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P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust Annual Report, 2019-20

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This document is a departure from the format of previous P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust annual reports, in that it is largely a digest of highlights from our monthly newsletters, during the reporting period. That said, it includes our usual Director's and Chairman's reports.

The reporting covers both P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust work in its own capacity, as well as in its role as the poverty-alleviation arm of Elephants, Rhinos & People ('ERP'), the groupelephant.com in-house NGO. groupelephant.com is the lead funder of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust's overheads and projects.

Should you require more detail on any of the showcased interventions, please contact me at nora@peacefoundation.org.za.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Tager'.

Nora Tager
Executive Director



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CELEBRATING 27 YEARS IN THE P.E.A.C.E FOUNDATION

CONSERVATION THROUGH POVERTY ALLEVIATION

We believe that empowering communities in rural Africa is essential to the preservation of Elephants and Rhinos and the cultural heritage of local People.

MISSION STATEMENT

“In the understanding that development means the development of people, it is the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation’s objective to provide disadvantaged communities with the necessary tools, skills and information to facilitate their own development, and, in so doing, improve their educational and socio-economic standards, ultimately, alleviating poverty.

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation’s amalgamation with ERP (Elephants, Rhinos and People), using the P.E.A.C.E. Model, has resulted in the broadening of the scope of our mission: “To protect and conserve Elephants and Rhinos in the wild, THROUGH THE ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY”.

The front cover of this report reflects the essence of the ERP Mission – preventing human/elephant conflict. This initiative prevents elephant invasions as a result of their inherent fear of bees, while providing economic opportunities for bordering communities.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As I write this report, we are still functioning under the Lockdown restrictions that government has imposed on the country in an effort to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus. Tragically, these restrictions have negatively affected an already ailing economy and brought a great deal of individual suffering as a result of job losses with many people in the most vulnerable communities unable to adequately feed themselves and their families.

The national Lockdown has highlighted the deplorable living conditions still being endured by a large portion of our population. These include lack of access to water, adequate sanitation and shocking living conditions that are not conducive to the creation of healthy, safe and economically strong communities.

As we go into our 27th year of operation in the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust, we plan to continue to utilise the longstanding P.E.A.C.E. Model, benefitting from innovative new technologies, with a focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its impact on the various sectors in which we operate. This applies particularly to the fields of Education, Conservation and Agriculture.

We continue to work with our committed team of staff, who work collaboratively, with the support of our implementation partner, Arthur Wade Anderson (Got-Game), to ensure excellent standards and accountability within all sectors of the P.E.A.C.E. Model that reflect our scope of work.

EPI-USE recently appointed a new Managing Director for ERP, Esté Smith, and we look forward to working collaboratively with her in the future.

With the technical, financial and strategic support that we continue to receive from the EPI-USE group of companies, we feel confident that the future of P.E.A.C.E., within ERP and the groupelephant.com consortium, will continue to expand our scope of our work within the geographic areas in which we currently operate, as well as further afield.

It has been a great privilege and comfort to know that in spite of the national Lockdown that has affected the funding of many NGOs, we continue to be supported by EPI-USE both locally and globally, ensuring that our monthly administrative costs are covered, and enabling us to work on projects and plan for the future with an assurance that 1% of their global income continues to support ERP initiatives.

After some years of legal battles, ERP have finally succeeded in acquiring a long lease agreement with the authorities for the Madikwe land, designated in partnership with the CPA (Community Property Association).

This was finally conceded by government authorities and the Madikwe project will now be able to be developed and marketed, with community beneficiaries reaping the benefit of all investments and proposed developments in keeping with ERP's strategies for conservation and poverty alleviation.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the generosity of our donors, and the support of our longstanding Board of Trustees, and staff, without whom none of our efforts would have been possible.

Taking into account the devastating impact that the recent Lockdown has had on remote rural communities, EPI-USE decided to make a positive contribution towards lightening the suffering and hunger being experienced in remote areas where ERP has been negotiating partnerships with local communities. To this end monthly food parcels have been provided to the most vulnerable individuals and families in beneficiary communities, over a period of three months. This initiative was launched on the 22nd of May, at the Rietvlei Municipal Reserve where ERP have been protecting a group of rhinos with drones and hi-tech cameras, supported by a manager and a team of regular ERP volunteer rangers who are staff members of EPI-USE.

The community living on the border of the Reserve live in dire circumstances and were overwhelmingly grateful for the assistance provided through food parcels.

More details will be provided on this intervention, and the community beneficiaries, in the body of the Newsletters, attached hereto. The feeding programme is planned to cover nine communities and provide almost a million meal portions over the three month period.

We are most grateful to Dr. Jonathan Beare and the Jim Banks Foundation for their generous contributions towards this initiative.

Nora Tager
Executive Director



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Without a doubt, a lot has happened for one term to perfectly capture it all. At an organisational level, we continued to build inhouse capacities and reach out to like-minded organisations in the private, public and civil society sectors because we are aware that it is through collaborative approaches that we can maximise the positive impact of our programmes. This year has continued to see us at the forefront of building bridges and relationships based on mutual understanding and shared respect.

Working with marginal communities at a grassroots level and experiencing first hand poverty and inequalities, we at the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust continued to learn that there should not be small steps and half measures in our contributions to addressing these challenges.

We have learned the impact that comes from honouring and amplifying the voices and experiences of the communities most directly affected by injustice and under development. We are delighted to be part of the ERP Group which supports the work we do.

This year has also experienced a massive interruption of our habits and normal way of life as a result of COVID-19. While everyone is understandably stunned at the new and oppressive nature of our situation, we at the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust are hopeful that everyone will join us in supporting a common cause for a common good. Without a doubt, the interruption of our normal way of life by the pandemic has indeed made visible the shortcomings in the lives of many South Africans and we hope that greater awareness of the plight of many people will result in a better quality of life for all.

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Lesiba Masibe
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

THE P.E.A.C.E. MODEL:

ERP's strategy and mission to protect elephants and rhinos through the alleviation of poverty, is facilitated through the application of the P.E.A.C.E. Model. Our recently formed partnership with Arthur Wade Anderson's company, 'Got-Game', provides us with an ideal implementing partner that has the ability to interpret and implement the various facets of delivery, in keeping with the overall requirements of the P.E.A.C.E. Model. Working with Got-Game in the educational space we are able to deliver tertiary education programmes online. These programmes are accessible locally in HUBs, so that young people are able to acquire a tertiary education, without having to leave their homes and travel long distances and having to find accommodation, under challenging circumstances. This has had a particularly positive impact on the implementation of learnerships for prospective interns who now have an opportunity, in spite of the national Lockdown, to access online tertiary learning courses.



An example of a HUB deployed through Got-Game

It is our intention to impact positively on the livelihoods and quality of life of our beneficiary communities, through the strategic implementation of the P.E.A.C.E. Model, scaling all offerings to size, resources and needs of our beneficiary communities. The core vehicle for the delivery of P.E.A.C.E. initiatives is a cooperative model, addressing all sectors of the economy, in keeping with the centralized, holistic components, essential to replicable and sustainable practices. The services and support mechanisms for second tier cooperatives are delivered through the facilities and support systems provided in a Community P.E.A.C.E. HUB. In order for cooperatives to be effective and successful enterprises they require access to second tier cooperative structures that deliver centralized financial management services along with bulk-buying and bulk-distribution of local products through centralized collective branding and marketing opportunities.

ANTI - POACHING - THE USE OF DRONES

Nokia has also been supportive of our ERP conservation initiatives. They have strategically deployed cameras in drones at some of our conservation properties, in particular in the Municipal Reserve in Rietvlei. The development and use of drone technology to prevent poaching is led by David Allen at EPI-USE providing yet another example of the advantage gained by our partnership with EPI-USE.

HUMAN/ELEPHANT CONFLICT - BEEHIVE FENCING

Beehive fencing is the quintessential example of the web and interdependence established through ERP between the wellbeing of animals in the wild, and the economic opportunities associated with this, which improve the lives of local people. As a solution to the incursion of elephants into community property, this initiative simultaneously provides local bordering communities with protection against invasion by elephants, and an assured income for the beneficiaries from the production of honey. The honey production is supported by agricultural initiatives which add to the livelihood of the community while providing additional forage for the bees, thereby increasing honey production.



Some of the ERP branded raw honey from our beehive projects

The Sekelekani Honey Bee Co-operative are members of the Gazini community in Northern Umhlabuyalingana near the Mozambique Border. They were affected by elephants crossing over from Mozambique in search of water and food, while walking their historical route in high drought season. This natural migration resulted in the destruction of subsistence crops on their route and instilled fear in the local community. ERP intervened with the proposed solution of Beehive fencing, previously well researched in Kenya, along with a strategically placed borehole on the Mozambique side of the border. The success of this project have been a result of the tireless efforts and skills of Portia Morudi who has continuously supported the cooperative in the training, production and marketing of the product. A second Beehive fencing project was successfully established on the border of the Dinokeng Game Reserve.



Sekelekani Cooperative members making their own beehives

The intention is to expand this initiative, throughout the Provinces of KZN and Limpopo, as an effective job creator with an assured income from reliable markets. This is a game-changer for poverty stricken rural communities in our country, in line with the ERP broader mission.

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

e'Pap at Ndumo

At Ndumo, over 400 orphans do not have access to welfare grants and are totally dependent on donations for access to food. The Ndumo Orphans committee, headed by Mr. Don Mthembu (retired school Principal), and Mr. Bheki Mthembu (school principal) manages and support these children with the assistance of field workers and caregivers. Thanks to the ongoing funding from EPI-USE America, these children have been provided with an ongoing supply of e'Pap (food and nutritional supplement) as well as support from the caregivers who provide the care that they so desperately need.



Some of the orphans at Ndumo



REPORT JUNE 2019

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MONTH

“ WHAT IS THE USE OF A HOUSE IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A TOLERABLE PLANET TO PUT IT ON. ”
- HENRY D. THOREAU



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY IN VAALWATER

Running under the theme of World Environment Day which was "Air Pollution" the Waterberg Welfare Society was among the stakeholders who embarked on a clean-up campaign followed by tree planting activity to mitigate climate change impacts on the local community.

NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

In light of national Environment Month, the Ntshabeleng Cooperative, with the guidance and support of Cosy Manoko, our Centre Manager, was featured on Beautiful News SA showing the impact this Cooperative has had on the Senwabarwana Community. Cosy has worked successfully with the cooperative for over 5 years.

We are currently organising a clean-up campaign with the Blouberg Municipality to mark Environmental month and we will report on it in July's newsletter.



Image of Cosy as shown on the Beautiful News SA Instagram page



WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION

For the month of June, the focus was on youth empowerment and community awareness. To this end, the radio station invited the Leseding Environmental Club to the radio to share their environmental stories and lessons with their peers. This was in addition to the clean-up campaign that was conducted in the Leseding Community which has been reported on earlier.



ERP HOSTS EMBRY RIDdle UNIVERSITY DELEGATION

Earlier in June, ERP hosted a delegation of five from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) who were in South Africa to explore our different projects and initiatives within the conservation and poverty alleviation space. The delegation conducted a practical tutorial on vertical agricultural techniques at the African School For Excellence (ASE).

They also visited the Tembisa Hub and observed the coding classes at the secondary school and then went on to the ERP Centre in Vaalwater where they visited the hospice and radio station. They then went on to spend some time in Blouberg where they visited the Makgabeng Caves and were hosted at the Makgabeng Lodge by Fortune Mabeba and guided into the Makgabeng Mountain and its numerous caves and Bushmen paintings by Jonas Tlouamma.



REPORT JULY 2019

CELEBRATING NELSON MANDELA MONTH THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS AND OTHER COMMUNITY-RELATED POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECTS



MANDELA DAY CODING AT VAALWATER

Thanks to our partners at Got-Game and Nokia (programme funders), we managed to host an hour of coding at the ERP Vaalwater (Waterberg Welfare Society – WWS) Centre as part of Nelson Mandela Day. 24 Learners from 3 local schools benefited from this programme on the day, where they were taught the basics of coding, and were introduced to the different ways in which coding can be applied to solve present-day problems. Our coding team also got an opportunity to talk about coding and ERP when interviewed at Waterberg Waves Radio Station, thereby reaching out to a wider Waterberg audience.

CODING CLASSES CONTINUE AT TEMBISA SCHOOL



Thanks to funding availed by Nokia, our weekly classes at Tembisa High School continue to introduce 30 Grade 10s to the world of technology through coding. This group forms part of ERP beneficiaries at Tembisa. Tembisa is the beneficiary community, owing to the conservation efforts by ERP in Rietvlei Game Reserve, a few kilometers away. Fulfilling the ERP mission – “Conserving Elephants and Rhinos, through the alleviation of Poverty.”



LAUNCH OF MATHU PROGRAMME AT TEMBISA SCHOOL

The last week of July saw us launching the second phase of the MathU programme, where 155 Grade 12 students from Tembisa Secondary School underwent orientation on how to use the Android phones preloaded with our Maths curriculum. The first phase was rolled out at Steve Biko Secondary School in Kekana Gardens, where 172 students benefited from our intervention. The MathU app is an educational device which functions as a 'tutor in your pocket' to assist learners with their maths and science marks and is yet another part of beneficitation for local communities, supporting nearby conservation efforts – ERP in action.

WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION OUTREACH PROGRAMME

As part of Mandela Day Celebration, Waterberg Waves Radio Station embarked on a cleaning activity around the Waterberg Biosphere and Welfare Society facilities. The local Community Works programme's beneficiaries were also able to assist in this cleanup. Additional activities on the day included career guidance provided to local learners and an environmental, educational and awareness drive that was conducted to benefit the local community members who joined in the Mandela Day celebrations.





PETCO SPONSORS NTSHABELENG COOPERATIVE

We are most grateful to PETCO (PET Recycling Company SA) for the recent sponsorship of 6 waste collection trolleys, 20 waste bulk bags, a vehicle, and on-site signage boards, all given to the Ntshabeleng Waste Management Cooperative in Limpopo. The much needed sponsorship will go a long way in helping the cooperative increase their waste collection activities, thereby helping them grow their business further.



WOMEN IN ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

The Waterberg Biosphere Reserve funded a women led garden and poultry project in Skoolpad village, Bakenberg. This garden will solve key challenges that the group were experiencing, which ended up limiting their production output.

LESEDING CONSERVATION CLUB-WATERBERG

This group consists of young environmental champions from Meetsetshehla High School exploring the green economy as ways to live in harmony with the environment while promoting sustainable development, thereby fulfilling the mandate of the UNESCO man and biosphere. The Waterberg Biosphere Reserve funded the school with seedlings and equipment for the school garden to fight food security in the community.



NOKIA "WE CODE" INITIATIVE

In partnership with Africa's Got-Game, we hosted the first of three coding sessions at the Nokia offices in August, where we are teaching Nokia staff members' children on how to create games, programmes and how to fly drones. In total, we will cover 17 modules, spread over three weekend sessions. This first session had a turn out of 24 participants of different ages, who all completed their tasks and showed steady progression. This initiative is funded by Nokia through its socio-economic development spend.



REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

CELEBRATING RHINO AND HERITAGE MONTH



VAALWATER ICT CENTRE

The Centre hosted a group of learners from Metsitshehla Secondary School for their school holidays, where they were trained on basic Microsoft PowerPoint Presentations. One of the exercises that the students were given involved coming up with a PowerPoint presentation of what they were going to study immediately after they have passed their matric. They then got an opportunity to showcase these presentations on the 27th of September 2019.



NDUMO E'PAP DELIVERY

Thanks again to EPI-USE America for their continued funding, we are once again able to feed the 400 Ndumo orphans with e'Pap for the next 3 months. The funding also supports the care givers who look after these orphans, often under very difficult circumstances.



ADDITIONAL CODING FUNDING FROM ACCENTURE

We are grateful to Accenture for the SED funding they availed to us, which we will utilise to deliver additional Tynker Coding Program modules to the Grade 10 learners at Tembisa Secondary School. The learners had already received basic coding classes, but the funding from Accenture assisted us to expose the learners to high-level coding modules.



RHINO DAY CELEBRATIONS AT VAALWATER

For World Rhino Day, Leticia and her team from Waterberg Welfare Society, an ERP funded and supported Centre, organised and attended an anti-poaching public speaking event held at Lapalala Wilderness School. 41 Learners from 21 schools in the Waterberg region participated in this event, where they debated on the social, political and economic impacts on rhino poaching in South Africa, with prizes being handed out to the most outstanding public debaters on the day. Follow up activities that included tasking students to design rhinos using recoverable waste materials were also organised.



Photo on the left: Winner of the public speaking event
Photo on Right: One of the artifacts made from recycled paper



REPORT OCTOBER 2019

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.



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.



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.



#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.



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.”



2019 HIGHLIGHTS



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 Rietvlei Game Reserve. This programme benefitted 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 managed to have an in the field practical experience of how ERP is using coding in conservation. Also present during this field trip was ERP Ambassador, Clement Maosa, who not only graced the occasion by his presence, but also got an opportunity to motivate the class on the importance of education and coding as a foundational skill. This coding class forms part of ERP's beneficiaries owing to our conservation efforts in Rietvlei Game Reserve, providing a nexus between poverty alleviation and conservation as underpinned by our mission.

Clement Maosa, our much valued Ambassador addressing the students during the site visit at Rietvlei Game Reserve



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 the 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.



MATHU ANDROID PROGRAMME

2019 also saw us launching the second phase of our MathU Maths and Science Android programme. This year, 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, Tracker for their generous funding which made this intervention possible, and to Will Burger for providing this life changing state of the art technical intervention, using AI, with regard to the teaching of Maths and Science.



#BIKES4ERP BLOUBERG

On the 26th of November, the #Bikes4ERP team and over 100 community members braved the rains that graced the Blouberg area to attend the bikes delivery event, which saw 50 students receive a bicycle each to assist with travelling to and from school. The 50 beneficiaries all come from three communities adjacent to the Blouberg Nature Reserve, where ERP will be rolling out various conservation strategies quite shortly. Here are a few images from this latest bicycle deployment.



CELEBRATING A NEW DAY AND NEW YEAR IN 2020



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.



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 through 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.

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 to 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.

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.



REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF LOVE



WORLD WETLAND DAY COMMEMORATION

Through representation from Letticia Mahlatji from Waterberg Welfare Society, an ERP funded and supported Centre, we attended and participated in proceedings commemorating World Wetland Day awareness in Vaalwater on the 28th of February. In total, five primary schools from each local Municipality, within the Waterberg District, in Limpopo Province, participated in the event, where they made presentations on the importance of wetlands. Various government and non-governmental organisations under the umbrella of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve participated in these programmes and a clean-up campaign had also been conducted as part of the day's events.



WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION

Letticia's radio programme, Hlago ya Africa, focused on wetlands in the month of February, in keeping with World Wetlands Day. Some of the topics discussed included facts on wetlands, their importance within an ecosystem and how best to protect them. This was over and above her ERP programme which showcased a variety of ERP interventions in both nature conservation and poverty alleviation.

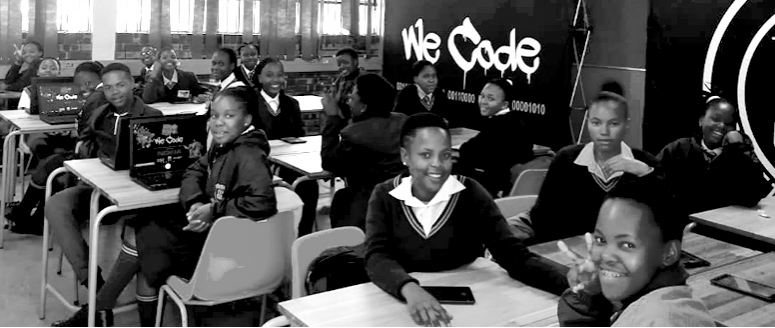
MABONENG IT LAB

Again, thanks to socio-economic development funding availed by Nokia, and in partnership with Africa's Got-Game, we have been able to fully develop an IT Lab in Maboneng, central Johannesburg. This lab will cater for, among other things, coding programmes, Virtual Reality training and other aspects linked to the 4th Industrial Revolution, and will be aimed at bridging the digital divide existing among youth from different backgrounds. Currently, we have a 12 month internship programme, funded by Nokia, supported by iLAB (a groupelephant.com company) and run through Forge Academy where 4 interns are undergoing End User Computing and Digital Marketing training courses, whilst also gaining hands on practical experience by working at our IT Lab.



NOKIA DONATES MARTY ROBOTS TO OUR PROGRAMMES

We are grateful to Nokia for donating 35 brand new Marty robots to be utilized in our WeCode programmes which we implement in partnership with Africa's Got-Game at Tembisa Secondary School and at African School for Excellence, where Nokia also donated a virtual reality container to us last year. Marty is a fully programmable, and customisable WiFi enabled walking robot which makes learning about robotics and coding easier. Introducing coding within beneficiary communities living adjacent to game reserves means that the youth can apply their technological skills in conservation and the fight against poaching. It is also in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 9, aimed at building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation through technological interventions.



REPORT MARCH 2020

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EDITION

“ WHEN A MAN IS DENIED THE RIGHT TO LIVE THE LIFE HE BELIEVES IN, HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME AN OUTLAW. – NELSON MANDELA ”

WATERBERG WAVES RADIO STATION



During the month of March, Waterberg Waves Radio Station covered a number of programmes, aimed at disseminating relevant information to the local Vaalwater community and its surrounds. Apart from the daily ERP programme, run by Letticia Mahlatji and aimed at educating the communities on the importance of striking a balance between conservation and poverty alleviation, the radio also had various shows relevant to nature and biodiversity, World Wildlife Day, Endangered species and various programmes focusing on the contentious COVID-19, and how this affects our daily lives. Waterberg Waves is an essential tool, integral to how, as ERP, we empower communities living adjacent to conservation spaces where we operate. Through disseminating information via the radio station, communities are better placed to make informed decisions on various aspects that affect both their wildlife conservation and the socio-economic aspects of their day to day activities.

E-LEARNING EDUCATIONAL PLATFORM

Through our strategic partnerships with a number of platforms we are able to offer affordable world class e-Learning programmes. The platform already has in excess of 800 courses catering for skills in IT, Business, Environmental and Conservation courses, along with Personal development etc. We use Internet technology to deliver a broad array of tertiary educational opportunities that enhance knowledge and performance and provide access to numerous career paths that would otherwise be inaccessible to youth in remote regions. Our e-Learning platforms provides learning opportunities through the following mediums:

- Virtual classrooms
- Chat
- Webinars
- Application sharing
- Structured, accredited courses

Access to an e-Learning platform enables youth to acquire tertiary qualifications on their doorsteps. An e-Learning platform provides youth with tertiary education without the traditional inhibitors such as financial constraints based on registration fees, travel costs and limited available accommodation at distant tertiary locations.



NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE



The plastic industry has been going through uncertainty over the past few months. In recent times, this has been exacerbated by the global health and economic crisis brought about by COVID-19 as consumers, governments and businesses alike have had to focus most of their efforts on combating this virus. These impacts have had dire consequences at a micro level, especially on SMME's and informal waste collectors who are involved in the waste management industry. Regardless of these difficult circumstances, Ntshabeleng Cooperative, based in Senwabarwana in the Blouberg area of Limpopo, continues to overcome some of these challenges, as they continue collecting and selling recycled waste materials to sustain their livelihoods. In addition, during the month of March, the cooperative managed to harvest all the crop in their garden and begun work on planting a new round of crops under the 'Food for waste' programme, aimed at promoting good health and a balanced diet among waste collectors. We express our gratitude to Lorraine Mabeba, and our long-standing Trustee, Fortune Mabeba, for their continued support and mentoring of this cooperative.

CODING AT TSAKANE USING MARTY ROBOTS

iLAB, a member of groupelephant.com and a leading global Software Quality Assurance company that has played a leading role in transferring technology skills in the South African economy has made a bold step to kick off a programme that will see 4IR skills being developed in townships and remote communities. Together with ERP Technology Partners, Nokia and our implementing partners at Got-Game and WeCode Academy, students in Grades 9 and 10 have been engaged in a STEM Robotics Programme conducted at the African School for Excellence. This programme is facilitated through the use of Marty, which is a fully programmable, WiFi-enabled walking robot that makes learning about programming, electronics, and mechanical engineering a fun and engaging process. Marty is customisable with 3D printed parts and has 9 individually controllable motors and built-in sensors including bump, tilt, acceleration and force. Students who complete the course will have the ability to enrol in a MICT Accredited Programme with advanced coding languages that include Python or Javascript in our online academy.



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CELEBRATING FREEDOM DAY

“ NO SINGLE PERSON CAN LIBERATE A COUNTRY. YOU CAN ONLY LIBERATE A COUNTRY IF YOU ACT AS A COLLECTIVE. – NELSON MANDELA ”



SEKELEKANI BEE KEEPING COOPERATIVE-GAZINI

We are pleased to report that the cooperative received the chilli plants, ready for planting their 2 hectares of land. They were unable to access a tractor to further clear and plough the land, but they were undeterred and carried on doing all the requisite preparation and planting, by hand. We commend the group on their hard work and dedication. This initiative is the pilot project being carried out with funding from ERP to assess the efficacy of Beehive Fencing to prevent human/elephant conflict. To date, the initiative has evidenced the success of this solution and we are looking forward to expanding the model throughout the northern parts of KwaZulu/Natal and elsewhere, where human/elephant conflict remains a challenge.



VAALWATER COVID-19 FEEDING SCHEME

Through ERP, we provided e'Pap portions during the COVID-19 Lockdown to distribute to families with unemployed breadwinners, in need of basic food, where the elderly and frail are particularly vulnerable, along with children who no longer receive the daily meal that was provided, now that the schools are closed. The e'Pap portions are distributed through the ERP funded Waterberg Welfare Society. To date, a total of 60,500kg of e'Pap have been distributed as breakfast meal portions, whilst over 175 prepared lunch meals have been provided. In addition, food parcels have been provided to 844 needy households spread over 3 villages in Vaalwater, made up largely of retrenched and unemployed farmworkers who have been left in dire circumstances. This food distribution exercise has been implemented in partnership with, Lapalala Wilderness School and the Department of Social Development, with funding provided from an application to the HCI Foundation (sponsored through ENCA).

NDUMO ORPHANS FEEDING SCHEME

Thanks to funding from ERP, we have once again been able to purchase and deliver e'Pap to the Ndumo orphans, whilst also supporting the caregivers responsible for distributing the e'Pap to these 400 vulnerable children.

This time we added in an additional 40 orphans, to the list of beneficiaries, living 30km from Ndumo. These 40 children have been supported, to date, in spite of many challenges, through the dedication and fundraising efforts of a local Councillor, Johnson Gwala. The caregivers took charge of the distribution of food, under challenging circumstances, considering the widespread location of these children, throughout the area.



Typical dwelling place for orphans and vulnerable children at Ndumo



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REPORT MAY 2020

CELEBRATING AFRICA MONTH

ERP EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

In response to the socio-economic devastation experienced by disadvantaged communities caused by the coronavirus related Lockdown, ERP is mobilizing a campaign to feed the hungry in communities living adjacent and within our land conservation projects. In May, ERP delivered 250,000 meals to 9 communities in Gauteng, Limpopo, KwaZulu Natal and the North West provinces. These beneficiary communities are all current or future conservation partners where ERP is leasing land or is about to lease land for conservation, ensuring that local communities, benefit directly from the conservation and protection of rhinos and elephants, with support from ERP. The feeding scheme is being coordinated to cover a period of three months, in which it is envisaged that beyond that point, we will be able to implement or expand on more sustainable interventions to promote food security in these communities – with a particular focus on agriculture and the production of honey through the establishment of Beehive fencing. This programme is in keeping with the EPI-USE business model which i.e. goes 'Beyond Corporate Purpose' and provides 1% of its global revenue to support ERP initiatives, of which this feeding scheme is one such initiative. ERP uses the P.E.A.C.E. Model, through the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust to address rural poverty.



ERP volunteers offloading the food truck at L&J informal settlement, adjacent to Rietvlei Nature Reserve, where ERP is protecting wildlife using drone technology



Expectant recipients stand in line outside of Madibatlou Primary School where the parcels were distributed at L&J informal settlement

WATERBERG FARMS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Fifty of the beneficiaries of the Morongoa Farm, who live on and adjacent to the farm received food parcels distributed by Lesiba Masibe and his helpers. We are in the process of negotiating a land lease for this property in partnership with the beneficiaries, to establish a rhino and elephant sanctuary. Lesiba then proceeded, the following day to distribute 250 parcels to Moepel Farm's beneficiaries, located in six villages in the Waterberg. This was a marathon undertaking as the villages are far apart and accessibility is difficult, but much appreciation was shown by the recipients.



P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's Chairman, Mr Lesiba Masibe, distributing ERP Food Parcels at Morongoa Farm to the local beneficiaries



Distribution at Moepel farms villages

BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY MAKGABENG COMMUNITIES

Makgabeng Mountain

73 community members live in the small villages of Thabana Nhlana and New Jerusalem on the Makgabeng Heritage site where 600 caves with Bushman paintings are safeguarded and valued by the local community. It is hoped that in the near future ERP will fence off parts of the Mountain and establish a sanctuary for rhinos. The villagers are greatly in need of assistance and they were very pleased and appreciative to receive the food parcels.



Makgabeng distribution

Early Dawn Village (located at the foot of the Makgabeng Mountain).

Thanks to our Trustee, Fortune Mabebe for liaising with one of the members of the community, Jonas Tlouamma (a wellknown tour guide of the mountain), and assistance from Dr. Tlou Setumu, (the acclaimed author who hails from this village) who coordinated the beneficiaries, and delivered the parcels personally to the recipients. We provided 150 family food parcels for the entire village.



Early Dawn village distribution

NTSHABELENG WASTE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Cooperative, which was under Lockdown until the end of April managed to secure a new buyer for their plastics, which gave them a boost on their income and will make up for their losses experienced during the Lockdown. The Cooperative, together with 10 local waste collectors and the donkey cart owners, each received food parcels through the ERP emergency food relief programme. This initiative is being implemented in the Blouberg Municipal region, in Limpopo, where future beneficiary partners in land restitution initiatives within that Municipal area will receive food parcels, as well.



NORTH WEST PROVINCE

MADIKWE-BAROKOLOGADI COMMUNITIES

ERP has after many delays in receiving the necessary support documentation, been able to secure land in Madikwe, which is held in partnership with the community and finally a long lease has been approved. This recent partnership should result in very exciting conservation and community socio economic projects, going forward. We deliver food parcels to 500 beneficiary community members and their families, in Madikwe. The beneficiaries are spread over 5 villages, making this challenging task but much appreciated by the recipients.



MADIKWE-MOLATEDI VILLAGE

We managed to also distribute 50 parcels to the Molatedi communities adjoining the Barokologadi area.



The delivery truck being offloaded at Molatedi Village, for various distributions in to the beneficiaries who are spread over five villages

AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME



Clement Maosa

We want to express our very sincere appreciation to Clement Maosa, well known TV star and celebrity, and his business manager, Bonga Percy Vilakazi, for very graciously arranging for a short promotional video to be made – thanks to Got-Game for facilitating this effort – promoting ERP into Clement’s extraordinarily large social media following of 1.3 million followers on Instagram alone. By sharing our news on his social media platforms and promoting the work of ERP, we expect that we will tap into the interest of young people regarding the importance of poverty alleviation in the protection of our wildlife heritage for future generations. We are most grateful to Clement for his continued wholehearted and dedicated support of ERP and we congratulate him on the birth of his first child, a boy, earlier this year.

STAFF

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation staff, based in our head office in Johannesburg, as well as those members of staff and facilitators, driving our projects in far flung places. Without their commitment, loyalty and dedication to the work that they do on a daily basis, we would never have been able to make the impact that we have in the lives of our beneficiaries in rural South Africa.



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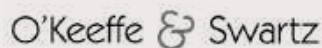


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With continued commitment, I believe that our ambitions will be carried forward for the next 27 years, and beyond.

A special word of thanks, also, to our Chairman, Lesiba Masibe, who has not only been supportive through his position of Chairman but also for the role he plays in driving ERP programmes throughout the Limpopo Province and, in particular, in the Madikwe Reserve in the North West Province, with a particular focus on developing community participation in prospective land partnership deals. As Chairman of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve and his with his extensive experience in both community facilitation and leadership, he has impacted meaningfully on all our potential and current partnerships with local communities in those regions.

FUNDERS AND PARTNERS



We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our donors and partners for their on-going support and donations. Continued support, over a period of many years, from the Victor Daitz Foundation in funding a portion of our administrative costs is always greatly appreciated. We are grateful to iLAB, a member of the EPI-USE group of companies, which has once again funded the establishment of additional IT training labs at the Vaalwater Centre, along with internet cafés, to provide the community with access to training and information. This has had a profoundly positive impact on the lives of young people in the vicinity.

We are most grateful to Nicolai Van Der Merwe and Gert Vermulen from the EPI-USE staff members whose tireless efforts have enabled us to provide bicycles to various schools in our projects throughout the year.

We were saddened by the loss of Chris Holcroft who generously donated 50 bicycles to the Manoko clan in the Blouberg area.

With the provision of much appreciated Nokia funding, to support the community and schools in Tembisa, Tsakane and Maboneng, in partnership with Got-Game, we have been able to provide state-of-the-art technology to these three communities.

Through the African Schools of Excellence (ASE), located in Tsakane we were in the process of piloting new high-tech innovations that we believe will impact positively on the lives of young people in this country, demonstrating among other initiatives, that agriculture can be a high-tech opportunity to drive an economy through tech-based agriculture. These initiatives have, regrettably, been suspended due to the closure of schools as a result of the Lockdown, but we look forward to a future where we will be able to pass these opportunities on to the learners, once more.

We are also grateful to Accenture for funding received for our coding programme at Tembisa, and The Body Shop, who funded our recycling project in Senwabarwana. The Ashoka network provides a valuable group of partners, globally.



CONCLUSION

We conclude this report with a quote from Nelson Mandela, who said: “Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that generation. Let your greatness blossom!”. We remain committed to the pursuit of this belief.



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