

Mafikeng Revitalisation Project

The Mafikeng Revitalisation Project was implemented in November 2011 to 31 March 2012. The project was initiated by the North West Province supported by the Department of Public works. The project aim was to create work activities where large numbers of beneficiaries can participate to clean Mafikeng. The focused village sites where the 400 beneficiaries were deployed are: Lekaleng, Top Village, Lonely Park, Extension 38, Extension 39, Setlhopo, Motlhabeng and Montshiwa.

400 beneficiaries were contracted under the Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) called the Killer Disease Targeter (KDT). The 400 beneficiaries' brief was to assist communities in cleaning sites, working with orphans and vulnerable children, assisting people with disabilities on health care support, maintenance of school and traditional authority premises and gardens. Through the work done by Killer Disease Targeter NPO the Mafikeng Revitalisation project has enabled the organisation to diversify its service scope and stakeholder support network. The NPO was able to also receive support from the Mafikeng Community Development Lekgotla which is a collaboration forum of sector stakeholders in the province. The Community Development Lekgotla uses the human capacity of NPOs to implement activities and projects that are often left unresolved in communities because of a lack of human resources to assist with implementation.



Thutong Primary school water pipe leaking before



Thutong Primary school securing fixed water pipes after

Since inception of the programme in 2011/12 financial year the beneficiaries have:

- Assisted 4 children from Pomfret living alone at Extension 39 to return to school and located their father.
- 132 orphans and vulnerable children were taken care off.
- 21 people with disabilities took part in the programme and produced 146 artefacts made from cardboard boxes and plastics.
- 281 children in communities were supported through life skills workshops.
- 53 gardens in schools and traditional authorities were maintained.
- 24 gardens in schools and 14 in old age homes, Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres and clinics were created.
- 8 community Kraals (kgotla) and 2 halls were cleaned.



Top Village before clearing



During the Clearing at Top Village

Killer Disease Targeter (KDT) as they are fondly known in the community held a certification ceremony on the 26 March 2012 for their 300 original beneficiaries contracted in the Non-State Sector Programme and the additional 400 beneficiaries who worked on the Mafikeng revitalisation programme. At the ceremony Mr Pakiso Mohloua (back row 2nd from left) a supervisor of beneficiaries at Lonely Park shared his testimony on how the programme has enabled him to have a bank



Digatlamela Masisi Cooperative

account and to buy his very first Blackberry phone. He spoke about how the phone has enabled him to be a social networker who now knows how to use cell phone banking to manage his funds and chat via Blackberry Messenger (BBM).

The most inspiring part of his testimonial is when he presented that his team was able to formalise the beneficiaries into a community development project called DigatIhamela Masisi Cooperative. The cooperative has already begun working with the Department of Agriculture on a gardening project and has also received sponsorships for lunches for the team from the local Pick n Pay in The Crossing Mall.

At the end of the ceremony on the 26th March 2012 the team was jubilant sharing experiences of what receiving a wage meant to them. Ms Beauty Mboe and Ms Sarah Motsatsing both 22 years of age expressed the following with regards to how the wage subsidy has helped them.

Sarah Motsatsing from Lonely Park (Mafikeng) – “The project started just at the right time in December; with my first pay check I was able to buy my siblings Christmas Clothes”

Beauty Mboe from Lonely Park (Mafikeng) – “With my first pay check I was able to surprise my mother on her 48th birthday; I bought her a sofa and a TV stand!”



Sarah and Beauty at the ceremony

Ms Veronica Motlogeloa the Chief Coordinator of KDT went on to thank the Department of Public Works, Independent Development Trust and sector stakeholders for their support and direction in ensuring the success of the project.



KDT Staff, stakeholders and supervisors at the certification ceremony.