

Impendulo

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welcome...

To our valued clients

Welcome to our September issue of Impendulo, your guide to ED and SED projects that offer you scorecard points, qualifying beneficiaries and sustainable projects for your ED and SED spend.

Siyakha Consulting works on Enterprise Development and Rural Development Projects throughout South Africa, these projects are based in KwaZulu-Natal, The Free State and Western Cape. Each project requires assistance in a variety of ways and if you would like to get involved please contact me on 011 706 9006, or on email – cathy@siyakha.co.za.

Our Development Services team is the leading implementer of Enterprise Development solutions and Rural Development programmes across South Africa. From supplier development, to helping communities to feed, educate and sustain themselves, this on-the-ground team teaches communities to manage themselves and remains committed to making development happen.



Diyatalawa Farmers

Diyatalawa is a remotely situated village halfway between QwaQwa and Harrismith, inhabited by 33 families. Until two years ago, the families were deriving an income from the sale of milk from their dairy cattle. However, at present the community has no steady source of income due to having insufficient dairy cattle.

Siyakha Consulting has worked with this community to assess their needs, undertaken a socio-economic analysis to determine the issues that impede or may assist their progress and engage with the critical stakeholders to support this community.

The key stakeholders to this meeting met last in August and confirmed their support and assistance in working with the community to develop sustainability.

The meeting was attended by the following:

- Diyatalawa and Makhlokoe community members/beneficiaries
- Rural Development and Land Reform (provincial and national offices)
- Department of Corporative Governance, Traditional Affairs & Human Settlement
- Department of Agriculture
- NDA
- Nestle
- Leshokotjo Projects
- Siyakha Consulting
- IDT

The farmers need:

- healthy dairy cows;
- a milking shed;
- milking machines;
- feed grinder;
- feeding troughs;



If the facilities on the farm are increased as per the above, they will further need veterinary certificates for each cow and assistance in terms of business mentoring and transfer of skills to ensure the success of the farm. Nestle has agreed to purchase milk from the farm and to work with key supply chain partners to access further assistance and support.

Furthermore the opportunities for crop farming were identified with key opportunities in Wheat and Soya Beans. The purpose of this project is to grow the individual dairy farm businesses to facilitate the creation of new job opportunities. The goal is to create a stable and enriching work environment that is conducive to continuous improvement and fosters a sense of pride.

For more info on this Project contact Angela Raine on 011 706 9006 or email her at angela@siyakha.co.za

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The libraries are open to the whole community and provide a range of books in Zulu and English. We have raised funds for libraries to be built.

FLP staff members are part of a number of local, regional and national networks on development, literacy and early childhood development and have contributed to national research projects.

We are passionate about seeing families reading together: Masifunde Njengomdeni and making literacy a shared pleasure and a valuable skill.

To become involved in this project the Family Literacy Project is looking for assistance in terms of:

- Funding
- A vehicle for the use of the FLP staff members
- Donations of books
- Stationery

Family Literacy Project



The Family Literacy Project was set up in 2000 to help young rural children to learn to love reading and writing. Based on their years of experience the Family Literacy Project appreciates how important it is to strengthen the support that families provide in the development of early literacy skills. By working with families literacy in the home is strengthened and young children are stimulated at developmentally appropriate stages.

The programmes include working with adults, teenagers, primary school children and preschoolers and running brick and box libraries in 15 villages in the southern Drakensberg in KwaZulu Natal. Sessions are held in community halls, churches, schools, homes and community libraries support by the Family Literacy Project.

Other programmes involve savings clubs whereby women use their literacy and numeracy skills to save and generate an income for their families. In addition FLP runs holiday programmes which have been a great success. Activities include reading, listening to stories, drawing, making craft, and playing various games that build early learning and literacy skills, and encourage children to have fun.



For more information on the Family Literacy Project contact Cathy van der Zwan on 011 706 9006 or email her at cathy@siyakha.co.za

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This project can greatly benefit from the following:

Education: Many of the children do not have the funds to pay for their school fees or to participate in extra mural activities at school. Project Homestead tries to ensure that students don't have to worry about where the money is coming from or whether they'll have enough to continue with their education all the way to tertiary level. Donations towards school fees would greatly help the young people.

Life and Soft Skills training: It is important for young people to be able to handle their personal life and work life effectively. This important training teaches students some of the following: HIV/AIDS education; why it's best to stay away from drugs and alcohol; learning how to manage their time wisely (especially when the assignments and tests start); and work etiquette and good work ethics. We would also like to extend this programme to other young students as we believe all students would benefit from it. The cost of the course per student is R250.00

Food: Some of the young people that are part of the programme are from very poor families and are not able to afford good nutrition. We'd like to support them with meals that they can have at the centre and also starting homestead gardens in their homes.

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THE MANENBERG EARLY INTERVENTION PROJECT

The Homestead Projects for Street children is a non-profit organisation in Cape Town with an objective to help street children reconstruct their shattered lives, and to provide prevention and early intervention services to children and families in disadvantaged communities.

One of their projects is the Manenberg Early Intervention Project. In order to prevent children from going on the streets, an afternoon care programme is offered at a community centre in Manenberg, one of the communities on the Cape Flats characterized by gangsterism, unemployment and impoverished families struggling to make ends meet.

The rationale for its existence is to keep children off the street, provide them with stimulus, fun and a safe place to play. The staff work in the midst of gang violence and violent crime. Despite this, the Centre has grown and provides a much needed space to help in the positive growth and development of children at risk in the community. Inside the centre, the children are absorbed in the age old pouring of water from toy teacups, drawing and crafts, homework, puzzles and dominoes, blocks and toy houses.

The staff members visit the schools and clinics in the community in order to identify children at risk. School liaison is an important component of service delivery - early signs of drop-outs and emotional problems are picked up by teachers. Visits are paid to the parents and relatives of the children regularly - especially those not at school or struggling with their school work. Help with homework and school projects is always available, and teachers have commented on the improvement in school performance.

Parent Skills Training is provided in order to help parents struggling with behaviours they feel unable to control. Home visits also cover relationship problems within the family. Women living in poverty are identified for referral to the Job Creation Project.