

kouga wind farm
Community Development Trust

»»» **Q3 NEWSLETTER** «««
**BUILDING RESILIENT, SELF-RELIANT,
AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**
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Q3 News And Highlights



2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust successfully hosted its Annual General Meeting. The Trust's Team and Board were honoured to provide the community and stakeholders with updates on the various completed and ongoing initiatives.

True to its core values, the AGM demonstrated the Trust's commitment to always being trustworthy, engaged, collaborative, and empowering. A huge thank you goes out to the esteemed guests who graced the occasion, sharing inspirations, testimonies, and their unwavering support for the Trust's work. The Trust is excited about its continuous growth and impactful collaborations for the betterment of the local communities!

KWFCDT Continues Strengthening Collaborative Partnerships

The Trust met with the Kouga District Manager, DOE to discuss various partnership interventions. Over the past three years, the Trust has proudly invested over R22 million in the Department of Education, Kouga District.

Working collaboratively with others is very important for the Trust in achieving its vision and mission. And, as part of its strategy, the Trust will continue to develop partnerships such as this one across all sectors so as to maximise effectiveness. It's true that we are stronger together.



Over 3,500 Learners Embrace STEM Skills

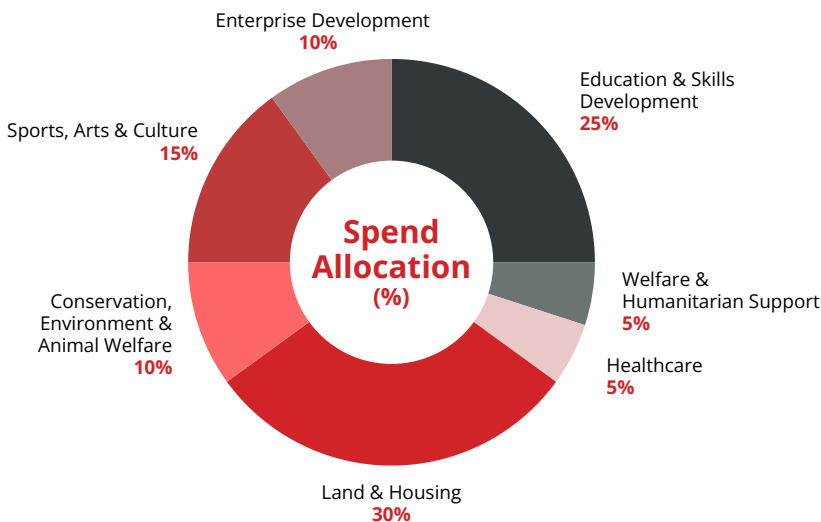
Thanks to the KWFCDT's Afterschool Programme, science lab-based practicals, as well as coding and robotics tutorials, are on-going at Kruisfontein, Graslaagte, St Patrick's, and Sea Vista Primary Schools!

Now, over 3,500 students can explore cool stuff in these 3 Computer Labs, and 6 Science Labs funded by the Trust. 2 local youth were also capacitated as facilitators for the programme.

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.



Testimonials

From Our Community

BANTWINI MATIKA

On the Umzamowethu Retrofit Project

Great work to address local challenges using local unemployed and unskilled members of the community and transforming them into well skilled labor force for its own income-generating activities. Like it very much keep going.

TINA EKERMANS

On the Afterschool Programme

Thank you for investing in our children, KWF Community Development Trust! This is such an amazing investment into the digital skills and future of our kids!

REANA ROSSOUW

On the Afterschool Programme

Well done! And congratulations on a brilliant initiative! May it bring much joy to the wonderful young people in the Eastern Cape!

SAMANTHA HARPUR

On the ECD Nutrition Programme

An incredible initiative, well done The Lunchbox Fund and KWF Community Development Trust. A nutritionally balanced diet and support will help these beautiful children develop to their full potential.

NDUMI VOLONTIYA

On the Umzamowethu Retrofit Project

This is beautiful. I was personally there to witness the joy on the faces of everybody benefiting . The atmosphere is of hope for better days keep up the brilliant work KWF Community Development Trust.

XOLANI PONGWANA

On the Umzamowethu Retrofit Project

Great initiative guys....giving back to the community is most rewarding.

Education and Skills Development



Poultry Farming Learnership Programme

The Trust took another significant step with the Poultry Farming Learnership Programme, by providing essential PPE to 20 learners moving onto the practical phase.

All 20 learners had successfully completed the theoretical elements, and were taken up by farms around the Kouga area for real-world farming experience.

Highlights and Impact



Additional Classrooms Serving Dual Purpose

The 33 additional classrooms built in 8 local schools continue to fill the Trust with pride and gratitude. These classrooms make learning better by reducing overcrowding. But the impact doesn't stop there, some of the classrooms are also being used by the Trust as hubs for engagement and connection with the rest of the community members.

At schools like Sandwater Primary, the Trust and members of the community gather to collectively discuss, plan, and uplift the community.



Welfare and Humanitarian Support

ECD Nutrition Programme

The Trust supported The Lunchbox Fund to launch an ECD Nutrition Programme. Through the initiative, 24 ECD centres are receiving nutritious meals for their young learners.

Additionally, the programme created 24 jobs through local Food Mamas who are providing additional support to the centres. This means the dedicated principals and teachers can give 100% to teaching and fostering bright young minds.

The programme perfectly aligns with the Trust's Welfare and Humanitarian Development pillar which seeks to create thriving, resilient, empowered, and sustainable communities. In turn leading to reduced poverty and hunger, and increased health and well being.



Highlights and Impact



KwaNomzamo HCBC

A safe and secure medication storage facility valued at over R50k was donated by the Trust to KwaNomzamo Home Community Based Care. This local NPO is now a key pickup point for the Central Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) programme as it has been pre-approved by the DoE.

The facility will ease the queues at KwaNomzamo Clinic, improving access to chronic medication and enhancing primary healthcare services. 350 patients will benefit from the convenient pickup. 20 beneficiaries are also being supported with nutritional supplements and disposal nappies, and 20 elderly community members were gifted with blankets.



The initiative is a shining example of the Trust's commitment to Welfare and Humanitarian Development. It aligns perfectly with the goal to create thriving, resilient, empowered, and sustainable communities, as they lead to reduced poverty and hunger, and increased health and well-being.

Highlights and Impact



Healthcare

Development

Umzamowethu Retrofit Project

In alignment with the commitment to "Charity Begins at Home," KWFCDT is proudly supporting the growth of 6 local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by providing essential construction Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and equipment. This ensures that businesses comply with Health and Safety regulations while equipping them with fundamental construction tools.

Furthermore, the Trust has contracted these six local SMEs to spearhead Phase 1 of the transformative Umzamowethu House Retrofit Project! The project will renovate homes, address critical environmental and living conditions, empower individuals, and restore human dignity where it's needed most; at home.

The recently launched Phase 1 of the project will renovate 12 houses. Phase 2 which will commence in January 2024 will see an additional 87 houses retrofitted, bringing the total to 99!



Highlights and Impact



Enterprise

Development

Wi-Fi Connectivity

The Wi-Fi backbone platform is now in operation and has been handed over by the infrastructure engineers to the newly appointed Operate and Maintain service provider. The Operate and Maintain service provider will ensure the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Wi-Fi infrastructure, including hardware and software components.

This forms part of the KWFCDT's objective to provide free Wi-Fi connectivity for its beneficiary communities, and the expected performance of the network is ranked at 10 Mbps download speed and 4 Mbps upload speed.



Community Engagement



Local Networking and Data Gathering

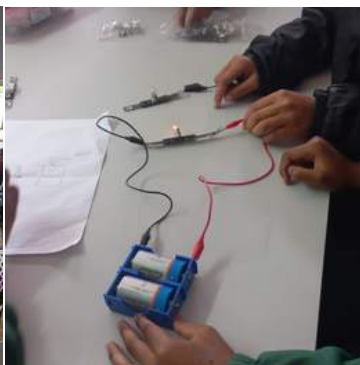
In an effort to strengthen community ties, the Trust successfully hosted a Networking and Data Gathering Session with various Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) operating within its beneficiary communities.

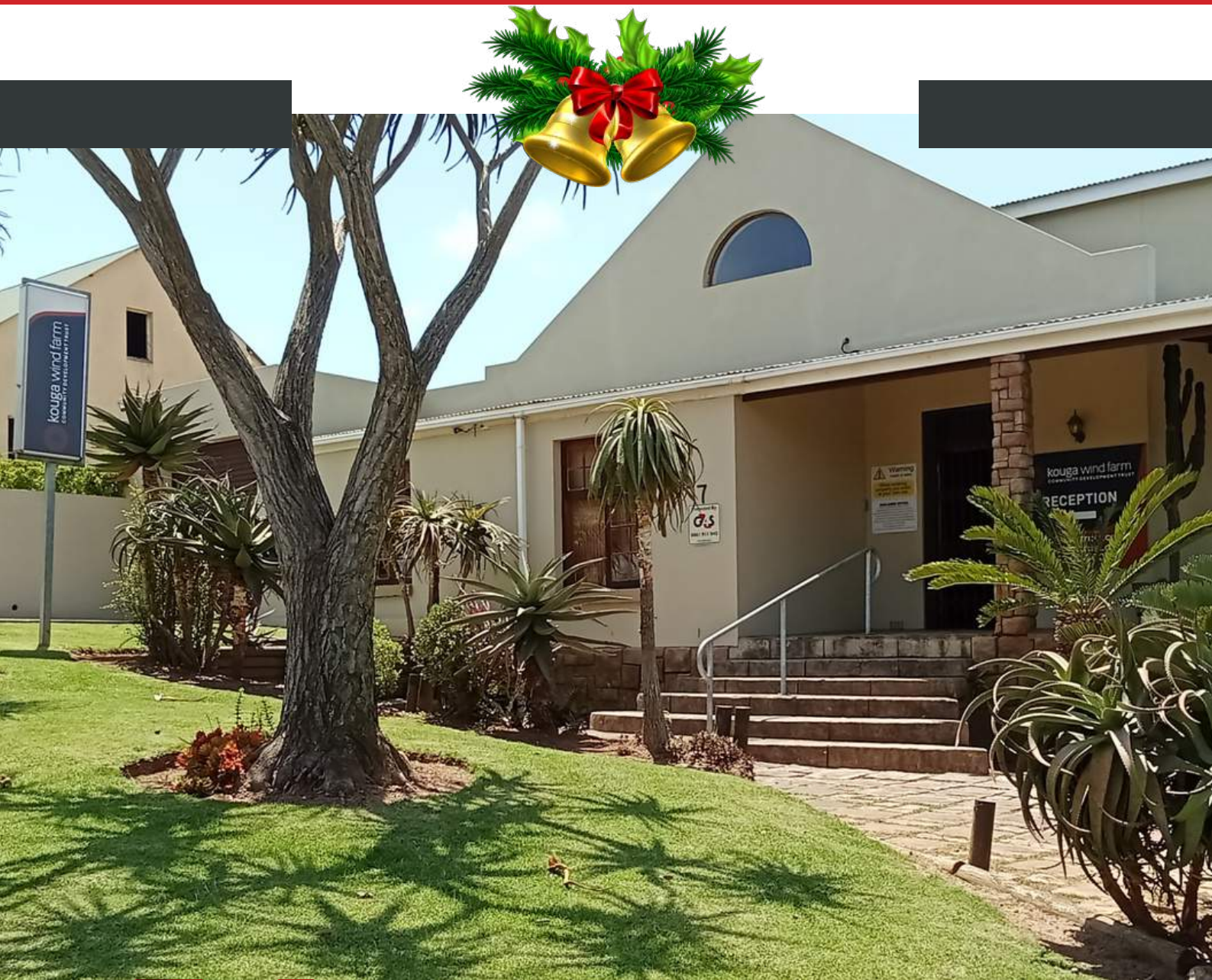
The primary aim was to better understand the various initiatives these organizations are implementing. By identifying gaps and potential areas for capacitation, the Trust can enhance collaboration and support these crucial pillars of community upliftment.

This session marked a significant step in fostering stronger relationships and collaborative efforts for the betterment of our communities.



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Season's Greetings

Celebrating Together This Holiday Season

As another year draws to a close, we at the Kouga Wind Farm Community Development Trust extend our warmest holiday greetings to each and every one of you. This season, we reflect on the achievements we've shared and the challenges we've overcome together.

May this festive period bring joy, peace, and rejuvenation to you and your loved ones. Let's embrace the spirit of togetherness and look forward to a new year filled with hope, growth, and continued collaboration.

Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!

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