



kouga wind farm
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

»»» **Q2 NEWSLETTER** «««
**BUILDING RESILIENT, SELF-RELIANT,
AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**
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Get To Know

The KWFCDT Trustees!



Motlalepule Nathane - Taulela: Chairperson

Dr. Motlalepule Nathane - Taulela (PhD) is a qualified social worker and Lecturer in the department of Social Work at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

What inspired you to venture into social work and community development? I have always been aware of structural inequalities in most communities in South Africa. So, I pursued a career which will locate me in spaces where I will contribute to the development of communities.

What has been the biggest highlight from the Trust's recent work for you? I am passionate about education so the biggest highlight for me would have to be the handing over of additional classroom, science laboratory and ablution facilities.

You handle your career responsibilities and those of the Trust so well. How do you balance that? I handle my career responsibilities and those of the Trust through hard work, sacrifice and being intentional. My heart and passion is making a difference in the lives of those who cross my path. I balance everything through planning well in advance, asking for help from family member and always negotiating my schedule.



Thabisa Ncama: Community Trustee

Thabisa is the Independent Trustee in the KWFCDT board. She works as an Administrator at a school in KwaNomzamo, Humansdorp.

What inspired you to become a community trustee? The love I have for my community and it's development. I was born and bred here in Humansdorp and I have seen how members of the community have struggled without basic facilities and amenities.

As an elected trustee, what do you think is the most important pressing concerns of the community? Besides the services that the local government is providing. I would say the most pressing concerns would be proper housing, ablution facilities, resourcing schools with things like sports field, school halls, capacitating youth with skills such as computer literacy, trainings vocational skills such as bricklaying, electricity, mechanics, etc. That will go a long way in uplifting our communities and curbing crime and drug dependence.

Given your role in education, how do you believe the recent classrooms and labs projects will impact local communities? Classrooms will bring hope for better provision of education and higher pass rate results for our schools/institutions. No more overcrowding of classrooms in our schools. As for labs, learners will have an opportunity to practically study science and technology thereby giving them the chance to pursue their studies as doctors, scientists, engineers, lab technicians etc.



Shereen Sobokter: KWF Representative

Shereen was recently appointed as a Trustee representative of the KWF. Shereen is currently the KWF's Finance Manager.

How does your finance background help in your trustee role?

As trustees, our responsibilities include making sure the money or assets in the trust provides maximum benefits to our beneficiaries. Our beneficiaries, the local communities around the Kouga Wind Farm have various needs and challenges. With

my finance background I'm able to assist in ensuring the KWFCDT meet the needs of the beneficiaries in the best possible way, this include maximising income and spending constructively.

How do you ensure financial transparency in the Trust's activities?

Transparent and clear financial reporting is crucial as it assist in identifying mismanagement of funds and wasteful expenditure. Financial transparency is applied by the Trust in having detailed financial reports of on a quarterly basis, monitoring actual spend to budgets regularly and communicating the overall financial position of the Trust to its stakeholders.

What's one piece of advice you'd give to someone starting out in finance?

If you're a young leader or professional entering finance, there are heaps of lessons for you to learn outside the textbook rules and guidelines of the company you're going to work for. My piece of advice, "Welcome change to grow and thrive".

Q2 News And Highlights



Projects Handover Ceremony

The Trust hosted an exciting Handover Ceremony at Lungiso High School for recently completed projects. These projects include Additional Classrooms as well as fully equipped Science and Computer Labs which were all funded by the Trust!

A special thank you to all the esteemed guests who attended the event, bearing witness to the Trust's work in its commitment to its Education and Skills Development pillar. Special Mention goes to the Minister for Public Service and Administration, Ms Noxolo Kiviet. (Checkout the article in the Department's publication: "[The Public Servant](#)".)

KLM Inter Government Relations Forum

The Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust had the privilege of presenting the its 'Theory Of Change' strategy to the esteemed Kouga Local Municipality Inter Government Relations forum. The Trust's General Manager, Prince M. Matonsi, led the presentation, emphasising the importance of collaboration and partnerships to create sufficient social capital to tackle the existing community development issues.



KLM Drought Mitigation Project Handover

The Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust also held a handover ceremony for the KLM Drought Mitigation Project. The Trust committed R6.2m over two phases, retrofitting 301 toilets in 7 beneficiary community schools. A huge thank you goes out to the Trust's partners – the DoE, KLM, and Enviromoud. Your collective efforts are helping to empower a new generation and foster resilient, sustainable communities!

Minister Kiviet

Urges Humansdorp Communities to Protect Millions worth School Infrastructure Investments



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A partnership between Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust (KWFCDT), the provincial education department, the Kouga Municipality, communities, and schools has seen the inflow of school infrastructure investments in the communities where the Kouga Wind Farm alternative energy company operates. Through the KWFCDT, established in 2018, the private company has invested millions of rand in social and development projects to fulfill the licensing condition per government policies.

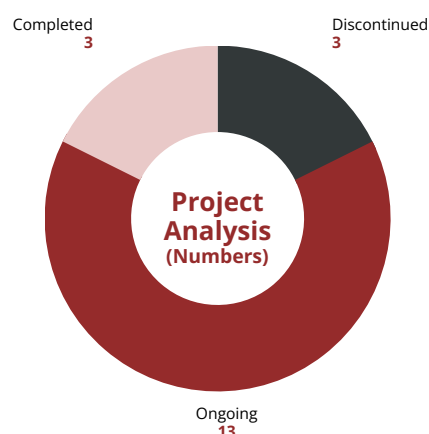
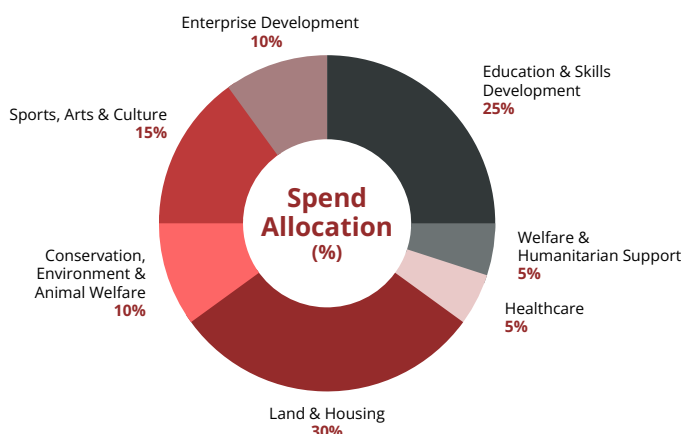
A few hours before the official launch, Minister Kiviet, provincial education officials, and other dignitaries were given a tour of schools that had benefited from various infrastructure projects supported by the KWF-CDT during the 2022 financial year. The projects range from providing additional classrooms to retrofitting ablution infrastructure to manage water resources and mitigate the drought that the region still experiences.

(By Dudley Moloi, read full article in "The Public Servant" publication.)

KWFCDT Project Funding

Allocation and Analysis

Founded by the investors of the Kouga Wind Farm, the Trust's purpose is to ensure the designated communities benefit meaningfully from this project by investing in various community development initiatives aligned with its goals. These initiatives fall in these seven areas.



Education and Skills Development



Poultry and Food & Beverages Learnerships

The Poultry Farming and Food and Beverages Learnership Programmes are ongoing, with classes being conducted at Sakhe Family Care in KwaNomzamo. The Trust's focus continues to be on capacitating the local youth and paving the way for a prosperous future.



Afterschool Programme Coding and Robotics

The Afterschool Programme was initiated, focusing on coding and robotics. 6 schools have committed to the programme, with the Trust ensuring infrastructure readiness by equipping 6 science labs and kitting 3 computer labs. 46 teachers will also be trained in science, robotics and coding.

Highlights and Impact



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Welfare and Humanitarian Support

The Trust partnered with Sakhe Family Care Development Centre for a Couples Enrichment Workshop. Strong couple relationships strengthen families and in turn, communities. Through interactive sessions and expert guidance, participants gained valuable tools to build resilient and thriving relationships.



Impact



Over 50 individuals from all four beneficiary communities were empowered to be resilient, supportive to their families and community, and were taught how to effectively communicate as couples.



KwaNomzamo HCBC

The Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust (KWFCDT) joined hands with KwaNomzamo Home Community Based Care. The NPO provides essential services like primary healthcare, HIV/AIDS and TB education, along with supporting elderly treatment dispensary and supplying cooked meals to beneficiaries.



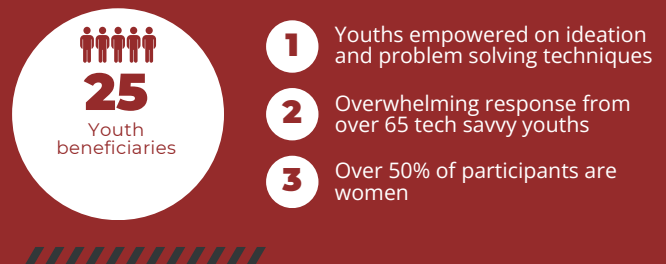
Propella Business Incubator

The Design Thinking & Hackathon Workshop/ Training initiative in collaboration with Propella Business Incubator commenced with raising awareness and inspiring the youth to apply. The Trust managed to identify suitable candidates for the Hackathon from local communities.

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Key Highlights and Impact



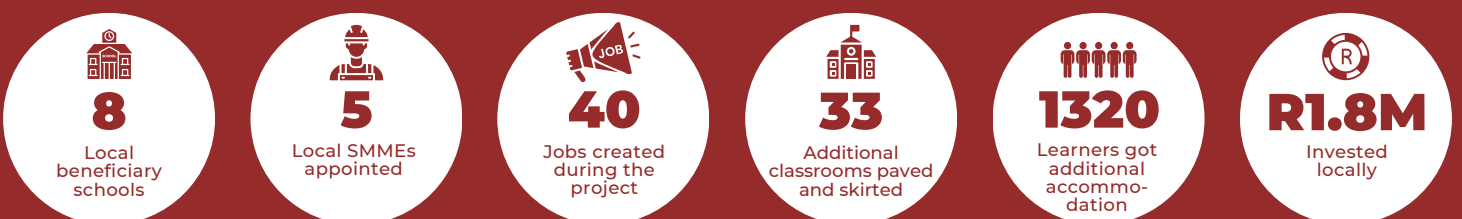
Land and Buildings

Additional Classrooms Skirting and Paving Project

The local SME's appointed in Q1 successfully completed paving and skirting around the thirty three (33) additional classrooms that were constructed by the Trust in eight local schools.



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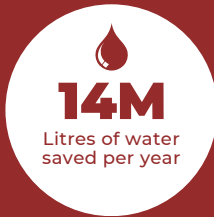
Conservation, Environment & Animal Welfare

KLM R3M Drought Mitigation Phase 2

The Drought Mitigation Programme is a multi-million-rand project is transforming the lives of learners and communities across kwaNomzamo, Kruisfontein, Arcadia, and Oysterbay-Umzamowethu. The project is in collaboration with the Kouga Local Municipality and the Department of Basic Education – Kouga District.



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Enterprise Development

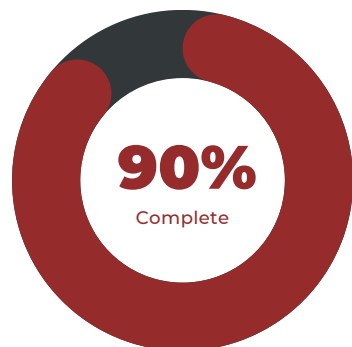
Wi - Fi Connectivity

The Trust is finalising the delivery of the project with 90% of the infrastructure implemented and deployed. Through this project, 200Mbps internet connectivity is being distributed across Kouga Wind Farm, Sea Vista, Oyster Bay (Umzamowethu and Kruisfontein).



Remote Work Training Programme

This project aims to equip 50 youths from the four beneficiary communities with skills in remote work software development. The training includes: facilitation in theoretical components, assessment and moderation across four accredited NQF courses and continuous mentorship and assessments with monthly progress reports



Key Highlights and Impact



18 Beneficiaries accessed remote work opportunities



Toilets Handover at Mzingisi Primary School, 17/7/2023

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