE REPORTING ON THE OTHER HALF AND FINAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

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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