

»»» Q1 NEWSLETTER «««

BUILDING RESILIENT, SELF-RELIANT, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

May 2023



TOP HIGHLIGHTS!

We Have A New Home!

We are thrilled to share that we have new offices at 7 Kemp Street, Humansdorp!

Our new location serves as a hub for empowering and uplifting the local community, as we continue our mission in the local communities of the Kouga region.



We Updated Our Website!

Visit www.kwftrust.co.za to discover more about our initiatives, projects, and the positive impact we are making in our local communities.

Our family Has Grown!

3 amazing professionals have been recruited onto our team, as we gear for improved service delivery in our communities.



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A Note From The General Manager

As Q1 has come to an end, I want to reflect on our achievements and share our future vision. We've made tremendous strides in advancing our community development projects, striving for their successful completion and improving lives.

Recently, the Trust adopted a new vision, mission, and strategy through the collective wisdom of our esteemed trustees. This significant milestone was accomplished through a broad based consultative process. By harnessing the diverse perspectives and experiences, we've charted a course that aligns with our shared objectives.

Moving forward, we'll prioritize community development, guided by the Theory of Change model. This strategy says in its role as a catalyst, the Trust will focus on issues or systematic problems that stand in the way or prohibits our communities to become thriving, resilient, sustainable and empowered and the Trust will work collaboratively with others to achieve its vision and mission.

We've also set up the Trust's internal operations to ensure it becomes independent from the Project Company, and recruited a dynamic team with the necessary skills, values, and passion for community development.

The Trust has also made strides with its Digital Marketing efforts, launching an updated and more detailed website as well as establishing a social media presence which allows us to reach well over 10K people each month. These initiatives give us an opportunity to reach a wider and more diverse audience.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support, commitment, and belief in our mission. Your support and participation have shaped the positive change we strive for. Let's continue working together as we build thriving, resilient, sustainable and empowered communities.

Thank you!
Prince Matonsi

Meet Our New Team!



Nadia Mjwara
Community Liaison Coordinator

We're excited to have Nadia on board, and we're looking forward to working with her as we strengthen our relationships with the community members and stakeholders we serve and work with.



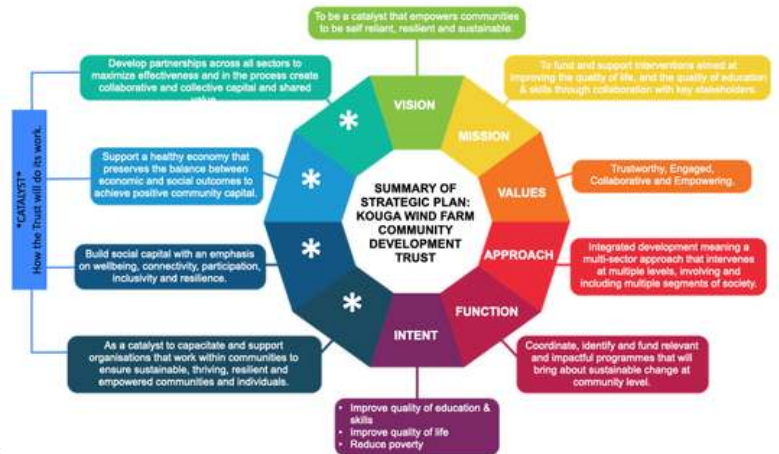
Chulumanco Mdingi
Projects Operations Officer

Chulumanco aspires to make a difference; he wants to contribute towards economic growth and social development by developing and implementing sound strategies, so we're really excited to have him join us.



Sesethu Mtotywa
Finance & Administrative Officer

Sesethu has experience in Finance and Accounting so we're excited to welcome her to the team! Her contributions will cement the Trust's accountability to its stakeholders, helping uphold its 'Trustworthy' value.





KWFCDT Invests R6.2m Towards Drought Mitigation in Kouga Municipality!

In a remarkable collaboration between the Kouga Windfarm Community Development Trust, the Kouga Local Municipality, and the Department of Basic Education – Kouga District, the Drought Mitigation Programme was launched. This multi-million-rand project is transforming the lives of learners and communities across kwaNomzamo, Kruisfontein, Arcadia, and Oysterbay-Umzamowethu.

The programme's goal is to save water and revitalise dilapidated ablution facilities in local schools, restoring dignity to our learners. The solution has already had a massive impact on water consumption levels, and the modern toilet facilities have breathed new life into these educational institutions.

This project is about more than infrastructure; it fosters growth, empowerment and access to basic services, which will result in improved and enhanced quality of life. Skills transfer and job creation have been critical throughout the implementation of this project, igniting hope and exciting economic possibilities for the local communities.

As Phase One concluded, the impact is undeniable. "This is exciting! The Trust has been on the ground delivering the much needed services to its beneficiaries," commented our Chairperson Dr. Motlalepule Nathane - Taulela when the Trust handed over the last toilets from this first phase at Lungiso High School!

Kruisfontein Primary School, St. Patrick's Primary School, Sandwater Primary School, and Lungiso High School are just the beginning. More schools will benefit as the programme continues, with each step bringing us closer to a future where clean water, improved sanitation, and a supportive community foster growth. Phase Two kickstarted in May 2023 to cover Humansdorp Senior Secondary, Graslaagte Primary School and Mzingisi Primary School.

Project Highlights



Empowering Education

Transforming Lives through Infrastructure Development in Zwelitsha, Sea Vista

We are thrilled to share that we successfully funded an ECD Infrastructure Development project at Makhulu's Daycare in Zwelitsha, Sea Vista. This project was implemented under our Education & Skills Development Strategic Pillar through which the Trust seeks to improve access, and quality of education.

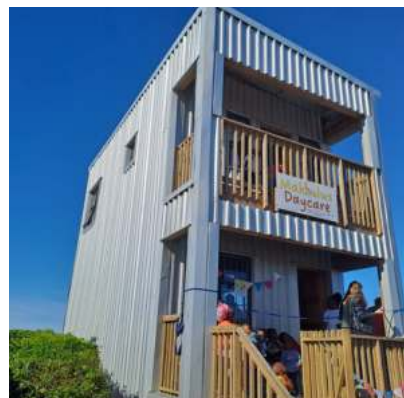


Makhulu's Daycare is located in the middle of the Zwelitsha informal settlement. Before this project, the centre's structure posed safety concerns for the 22 young learners it served.

However, thanks to the renovations done, the outdated and unsafe facility has been revitalized into a safe and conducive learning environment for the children. The learners now have access to a secure space where they can learn, grow, and thrive within an atmosphere that promotes their educational development.

We would like to express our appreciation for the collaborative partnership with the Centre for Early Childhood Development. Through our joint efforts, we have been able to maximize the positive impact of this project and contribute to the holistic development of these young learners.

As we reflect on the successful completion of this infrastructure development project, we are inspired to continue our efforts in transforming communities and uplifting lives. We remain dedicated to the vision of being a catalyst that empowers communities to be resilient, self-reliant, and sustainable.



Cultivating Entrepreneurship

and Economic Growth: KWFCDT Invests in Youth Skills Development

More exciting news! The KWFCDT is once again set to make a significant mark! During this quarter, the Sannah Training Institute hosted an induction for the highly anticipated 'Poultry Farming' and 'Food and Beverages' Learnership programmes.

These 12 month accredited programmes aim to address skills shortages and promote entrepreneurship in our local communities. This inspiring collaboration between the Trust, Sannah Training Institute, and Acrovox, is set to transform the lives of participants.



A total of 40 learners have embarked on this immersive and enriching experience throughout the year. They will be guided, mentored, and equipped with the essential skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the poultry farming and food and beverages sectors.

The impact is clear: 40 young individuals will emerge from these programmes, empowered and ready to make their mark on the world. It's a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Trust and its partners to empower youth and uplift communities.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to Ward 5 & 6 Councillor, Mr. Kholisile Nzelani, and Mrs. Nozuko Ntshota, for their invaluable presence at the programme's induction. Their support and engagement underline the collective dedication to empowering our young people and fostering a brighter future.

Through this investment, the Trust demonstrates its belief in the power of skills development to create positive sustainable change, thereby paving the way for economic growth and individual empowerment within the supported communities.



KWFCDT Creates Jobs

And Drives Economic Growth by Appointing Local SMEs to Complete a Paving and Skirting Project

At Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust, we are committed to the growth and success of local enterprises. As part of our ongoing efforts to accelerate and support the development of high-potential Emerging Micro Enterprises (EMEs) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), we are thrilled to announce the appointment of five (5) local SMEs for a significant paving and skirting project!



The paving and skirting is to be done around the thirty three (33) additional classrooms that were recently constructed by the Trust in eight local schools.

Our team conducted a briefing session with these five SMEs at our offices in Humansdorp. The agenda encompassed various important aspects of the project, including the technical details of the scope of work to be undertaken by these exceptional SMEs.

This session marked a crucial step forward in empowering Kouga-based small businesses to actively participate in local economic

activities, thereby creating the much-needed job opportunities. We are proud to announce that this project is expected to generate over 25 new jobs within the communities!

This appointment is a testament to our belief in the immense potential of local businesses and their crucial role in driving local and national economic growth and sustainability. By entrusting these projects to local SMEs, we aim to achieve several important outcomes.

Firstly, appointing local SMEs enhances the profitability, resilience, survival, and overall sustainability of these enterprises. Through providing opportunities for them to participate in significant infrastructure projects, we empower them to expand their capabilities, showcase their expertise, and enhance their financial standing. This, in turn, creates a more robust and thriving local business ecosystem.

Secondly, supporting local SMEs leads to increased business creation, job creation, and job protection within our communities. Through this project, the Trust is contributing towards the growth and stability of the local job market. This not only provides employment opportunities but also fosters a sense of pride, ownership, and dignity among community members.

Moreover, the impact of appointing local SMEs extends beyond immediate outcomes. It results in the accelerated development and growth of our local economy. By investing in and supporting these high-potential entities, we create a ripple effect that stimulates economic activity, encourages innovation, and attracts further investment. This leads to a stronger and more prosperous community for all.

Together, we are building a vibrant and prosperous community where local businesses thrive, job opportunities flourish, and economic development becomes a reality. This project will surely address some of the unemployment challenges, stimulate economic activity, and improve livelihoods for individuals and communities.

Join us in celebrating this important step towards a brighter future for our local economy!

PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS AS **CATALYSTS** **for Economic Empowerment** IN SOUTH AFRICA'S IPP SECTOR



South Africa's Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sector holds immense potential for economic growth and sustainable development. As the country shifts towards cleaner energy sources and seeks to address social inequalities, the role of Community Development Trusts (CDTs) in the IPP sector becomes increasingly vital.

These non-profit organizations such as ourselves, act as powerful catalysts for economic empowerment, driving inclusive growth, and creating pathways to resilient and self-sustainable communities. Community Development Trusts are shaping South Africa's IPP sector and transforming the lives of people in their local communities through the following ways, and more.

Empowering Communities through Local Participation:

CDTs play a critical role in facilitating local participation and ownership in IPP projects. Through collaboration, they ensure that communities have a stake in decision-making processes, revenue sharing, and job creation. This empowerment model not only promotes economic self-sufficiency but also fosters a sense of ownership and pride within communities.

Catalysing Socio-economic Development:

Beyond energy generation, CDTs leverage the resources generated by IPPs to drive socio-economic development. They invest in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and skills development programs tailored to the needs of the community. These initiatives uplift marginalised groups, stimulate entrepreneurship, and create sustainable livelihoods, thereby addressing systemic poverty and fostering prosperity.



Enhancing Education and Skills Development:

Education and skills development are fundamental to unlocking economic opportunities. CDTs collaborate with IPPs to establish scholarship programs, vocational training centers, and adult education initiatives. By equipping individuals with the necessary skills for the renewable energy sector and other emerging industries, CDTs enable community members to secure higher-paying jobs, reducing unemployment and fostering upward mobility.

Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Small Businesses:

CDTs recognize the potential of local entrepreneurs and small businesses to drive economic growth. They provide financial support, mentorship, and capacity-building programs to nurture entrepreneurial talent within communities. By facilitating access to capital, markets, and business networks, CDTs empower individuals to

establish and expand their enterprises, leading to job creation and sustainable economic opportunities. As South Africa's IPP sector continues to evolve, the active involvement of CDTs is crucial in ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy are equitably distributed, ultimately leading to a more prosperous and sustainable future for all.



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

KWFCDT RFP Q2/23

SPORTS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from [HERE](#). Enquiries can be directed to info@kwftrust.co.za. Please note that all previously submitted proposals that have not been formally approved are deemed to have lapsed due to time as well as changes made to funding criteria. Those that meet the new guidelines and criteria are encouraged to re-apply.

Service providers should contact the Trust to arrange for a briefing session, Ref: Specs

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