



XAKWA FOUNDATION

RISENGA COLLIERY

GOEBRAM PRIMARY. BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE 02 MAY 2023 REPORT



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1. ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report seeks to track and illustrate the impact of Risenga Colliery's Social Development and Social Labour Plan programmes through the implementation and guidance of The Xakwa Foundation Team. This forms part of the mine's commitment to annual impact assessment and transparent reporting to the mine and all other stakeholders including the DMRE.

Drawing on information gathered from participants of the mine's key programmes (CLO's, XAKWA FOUNDATION & Community Forums), this report outlines progress in terms of short term hunger alleviation, assistance in accessing clean drinkable water, Back To School necessities and other ongoing social related issues that plague the mine's directly affected communities on a daily basis.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Poverty is an undeniable reality in South Africa and impacts us all directly and indirectly. Some 27 million people live below the global poverty line in South Africa. Government grants are often the only means of survival for poor rural communities. However, the grants fall quite short of being able to cover the basic cost of nutritious food. Maize meal is a staple in poor communities due to its affordability, but it only covers a fraction of a person's nutritional needs. Desperate communities often turn to subsistence farming to bridge the nutritional divide, but a lack of agricultural know-how hampers their progress. The crisis is deepened even further by drought and ongoing climate change.

The Families assisted are from Welgemeend, Opgedehoop, Kaalplas (Kwa-Mgoshi), Vetekrans and Morgester. These communities are directly affected by mining activities and are not active participants in business opportunities the mine brings. These are the most vulnerable members of community, the sick, the elderly, the disabled and young children all facing poverty and have very little access to food, food outlets and clean water.

BENEFECIARIES



100 CHILDREN



100 SCHOOL UNIFORM



A NOTE FROM XAKWA FOUNDATION

Our reports cover the Mine's social responsibility progress, implementation, and level of commitment as contemplated in the mining charter. We report on SED and ESD projects for the mine on an ongoing basis through-out the mine's life span. As a responsible corporate citizen we advocate for impactful social, environmental and educational participation. XAKWA FOUNDATION creates positive social change through socio-economic empowerment of underprivileged communities around the mine's operational radius. The elderly, the disabled, school children from challenging backgrounds, orphans, registered NGO's and generally vulnerable members of society are our primary focus group and we are dedicated to assisting the mine in making a meaningful change, and strengthening relationships with its stakeholders.

This impact report documents Risenga Colliery's 2nd SDP initiative since the opening of the mine. Through our business case studies we were in a position to formally introduce Risenga Mine project to the mayor, LED Office, councillors, the department of Education, community leaders in Carolina and local schools.

The principal and teachers at Goebram were extremely supportive and equally ecstatic throughout the whole process of the drive. A teacher who lives in Komkraans was instrumental in pointing us to the families who most needed our assistance and alluded to how other mines and businesses do not commit to their promise of assistance.

Stakeholders in attendance at the Back To School drive were the CLO, the Xakwa Foundation Team, The Councillor who was attended on behalf of the mayor. The Carolina Department of Education Circuit manager the parents/guardians of the children, a mine representative from Risenga.

CHALLENGES AND FINANCIAL SHORTFALL

Two taxis were hired on the day of the uniform drive for the mothers of the kids who were to receive uniform. We organised drinks and other refreshments for everyone which we procured from a local general dealer and transported to the school. The school is in need of more assistance in the general maintenance of the facility. There's a lot more children that we can assist with uniform and groceries. The department of Education was very impressed however they did stress that uniform is a problem that they cannot solve and thus encouraged us to keep up the work.



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**THE DIRECTOR
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ATTENTION: MR ANTONIO SKELE

Dear Sir

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We would like to extend our profound appreciation for your generosity by donating the school uniform to the learners at Goebram primary school on the 02 May 2023.

As a Chief Albert Luthuli Circuit and Department of Education, we are thankful for your wonderful effort to support our learners who are from disadvantaged communities. Furthermore, your contribution will make a remarkable impact in the lives of the learners and they will gain the confidence to improve their performance at the school.

Therefore, as a circuit and the Department of Education, we are looking forward for good relationship and your kindness in future because when we work together we will achieve more.

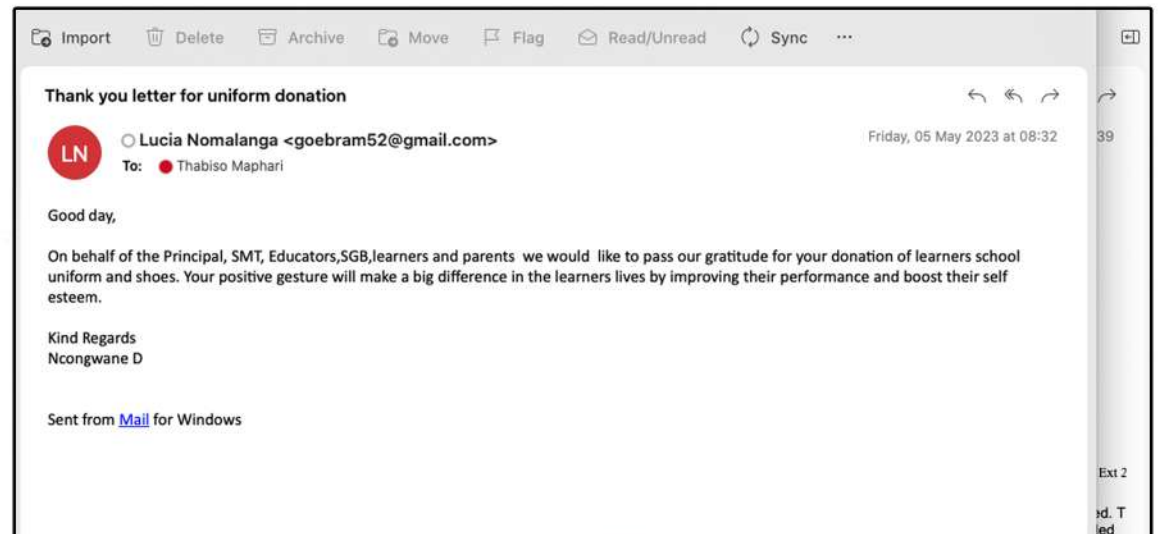
We hope your positive contribution will be extended to other schools in the area of your operation.

Kind regards


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