

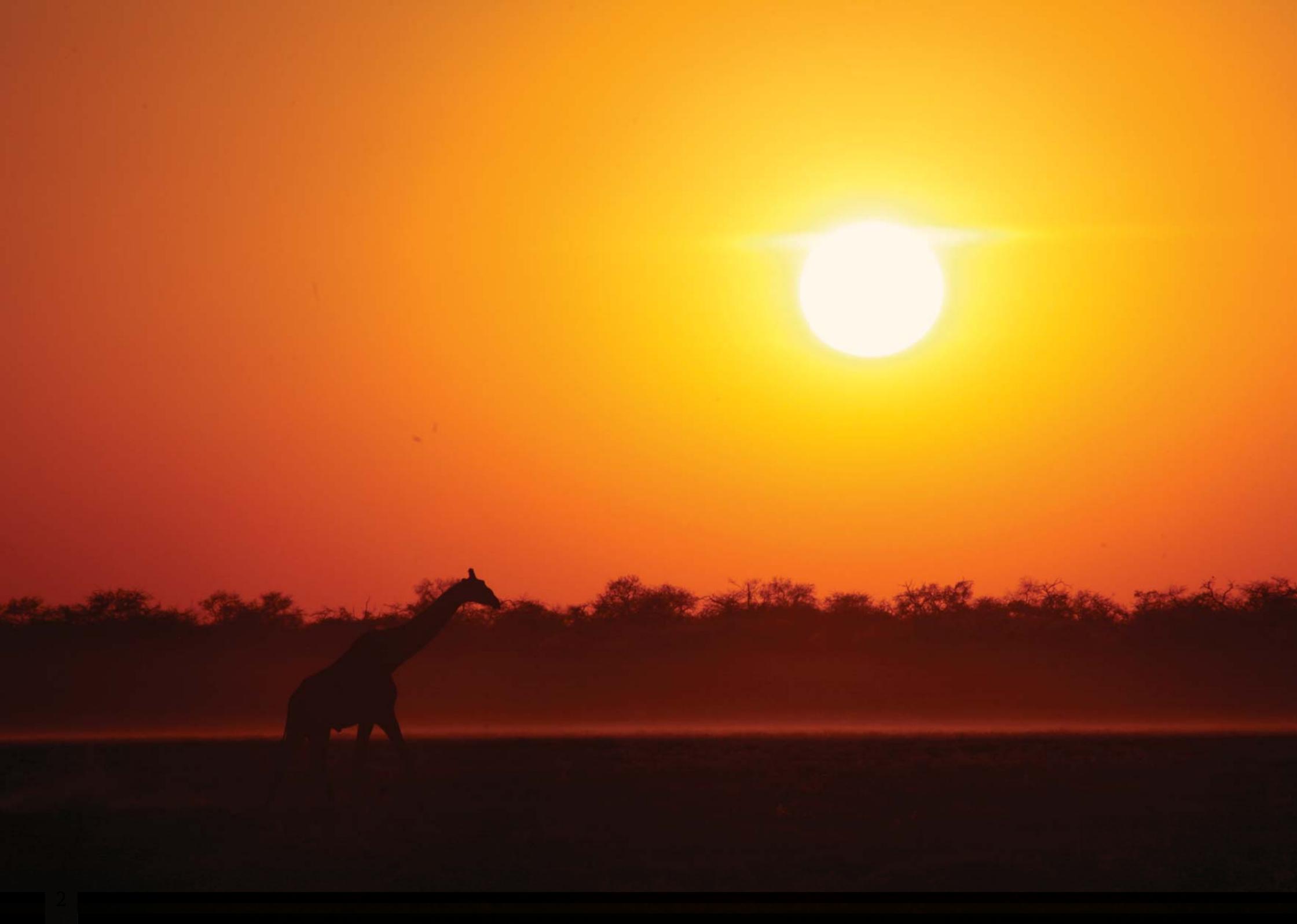


SABI SAND
PFUNANANI TRUST

2015/6 REPORT

Presented to the board of Trustees and
Sabi Sand Wildtuin members

on 2 July 2016



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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Our current poaching and drought crises have emphasized the essential link between conservation and communities. In this area, 80% of people are directly dependent on the environment for survival and the fate of wildlife rests in the hands of the communities who surround it.

During the past year, the importance of the Trust's vision of seeing communities become partners in conservation for the benefit of both has been affirmed. Yet finding the way to this end goal remains relentlessly challenging. We are privileged to work alongside inspirational community members and partners who walk this road with us. Ultimately the essence of who we are and what we do is relationships. Isaac Hlatswayo, our community liaison officer, summed it up when he said, "Relationship with communities is our goal, making a difference is how we measure success."

Some highlights from the year under review were: the graduation of 135 Pfunanani Enterprise Development Project trainees from the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Small Business Development; the opening of Kurhula Secondary School; and the tremendous response received from our communities to the Sabi Sand community fence clearing project and Project Dignity.

We are very excited to launch two conservation-based projects in 2016: Future Leaders and Sabi Sand Community Conservation. I believe both these projects will have a substantial impact on the people reached and will bring us closer to realising our vision of communities sharing in and benefiting from conservation.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our funders and partners, without whom these achievements would not have become reality. I am also endlessly grateful for the wisdom and commitment of our chairman and trustees and for the dedication of our staff.

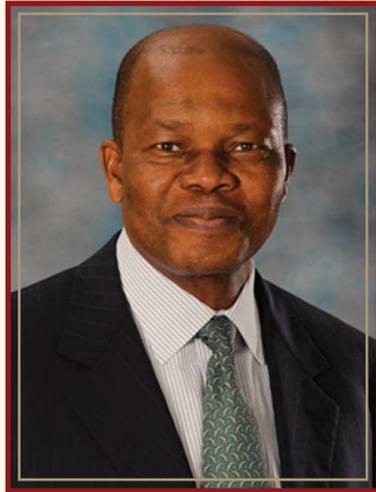
We look forward to making further progress with your continued support in the year ahead.

Loma Powrie
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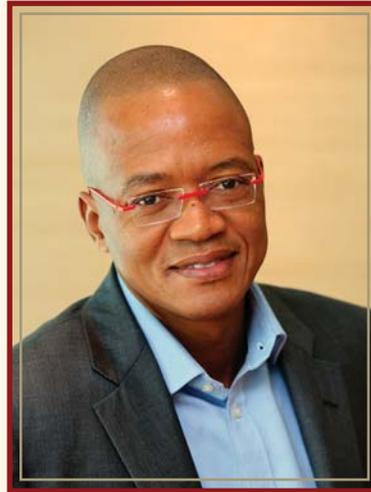
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Pfunanani - Helping one another

INTRODUCTION - SABI SAND PFUNANANI TRUST

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead.

The Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust creates a platform for the benefits of conservation to go beyond the boundaries of the protected area and reach communities within the Bushbuckridge region of The Sabi Sand Wildtuin, Mpumalanga. This outreach creates a partnership where conservation and communities “help one another” (the meaning of the word: Pfunanani).

With a focus on social upliftment, the Trust’s core value is building lasting relationships. Our goal is to see communities partner with conservation for positive social transformation.

Set in this deep rural area, the communities of Bushbuckridge are far removed from many public resources and often last in line for schooling, transport, water and other basic services. Although they lack financial resources, the area’s communities have a great asset in their abundant natural and human capital. The Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust focuses on building on and further developing this potential by channelling its resources into 3 key pillars Environment, Education, Enterprise.

Environment • Education • Enterprise

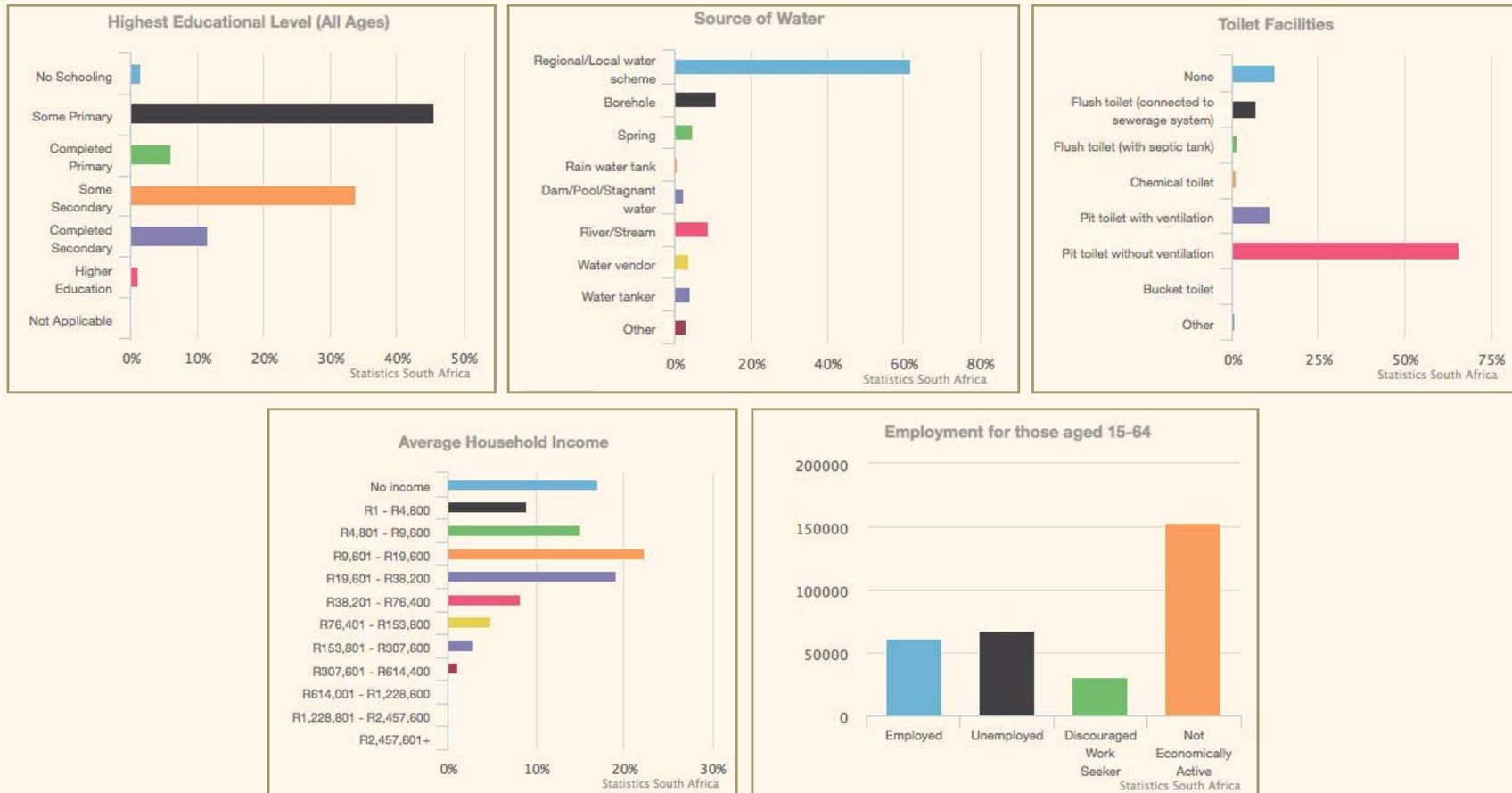
COMMUNITIES WE PARTNER WITH

The Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust's immediate focus is on villages neighbouring the Sabi Sand Wildtuin. This includes 11 villages, spanning 75km from North to South, and is home to 120 000 indigenous people.



Bushbuckridge is one of the poorest areas in South Africa. As a result, the region's communities face daily challenges in terms of access to water, schooling, jobs and securing sustainable livelihoods.

Village stats graphs



Economy

More than half (52%) of the 128 862 economically active (employed or unemployed but looking for work) people in the Bushbuckridge municipality are unemployed.

Almost two-thirds (65%) of the 71 272 economically active youth (15 - 34 years) in the area are unemployed.

Population

According to Census 2011, the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality has a total population of 541 248, of which 99,5% are black African, with the other population groups making up the remaining 0,5%. The Villages that the Trust work in make up 100 000 of the total of those aged 20 years and older, 4% have completed primary school, 32% have some secondary education, 26% have completed matric, 7% have some form of higher education and 19% of those aged 20 years and older have no form of schooling.

Households

There are 134 197 households in the municipality, with an average household size of 4,0 persons per household. 12% of households have access to piped water inside dwelling/institution and 30% have water in their yard. One in five households (21%) do not have access to piped water.

PROJECTS

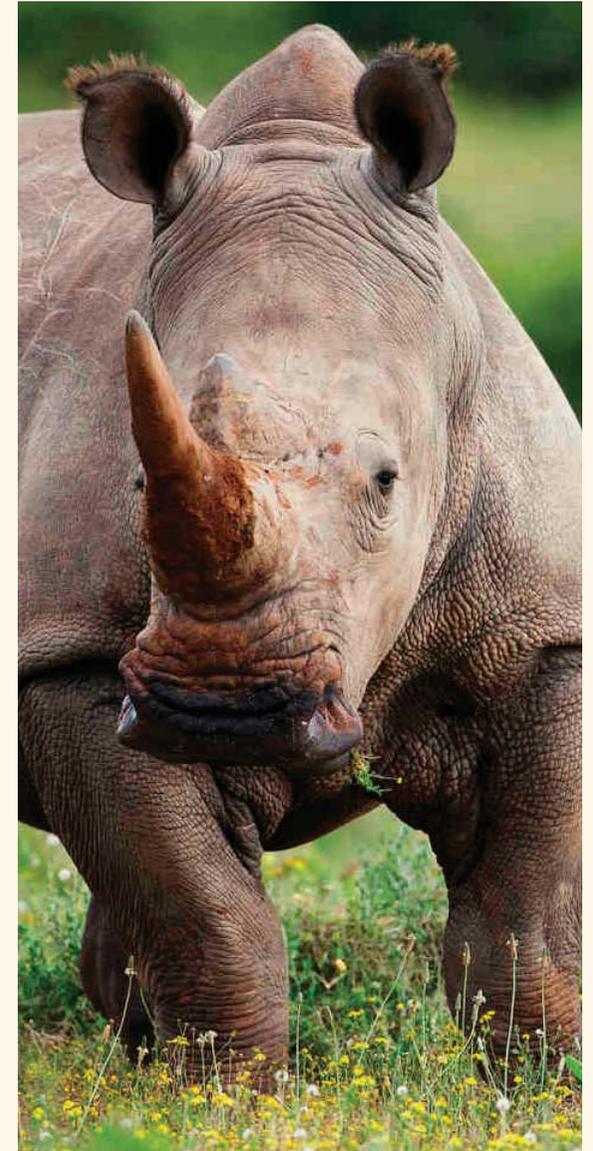
The primary pillars of the Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust's projects are:



Education



Enterprise



Environment

YOUTH PROJECTS

The youth are the future of our communities and our country. They hold the key to the success, growth and development of each village so advancing programmes that benefit the youth is imperative. The SSPT has invested in a number of programmes aimed at unlocking the potential of these young people.

COLUMBA LEADERSHIP

Since early 2012, the Columba Leadership Academy has been implemented at seven local high schools. Working with Grade 10s, the Academy aims to activate youth through its' values-based leadership programme.

This has yielded significant results, with fewer learners leaving school prematurely; an increase in the matric pass rate; and a decreased incidence of teenage pregnancy. Columba Leadership Academy graduates also positively influence their peers, school and community, by initiating a sustainable community project that is developed and managed by the learners and their peers. Educators and school leaders, who also participate in the Academy, support them.

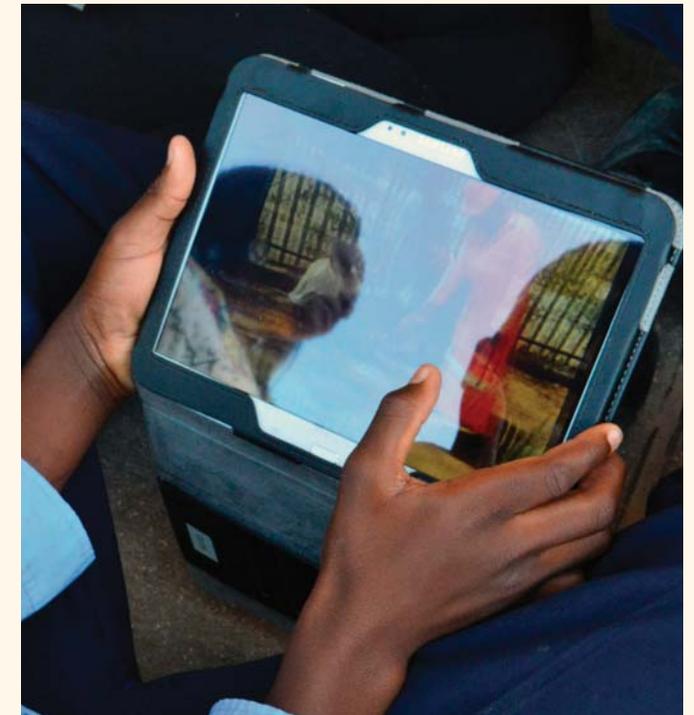
The Columba Leadership support programme has been introduced to ensure the youth consistently receive the guidance and encouragement needed to fulfil their ideas. Columba Leadership Academies in our schools have been supported by Africa Foundation, Buffelshoek Trust, EsiDulini Trust, Pride 'n Purpose, Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust and Columba Leadership.



RHANDZEKILE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPUTER CENTRE

In a world dominated by technology, people who do not have access to and training in the use of computers are at a significant disadvantage, both in terms of education and employability. Computer literacy enables school leavers to better compete in a job market calling for entrepreneurs and computer skills. Access to connectivity also allows for enhanced and more advanced education and teaching in schools.

The Trust funded the upgrade and refurbishment of Rhandzekile Primary School's computer centre to equip it for the installation of computers. This assists their young learners to access this resource.



YOUTH CENTRE

Youth Centres provide a safe place for school children and young adults in the afternoons, which is necessary given the number of child-headed households in the area. Events and programmes are organised and run by community leaders to assist with the positive stimulation and nurturing of the youth. In addition, children who attend the care centre are given a meal and looked after by community volunteers, which is aligned to the

Pfunanani Trust's ethos of helping one another. It also embodies the well-loved African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child."

The Trust assisted with upgrading the infrastructure of two community centres during the last year. This has meant the areas are safe for children and better equipped to provide services and support.

BURSARY HANDBOOKS

Passing matric is a milestone for all learners, but their futures remain uncertain. More than 1000 matriculants per year in the Bushbuckridge community don't know what their next step will be. Few have access to tertiary education funding and opportunities.

To assist these students, the Trust compiled a comprehensive Bursary Handbook sharing information on

available bursaries, application processes and deadlines. These booklets were handed out to eligible youth in local schools.



EDUCATION - JUSTICIA DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRE



Following years of measurable impact at the Hazyview Digital Learning Campus, the South African non-profit, Good Work Foundation (GWF), recently launched one of the most rural digital campuses in Africa: the Justicia Digital Learning Campus, which is situated under the marula trees at Madlala High School and endorsed by the Mpumalanga Department of Education.

Perched on the very edge of the Greater Kruger National Park and Sabi Sand Wildtuin, and supported by the EsiDulini Trust, Londolozi Private Game Reserve, Rhino Africa, Airlink and the Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust, the Justicia campus will continue to prove that, using principles of education technology, it is possible to leapfrog rural education challenges and deliver affordable digital learning to both adults and children living in isolated communities.

GWF implements two major programmes at its digital learning campuses:

- The Bridging Academy creates an access bridge between school and work or further education training, preparing rural school leavers for life in modern business environments. This is a one year accredited program.
- The Open Learning Academy partners with rural elementary schools, allowing them to outsource digital, English and mathematics literacy to the digital learning campus. This is a continuous program that supports rural learners from Grade 4 to Grade 8. Each digital learning campus can serve up to 10 satellite schools.

To learn more visit: www.goodworkfoundation.org



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PROJECT DIGNITY

Research indicates that approximately seven million girls in South Africa miss a week of school per month whilst menstruating, as they cannot afford or do not have access to sanitary products. These girls are forced to either attend school and risk embarrassment, or drop out of school as they simply cannot catch up on the volume of work missed.

SSPT is collaborating with the EsiDulini Trust and Subz to help keep these girls in school, improve their dignity and afford them an equal opportunity to complete their education. The Subz product is a washable sanitary towel which is patented, SABS approved, environmentally friendly, and to date has helped 75 000 girls.

Our goal is to see every one of the 4088 adolescent girls in our area receive a Subz set.



KURHULA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Huntington village is home to over 500 learners who, until recently, had to travel to another village to attend high school. Neighbouring schools were overcrowded with more than 100 learners in a class.

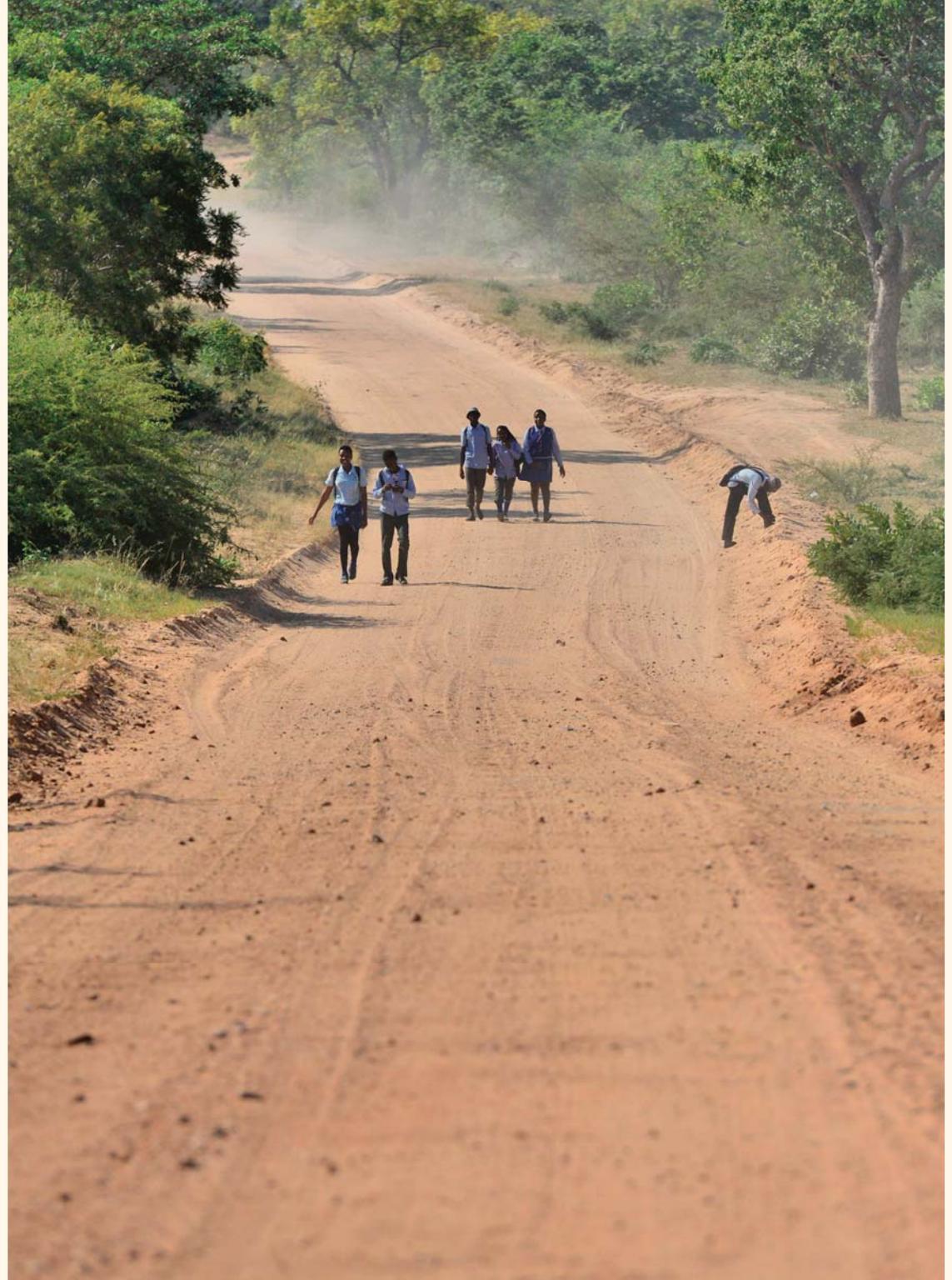
Working together with our implementation partner, Africa Foundation, and generous donors, funds were raised for the basic school infrastructure. The community made land available for the school and cleared the area for construction. The school opened in January 2016.

By reducing overcrowding, the quality of learning improved immediately. Families who were previously separated as a result of children leaving home to attend high school have been reunited.

Since inception the school has been a uniting force for the Huntington Community, with citizens of all classes getting involved in the school. The community's pride in the school shows and it is an example of high quality schooling. This is achieved through unbelievable commitment from teachers, incredible support from parents and consistent discipline enforced by both teachers and parents.

The establishment of the school was made possible by funding support from Africa Foundation, Adopt-a-School, Sabi Sabi, Macsteel, The Department of Education and EsiDulini Trust.

"At Kurhula courtesy is our style,
you are in good hands here"
- Gloria Ndlovu, principal of
Kurhula Secondary School



ENTERPRISE - FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

The communities of Bushbuckridge have two great assets: its wildlife and its people. Partnering communities and conservation is the best opportunity for positive transformation in this area.

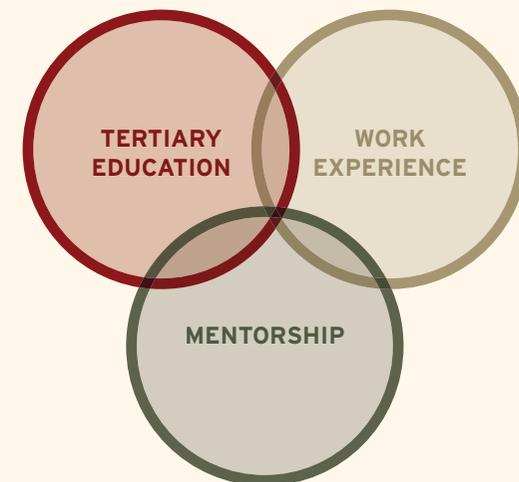
Local people forego many career opportunities because they lack training, experience or both. The conservation and game lodge industries require skilled and experienced employees, who are currently in short supply. The goal of the Sabi Sand Future Leaders Programme is to bridge this gap.

A select group of local people are chosen to become Future Leaders. These are individuals with the potential to go all the way in the conservation field, but who are held back by a lack of training and work experience. To overcome this we have designed a programme that integrates three key factors for career success - tertiary education, work experience and mentorship.

On the Future Leaders Programme, young leaders will:

- 1) be given an internship opportunity of up to three years
- 2) job shadow and be mentored by an industry professional
- 3) receive a part-time study bursary to enable them to gain a tertiary qualification during their internship

The aim of the Future Leaders Programme is to provide much needed employment for community members, as well as meet the demand for qualified conservationists in the Sabi Sand Wildtuin and surrounding reserves.





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PROJECT



PFUNANANI ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Given the limited opportunity for formal employment in remote, rural villages it is necessary to focus on developing small enterprises that create employment. There is a significant gap between the requirements of this world-class tourism sector and what most local suppliers are able to produce and deliver. Community enterprises need to be upgraded to enable access to these markets. There is a general need for business management training, technical skills and capital support.

The Pfunanani Enterprise Development Project (PED Project) launched in August 2014 is a two-year enterprise development programme providing university accredited training and mentorship support to small rural businesses. The goal of the project is to create sustainable employment and livelihood opportunities.

The PED project was initiated through a grant from the Jobs Fund and implemented and funded by a partnership of the Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust, Buffelshoek Trust, University of Johannesburg and Sabi Sand Wildtuin. Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust's participation in this project was made possible by funding support from the EsiDulini Trust and other generous donors.

135 trainees graduated from the University of Johannesburg in March 2016 and 71 businesses are currently participating on the programme. The participating businesses have shown significant potential for successful advancement. The project has supported the creation of 250 permanent and 179 temporary jobs. 22 Businesses are now regularly supplying Sabi Sand lodges.

Lodges currently procure services such as welding, glass fitting, tailoring, transfers, mechanics, appliance repairs, skills development, electrical repairs, construction, tourism, bush clearing and products such as fresh produce and crafts. Capital investment has been secured to equip some of the businesses, but further direct investment is needed to reach all businesses.

These results prove that communities can join the lodge supply chain and this can multiply if we continue to tackle the challenges that act as barriers to local procurement.

To read more, please visit www.pedproject.co.za

ENVIRONMENT

Food and water are a basic need in any community. This year's drought has brought with it increased hardships, and securing water and food security has become critical to survival.

WATER SUPPLY

Water security is one of the area's biggest challenges. In many cases water supply is unreliable and insufficient. As a result, local villagers are dependent on water delivered by truck, or need to carry water for long distances.

The Trust has contributed to the provision of boreholes, rain tanks and water reticulation in several schools and villages.

One of these is Metsi village where the borehole donated to the high school supplies water to over 400 children every day. The water is also used for the vegetable garden, which feeds the school children. In addition to vegetables, the garden grows trees with medicinal properties. These young trees are sold to community members to raise funds to support the school and garden.

FOOD GARDEN

The Thousand Herbs Vegetable Garden and Hananani Garden play a vital role in the feeding of more than 500 school children. The produce from the gardens is supplied to the school feeding scheme on a daily basis. The ladies who maintain the gardens also feed their families with what is produced. The variety and nutrients this adds to daily meals is much needed and welcomed.

The Thousand Herbs Garden is able to sell additional crops to both local lodges and community members and has been assisted with the development of their own nursery. The nursery opens in June 2016, and will directly supply the two gardens, helping it become self-sustainable as the gardens will no longer have to buy seedlings each month. The nursery project was supported by the Thornybush Collection and Investec.





COMMUNITY CONSERVATION

Conservation goes beyond the borders of the protected game reserve area and must include neighbouring communities. A fence-clearing initiative was implemented in the communities directly adjacent to the Sabi Sand Wildtuin.

80 local people came forward to help with the project, which was completed in record time. In view of the high unemployment rate, the village leaders supported the inclusion of as many people as possible. The communities' enthusiasm and dedication inspired the initiation of the Sabi Sand Community Conservation Project, which will start in 2016.

SABI SAND COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROJECT 2016

80% of local community members are directly dependent on the environment for their livelihoods. If left uncontrolled, erosion and alien plants progressively degrade community lands and jeopardise these livelihoods.

Alien plants are a major risk to both communities and the protected wildlife areas. Many are also toxic if consumed by people and animals. This year a major natural resource project across 11 villages surrounding the Sabi Sand Wildtuin will be initiated to protect and improve the condition and sustainability of the land.

The project will aim to rehabilitate degraded land and control and eradicate alien plants by employing a team of conservation workers in each village, providing them with income and conservation training and skills. This will simultaneously deliver significant environmental and social benefits.

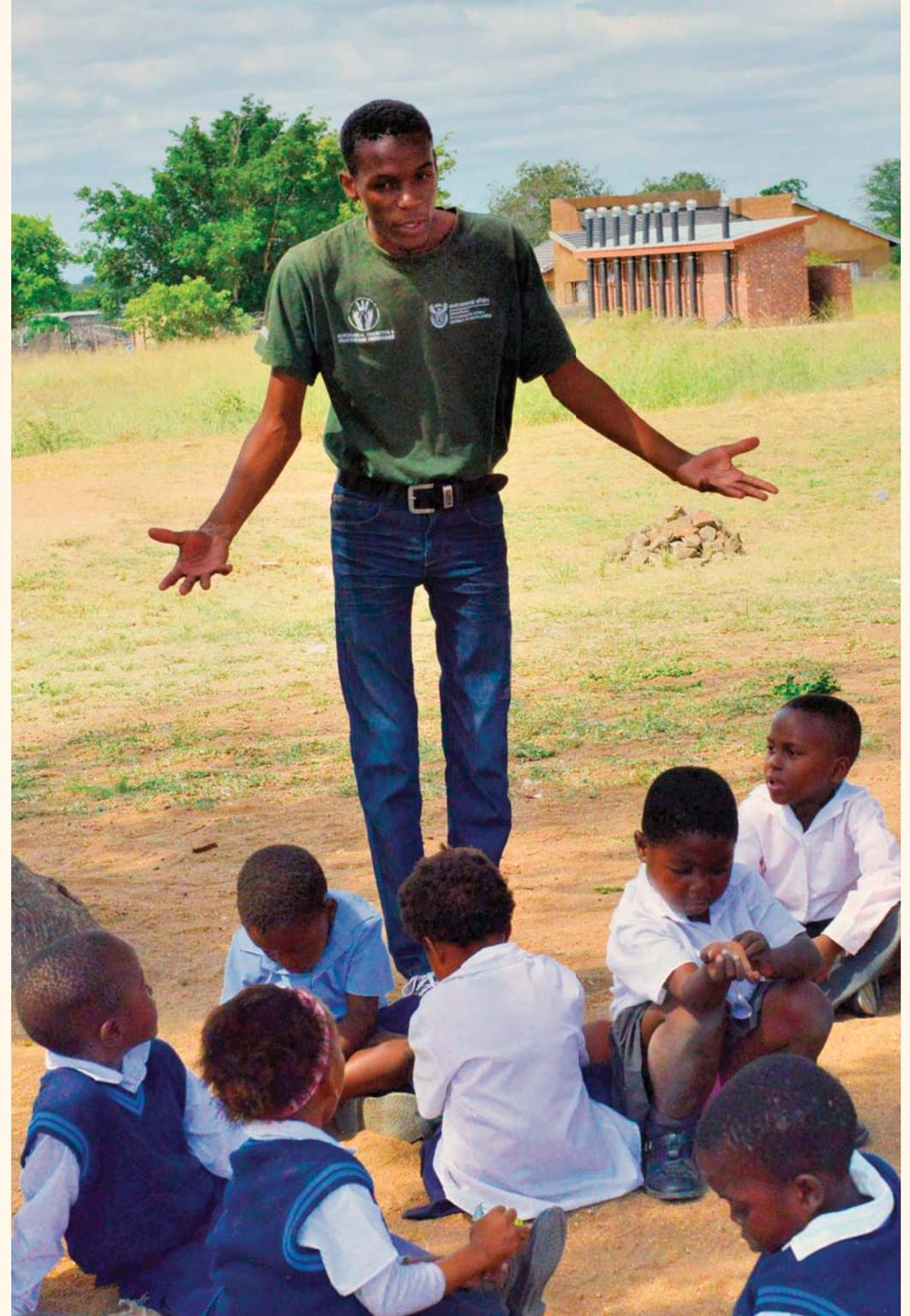
SAVING RHINO

The rhino is both a national and international asset and the number of rhino being poached per year across the world has risen exponentially over the past five years. This escalation has brought with it a risk of job loss for local community members employed in the tourism sector. It has also introduced criminal elements that harbour themselves in these communities and use them as conduits to wildlife areas.

While the Sabi Sand Wildtuin and conservation agencies as a whole, have done everything possible to protect the rhino; increased security needs to be coupled with an effort to win the hearts and minds of the local communities to support anti-poaching. Communication and strong relationships are key.

Eleven new jobs were created for rhino ambassadors in the local communities. A rhino ambassador acts as an environmental champion for each community directly neighbouring the reserve. The ambassadors are trained in community facilitation, awareness and campaigning.

This project is undertaken in partnership with the Kruger to Canyons and the South African National Parks Biodiversity and Social Programme.



PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Projects	Education	Environment	Enterprise
Project Dignity	✓		
Kurula Secondary School	✓		
Justicia Digital Learning Centre	✓		
Columba Leadership	✓		
Youth Centre	✓		
Bursary Handbooks	✓		
Rhandzekile Primary School Computer Centre	✓		✓
Future Leaders	✓	✓	✓
Pfunanani Enterprise Development Project	✓		✓
Food Garden Nursery	✓	✓	✓
Water Supply	✓	✓	
Community Conservation	✓	✓	✓
Saving Rhino	✓	✓	

Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust

(Registration number IT 5167/99)

Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 29 February 2016

Detailed Income Statement

Figures in Rand	2016	2015
Revenue		
Donations and Grant funding	13 390 832	4 660 098
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Other income		
Other income	753 911	381 273
Interest received	222 225	121 662
	976 136	502 935
Operating Expenses		
Accounting fees	- 18 922	- 22 091
Advertising	- 15 540	
Bank Charges & Finance costs	- 15 254	- 18 129
Depreciation	- 110 000	- 39 479
Donations to community projects	- 2 248 071	- 683 703
Project costs	- 12 006 441	- 2 147 308
Printing and stationary	- 4 420	- 13
Travel - local	- 9 215	- 3 050
	- 14 427 863	- 2 913 773
Operating (deficit) surplus	- 60 895	2 249 260
Total comprehensive (deficit) surplus for the year	- 60 895	2 249 260

CREDENTIALS AND FINANCIALS

Trust Registration Number: IT5167/99

PBO Number: 18/11/13/1102 with 18A tax certificate status

NPO Number: 156-894

Level 1 BBBEE Rating

The Sabi Sand Pfunanani Trust is the Sabi Sand Wildtuin's official community upliftment initiative.

All the Trust's administrative overheads are sponsored by the Sabi Sand Wildtuin, meaning that **100% of donations go directly to projects.**

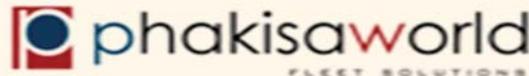
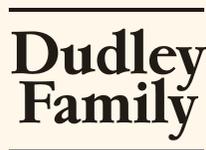
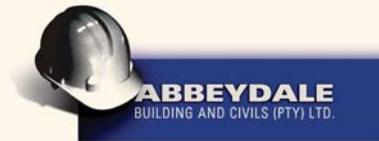
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