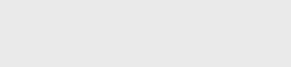


APPRECIATING ALL WOMEN, PARTICULARLY WOMEN IN P.E.A.C.E. DURING THIS WOMEN'S MONTH

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Phenomenal Woman

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms
The span of my hips.
The stride of my step.
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman.
That's me.

—Maya Angelou



THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO WOMEN WE HAVE WORKED WITH IN THE P.E.A.C.E. FOUNDATION, PAST AND PRESENT, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR WORK AND SUPPORT, WHICH HAS ENABLED US TO CARRY OUT OUR MISSION WITHIN THE FOUNDATION.



EDITH HLALELE

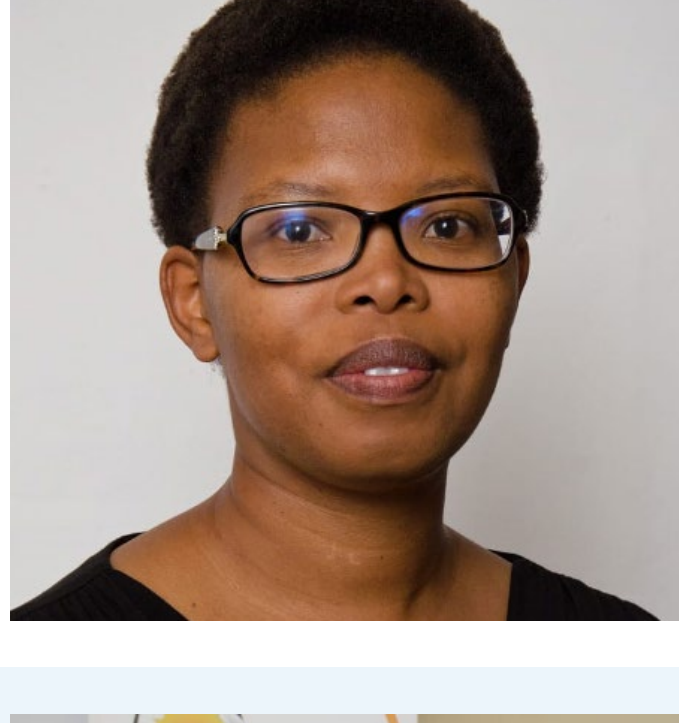
Edith Hlalele joined the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation back in 2006, as a young woman who knew little about community development. Being in possession of a Human Resource Management diploma from Technikon Witwatersrand and with her experience, having worked in retail and finance, she had to quickly learn about community development and what went into empowering and uplifting communities in the Non-profit environment. For Edith, it has been an exciting, empowering and fulfilling experience working for the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation.

"I aspire to continue working and growing in the field of development and to continue to positively impact on the lives of our people."



MALINDI KUNENE

Lindiwe Nqobile Kunene, popularly known as Malindi, is an academic at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She holds a Master's Degree in Commerce from UKZN and is currently reading for her PhD. Malindi's relationship with the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust started back in 2000 when she was a second-year undergraduate student and she volunteered to assist with admin at the Foundation's office, which, at the time, was on campus at the then University of Natal, Durban. She soon became conscientious on issues of poverty, development and rural community upliftment. This early awakening led her to her interest in research in the areas of development economic regeneration through entrepreneurship and SMME initiatives. She now serves on the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust at a strategic level as a member of the Board.



NONCEBA LUSHABA

With a background in community and youth development drawn from various experiences both in the community development sector and the criminal justice sector, Nonceba Lushaba has fulfilled a multiplicity of roles. She holds an Arts Degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Having started at the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation as an intern in 2000, she went on to be the project coordinator for the Foundation's projects in KwaZulu-Natal. She then left her full-time position in 2006 after which time she continued to work for the Foundation in a part-time capacity and then rejoined the Foundation, full time, in 2014 as a Board Member and assisted as a consultant to the Foundation, overseeing a number of projects in KZN. She resigned from the Foundation in 2019 to pursue other opportunities. We will always be appreciative of the important role that she played in the development of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's work in the field of holistic development of people through local economic development.



LETTICIA MAHLATJI

"I joined ERP in 2017 as an environmental officer responsible for environmental education awareness. I have always had a love for nature and making sure I educate those around me not to destroy our natural resources. Some years back during my varsity days a lecturer showed us a documentary on environmental protection and conservation (Happy Feet) and why it is important to conserve our biodiversity. That clip changed my life. In that one brief lecture, I transformed into someone who loved and cared about the earth. I guess no one had ever explained to me the destruction that mankind has been causing on the planet before. What inspires me as a woman is being part of a community where people are passionate about what they do. I am passionate about the work I do because I draw inspiration from those who work hard around me. I am grateful for all the opportunities that come my way daily, enabling me to be the best woman I can be."



LORRAINE MABEBA

Lorraine Mabeba is a therapeutic aromatherapist registered with The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa and a member of the Aromatherapy Association of South Africa. She is currently based in Senwabarwana, Limpopo, on a farm, where she lives with her family of five. She is a Permaculturist and an Educator, passionate about rural development, environmental conservation, recycling and sustainable living. She is currently involved in the establishment of a permaculture development project at Makgabeng Farm Lodge, with her husband, Fortune, (who serves on the board of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation Trust,) and is very supportive of all the development initiatives. Lorraine is responsible for initiating and developing the Permaculture Food for the Waste project at the Ntshabaleng Buy-Back Centre, pictured, below, and her support and creativity is greatly valued by all.



COSY MANOKO – CENTRE MANAGER

Cosy joined the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation in 2014 as a Centre Manager mandated to overlook the day to day operations of Ntshabaleng Waste Management Cooperative. A graduate of one of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's Microsoft End User Programmes, Cosy has been at the helm of ensuring the Cooperative's success from project inception. She is passionate about bringing about positive change in her community, and, over the years, has had her story showcased by Beautiful Stories as an inspirational person. Cosy draws her inspiration from knowing that each day is an opportunity to make a difference, and is proud to be making a positive impact on the environment she lives in through her work in the Buy-Back Centre.

"I am proud to work with this Cooperative, given their determination and tenacity on a daily basis."



NTSHABELENG WASTE COOPERATIVE

This group is an all-women constituted and led entity of six, based in Limpopo Province, operating their own recycling Buy-Back Centre, formed in 2009. The Cooperative is famed for its Donkeys-for-Development concept, where they make use of donkeys to collect waste in order to concentrate volumes at their recycling centre. In addition, they also run a Food for the Waste initiative, aimed at promoting good nutrition among waste collectors. Due to their location, the Cooperative act as a market for over 30 casual waste collectors who otherwise would have no markets to sell their collected waste.



PORTIA MURUDI

Portia has been working collaboratively with the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation for more than six years, overseeing the development of beekeeping and honey production initiatives that have grown into ERP's portfolio. In her own words:

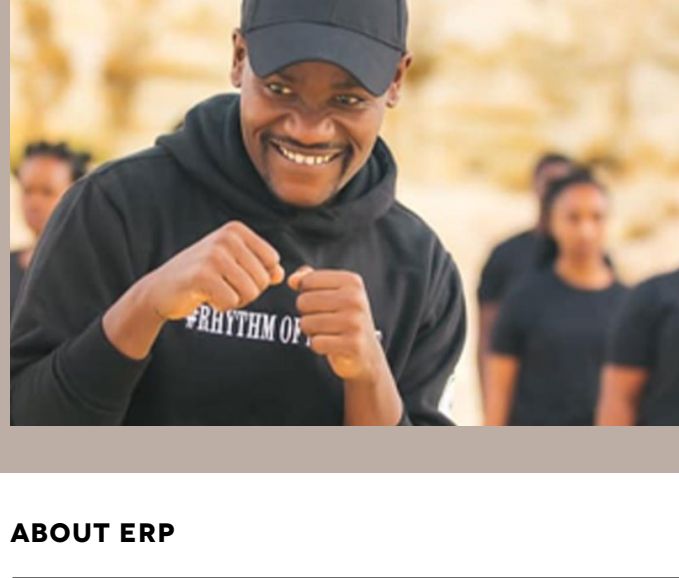
"I'm inspired by Africa's possibilities. I believe in the beauty that is our continent, our cultures, our diversity, our biodiversity and more so its people. Daily I'm motivated by the idea that through the work that we are doing together with ERP in nature conservation. I'm playing a part in creating an Africa I would love my children to inherit."

Portia believes that "sustainable development can't happen in silos, we all need to work together as humans, fauna and flora for an even better Africa."



SEKELEKANI COOPERATIVE

The Sekelekani bee project, a group of 16 women working diligently to improve their livelihoods and that of their community. Those women are an epitome of uncommon strength, love and commitment. For them, it is a labour of love. Over the years, the cooperative has been famed for their beehive fencing initiative which has successfully addressed the decades-long human-elephant conflict in Gazini. In addition, the cooperative runs an agricultural business which serves to not only provide forage for their bees, but also assists with income generation, particularly during the winter season when honey production is low.



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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