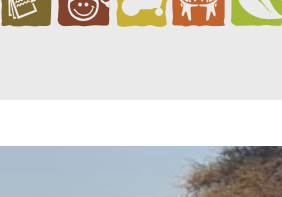


CELEBRATING A MANDELA MONTH THROUGH OUR COVID-19 EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF PROGRAMMES



We dedicate this combined July and August newsletter to Nelson Mandela, in keeping with his belief that "poverty is man-made" and that there are ways for man to act to alleviate it. In view of the hunger and deprivation currently experienced in deep rural areas, that has resulted from the COVID-19 Lockdown, incurring current job losses and loss of income, we felt impelled to address the problem as much as it was in our capability to do that.

The relief effort through our ERP food relief scheme, was implemented over a three month period, beginning around mid-May and ending around mid-August. The programme focused on providing much needed relief to ERP's current and future land restitution partners. We look forward to working closely with these landowners in the future, bringing much needed socio-economic relief and an improvement in the quality of life of these current and prospective partners.

The programme reached a total of 11 recipient communities, spread over four Provinces, namely, North-West, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Limpopo.

KWAZULU-NATAL

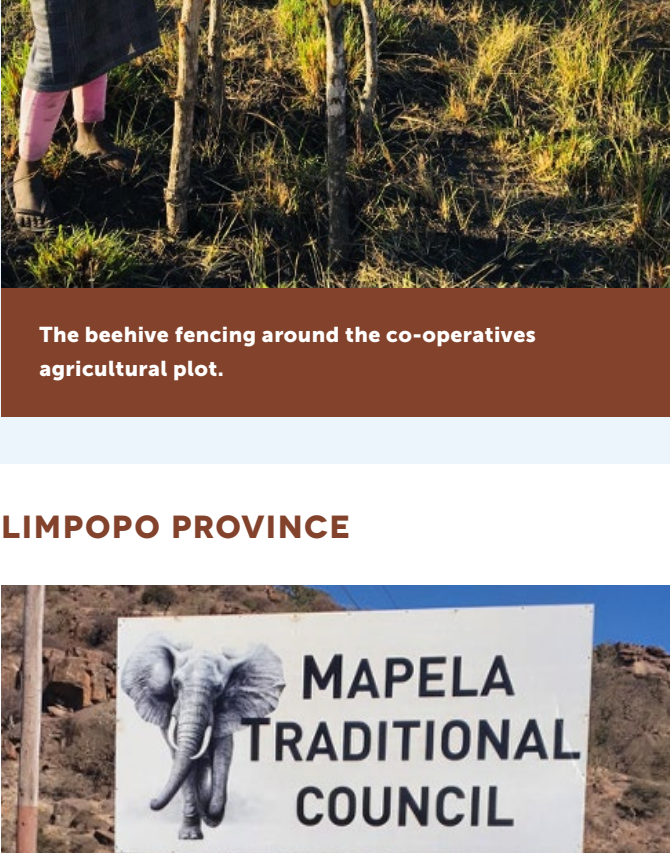


ERP EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

Implemented by Mr. Mthandi Malwane, representing ERP in Kwa-Zulu-Natal, the mammoth task of distributing food parcels to nine different school destinations, negotiating appalling road conditions, each day, began in mid May. The task of contacting all the beneficiaries, spread out in remote, hard to access villages, was undertaken by Mthandi and his dedicated team of teachers and school Principals, who made sure that the entire beneficiary community would be informed and available to collect their food parcels from the relevant one of the nine schools that had been identified as drop-off zones. The first of which is shown alongside. In all 753 families benefitted from food parcels.

SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE

Thanks to the sterling and dedicated efforts from Portia Murudi, our partner in the Beehive Fencing and honey initiative in KZN, and with additional funding from EPI-USE, through ERP, the Cooperative constructed and erected an additional 100 beehives around their expanded agricultural plot, in a further bid to deter elephants from raiding their crops. This is the essence of the Beehive Fence, aimed at addressing human-elephant conflict in keeping with ERP's mission. The cooperative's winter crops are already showing positive signs of growth, as they are now irrigated daily.

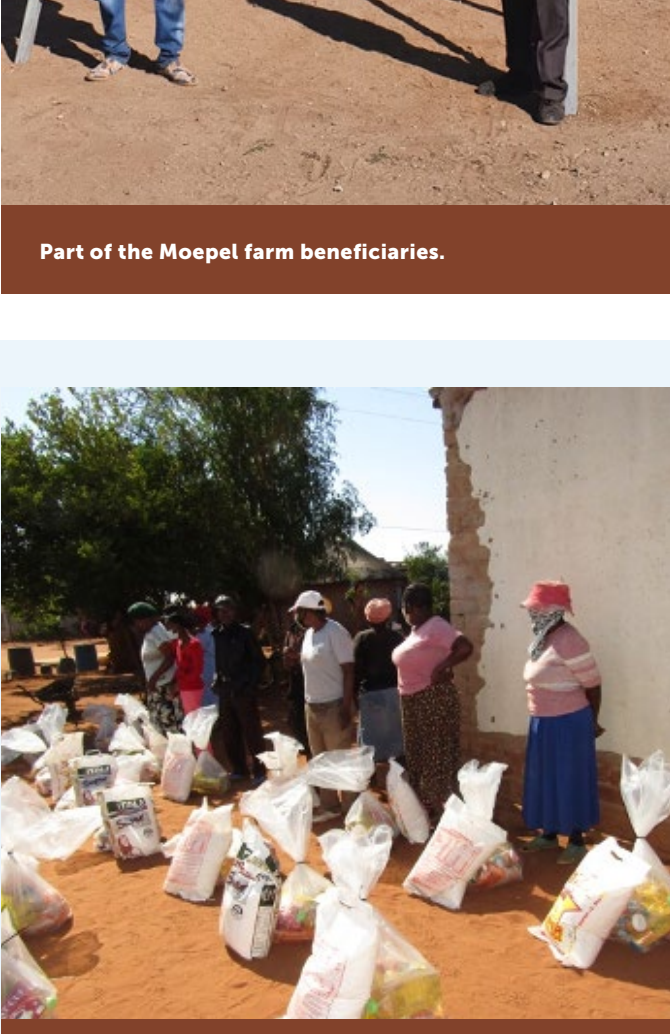


The beehive fencing around the co-operatives agricultural plot.



The cooperative receiving their food parcels, expressing great joy and appreciation.

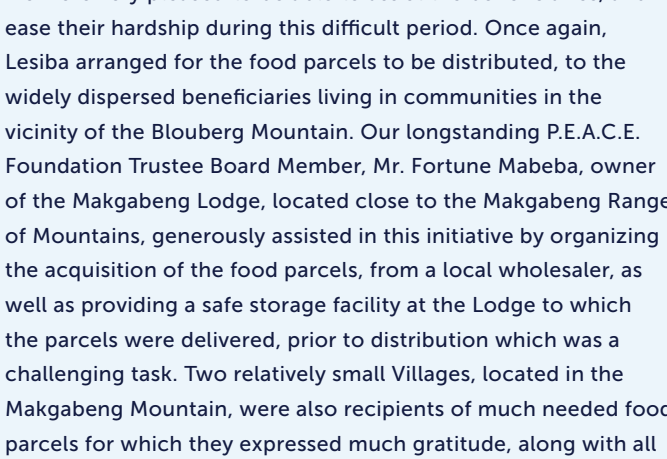
LIMPOPO PROVINCE



Part of the Moepel farm beneficiaries.

WATERBERG FARMS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

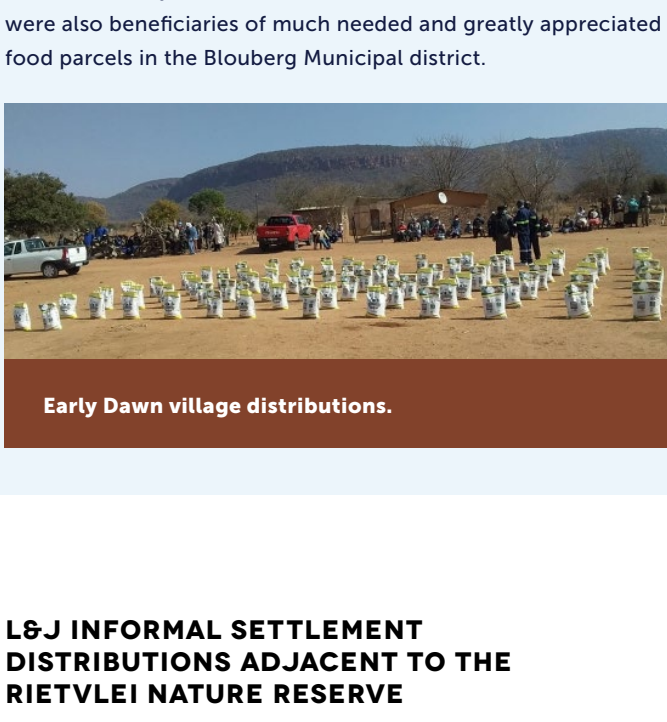
Our Board Chairman, Mr. Lesiba Masibe, arranged the purchase of food parcels and attended, personally, to the distribution of the parcels to 210 families, who are the land restitution beneficiaries, on the Morongoa Farm in the Waterberg District in Limpopo. It is expected that a lease, which is being currently negotiated, will, shortly be concluded and the prospective beneficiaries of Morongoa will become ERP partners. These land deals and partnerships with restituted land beneficiaries, facilitate the creation of safe havens for elephants and rhinos, enabling ERP to work closely with the beneficiaries in order to bring about meaningful socio-economic benefit through various community related initiatives in keeping with ERP's mission. The picture, alongside and below, depicts the representatives of the Moepel Farms in the Waterberg District.



Morongoa food parcel delivery.



The waste cooperative receiving their food parcels.



Early Dawn village distributions.

GAUTENG PROVINCE



L&J INFORMAL SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS ADJACENT TO THE RIETVLEI NATURE RESERVE

The L&J community borders Rietvlei Nature Reserve, where ERP is running various on-going conservation programmes, including the use of drones and ERP Rangers in an effort to effectively prevent poaching. Over the past three months, ERP has distributed food parcels to a total of 1,500 families in the L&J informal settlement.



KEKANA GARDENS/DINOKENG GAME RESERVE

The Dino-Beekeepers Cooperative, who have been supported and mentored by ERP in establishing a beekeeping business. Most recently, the cooperative moved their hives from Settlers, where the bees were pollinating using sunflower, to Dinokeng Game Reserve, an area rich in aloe. They have also been providing bee removal services within the community, housing these bees in their own hives.

GAUTENG PROVINCE



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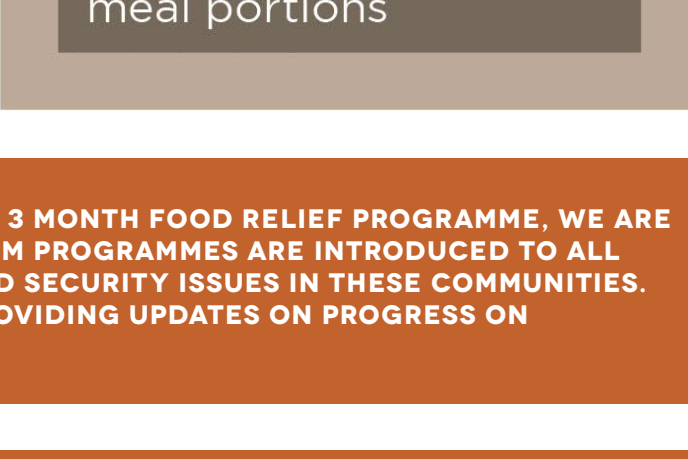
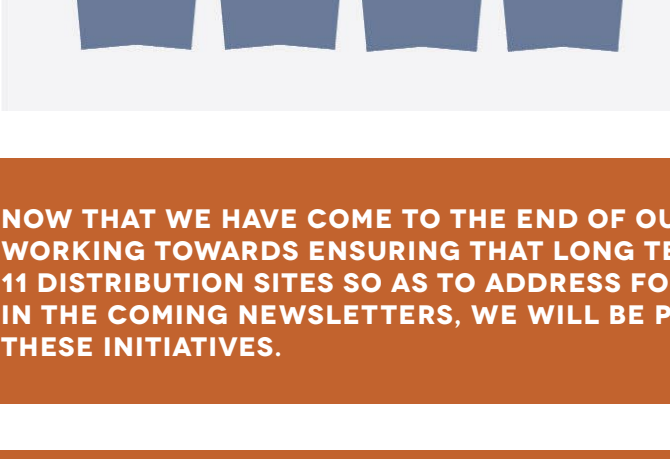
We distributed parcels to 550 families of the Barokologadi CPA. A recently concluded successful partnership agreement between the CPA and ERP was entered into after a lengthy period of frustrations and delays. It is anticipated that, going forward, ERP will, in terms of their mandate, assist the beneficiaries with a number of designated socio-economic interventions, based on needs assessments and prioritization of projects that will alleviate poverty in those areas.

SUMMARY: ERP EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF SCHEME STATISTICS

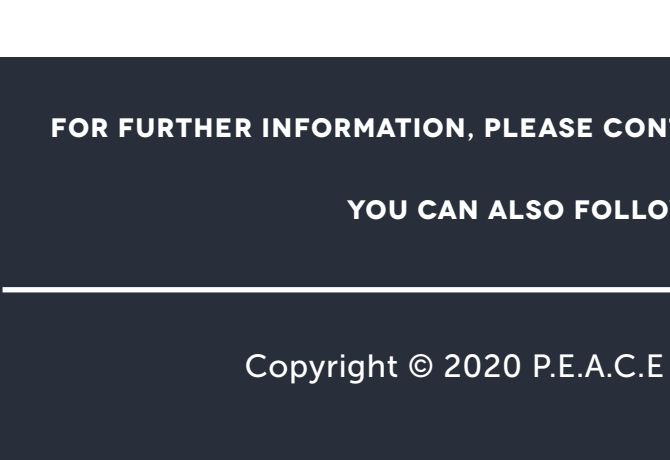
Background

ERP embarked on a 3 month emergency relief programme owing to the coronavirus related lockdown instituted in South Africa. This lockdown was to curb the spread of the virus, but however, came at a cost as most of our beneficiaries were left without income or adequate food to see them through this indefinite lockdown phase.

In total, 11 beneficiary communities were identified for this feeding scheme. These sites were all from communities where ERP is either leasing land, is about to lease land, or adjacent to game reserves where we are protecting wildlife through various technological interventions.



NOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF OUR 3 MONTH FOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME, WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS ENSURING THAT LONG TERM PROGRAMMES ARE INTRODUCED TO ALL 11 DISTRIBUTION SITES SO AS TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY ISSUES IN THESE COMMUNITIES. IN THE COMING NEWSLETTERS, WE WILL BE PROVIDING UPDATES ON PROGRESS ON THESE INITIATIVES.



ERP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

We anticipate engaging with our ambassador, Clement Maosa in a number of our initiatives so that he becomes a powerful voice in promoting our mission within the communities we work in.

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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