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## OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION.

### Refurbished schools to improve learning

*By Nompilo Mchunu and Nomzamo Zondi: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal*

President Cyril Ramaphosa handed over three schools built under the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI) at a single ceremony at Enhlangeni Primary School in Klippoorts, Dannhauser Local Municipality in KwaZulu-Natal on 17 April 2019. ASIDI is a programme by the Department of Basic Education aimed at eradicating inappropriate and unsafe schools made of mud, asbestos and zinc.

The three schools namely; Enhlanhleni, Lembe and Ingweni Phaphama, located in Dannhauser, Utrecht, Vryheid under Amajuba and Zululand District municipalities respectively were previously made of mud and asbestos. However, through the private and public partnership with the Adopt-a-School-Foundation, they are now equipped with science laboratories, multimedia centres, fully resourced nutrition and dining centres, libraries, multimedia centres and ablution facilities. The partnership with Adopt-A-school Foundation was a response to the President's call for collaboration between government and civil society to realise the right of children to safety and dignity in educational facilities.

President Ramaphosa was accompanied by the Minister for Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier, Sihle Zikalala, MEC for Education, Mthandeni Dlungwana and Amajuba District leadership. The President emphasised the importance of quality basic education and government's commitment to



One of the new schools



The interior of one of the schools.



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invest in education. "It only through universal quality basic education that we can achieve a better life for all and be able to equip our children with the set of skills needed to navigate the demands and challenges of the 21st century. By handing over these three schools today, we are asserting the rights of all children to good education with appropriate structures, water, electricity and sanitation," he said.

Enhlanhleni School Principal, Nomthandazo Luthuli expressed her delight at the new facilities saying that they have improved learning and teaching.

"We have come a long way from using zinc structures to having a school of modern standards that meets optimum functionality levels. Teachers and learners now use digital devices such as smartboards during lessons, which means our learners are exposed to the digital world at an early age," said the principal.



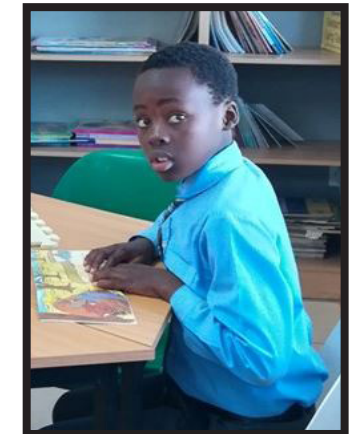
**Nombulelo Mkhwanazi said:**

"I am really excited about the school especially about the resources such as the library and the multipurpose centre, and it is no longer mud but paved."



**Thando Dlamini said:**

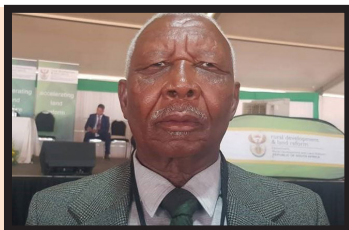
"I love the new school because it has a library and I enjoy reading. I also enjoy being at school a lot more now, as it is clean and the toilets are also clean."



**Landiwe Zwane said:**

"I am pleased with the service-delivery initiative that has brought us this state-of-the-art school by the President. I hope he will bring back more tablets and continue building more schools."





**Masego Leserwane said:**

"We were here to celebrate the return of the land that we lost in 1962 after our land was taken for mining purposes. This happened after the drought of 1952 whereby we moved to a place with a greener pasture for our livestock. Upon our return in 1962 we found the area fenced and told not to return to our land. We are happy that government has heeded our calls for the return of our land."



**Obakeng Mecwi said:**

"I am happy to be one of the beneficiaries of the land of our forefathers. We received only part of the land and I believe that we will still receive the rest at a later stage. We are going to use this land for livestock farming like our fathers did before they were removed."



**Tumelo Moreki said:**

"I was born in a farm in Wessels. We were relocated from Wessels to Lokaleng by the apartheid government. We lodged our application for our land and in 2014 we were told that the farmers who are occupying our land are refusing to vacate. In the meantime, we will only occupy Reris while government is still finding us an additional land."

## OUTCOME 7: VIBRANT, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES AND FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL.

### Restoration of land to communities

*By Charles Moeti: GCIS, Northern Cape*

Deputy President David Mabuza together with the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, presided over the land handover ceremony for settled land claims at Seeding Soccer Ground, Kuruman on 16 April 2019.

Addressing the communities of Seeding and Gamopedi, the Deputy President said that the event signifies the importance of land ownership for all South Africans, in the process affording dignity to the recipients.

"We do so as a fulfilment of our strategic objective of ensuring that our people enjoy their freedom in line with the dictates of the Freedom Charter that gave the basis of the Constitution of our country. It represents the founding values of our constitution where we, the people of South Africa, join together to recognise the injustices of our past; honour those who suffered for this just cause of freedom, the return of our land. It represents the fulfilment of our programme of radical economic transformation, which is underpinned by the restoration of the rights of our people to their land," Deputy President Mabuza highlighted.

"On this day, we have come here to make right what was wrong. We are here to numb their pain and to give back what is rightly theirs, so that they can move forward and build a different future for themselves and their future generations, in a truly free and democratic South Africa," continued the Deputy President.

Government also donated cattle, goats, sheep and tractors to enable the communities to make good use of the land to improve their lives.



**Deputy President David Mabuza and Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, giving title deeds to community representative.**



**Mthethwa Prince said:**

"The career expo at Exxaro assisted me a lot as I always heard people talking about the 4IR. I am happy and I am going to consider computer science as my field of study so that I become innovative."



**Morag Lisbeth said:**

"I thank Exxaro for the career expo and for presenting different opportunities within their mine. I am going to read and study hard to become a doctor. I learnt a lot and I am happy they even explained to us what the 4IR is."



**Klou Craig said:**

"I am happy to get this opportunity to attend this career expo. It will assist me as now I know what fields of study to take. I want to be an engineer and I am going to improve my Maths and Physical Science results."

## OUTCOME 4: DECENT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

### Career expo for school learners

By Livhuwani Todani: GCIS, Mpumalanga

In improving quality of education linked to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and skills development, the Exxaro Women in Mining partnered with the Department of Education, Emakhazeni Circuit, Student Development Agency and the Government Communication and Information System in conducting a career expo for Grade 8 and 9 learners where various careers available in Exxaro Coal Mine in Belfast were presented. The expo was held on 25 April 2019 at Exxaro Belfast Coal Mine in Emakhazeni Local Municipality, where learners from nine previously disadvantaged schools were in attendance.

During the career expo, Exxaro Human Resources Development Manager Clinton Sebastian, presented about the 4IR where he highlighted that the company was already digital and all their careers are linked to the 4IR. "We are going to provide free Wi-Fi around Emakhazeni and schools so that our learners are able to study towards 4IR," said Sebastian.

Various careers were presented and learners were advised on subjects that they can choose. They were also encouraged to read. Learners were taken through a tour at the mine and were exposed to robotic and drones used as part of the 4IR by the mine. The Head of Engineering Division, Maggie Sibiya, encouraged young girls to consider careers in mining as the industry was previously male dominated and they want young women who are creative and innovative to be part of the pioneers in Exxaro Mine.



Learners listening to presentations on various careers in the mining industry.



Learners during a tour at Belfast Exxaro Mine.





**Dorothy Makhetha said:**

“When the office was closed, we struggled as a community. We had to travel to Aliwal North, which was very expensive for us. Now we have the office back and things are moving faster than before.”



**Alfred Msebi said:**

“I am happy that I got my Smart ID card right on time to cast my vote in the elections. I had lost my previous one and was worried that it would take time to come back.”

**OUTCOME 13: A COMPREHENSIVE, RESPONSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM.**

**New Home Affairs office in Sterkspruit**

*By Lwando Helesi: GCIS, Eastern Cape*

Home Affairs Minister Siyabonga Cwele visited Sterkspruit on 17 April 2019 to officially open a new and modernised office in Senqu Local Municipality. He was accompanied by MEC for Public Works Pemmy Majodina and Senqu Municipality Mayor Nomvuyo Poselwa. The office offers the new Smart ID cards, passports, birth registration and other services. This intervention comes months after the community raised their concerns when Home Affairs offices were closed and moved from the Sterkspruit Thusong Service Centre.

In recent years, the Department of Home Affairs has been striving to improve the quality of services it delivers to citizens by investing in modern technology. The revamped offices, which boast advanced technologies, will assist in fast-tracking service delivery. Minister Cwele further led an Imbizo with the provincial and local leadership to engage citizens on service delivery. This offered community members an opportunity to share their dissatisfaction with some of the services rendered and also thanked government for the work it is doing to improve the lives of ordinary citizens.

Home Affairs extended its offices' working hours to allow citizens to collect their identity documents for the general elections.



**Minister Siyabonga Cwele, MEC Pemmy Majodina and Mayor Nomvuyo Poselwa opening the Home Affairs office in Sterkspruit.**



**Community members of Sterkspruit who attended the Imbizo.**