



**KGOLO COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT TRUST**
SERVING AND DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITIES



Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

We are honoured to introduce our very 1st Newsletter, which is aimed at providing awareness to the activities of the KCDT.

This Volume contains some of our investments through partnership with key stakeholders. Geared at transforming the lives of the JTG District in an impactful and sustainable way.

We are happy to announce that our rebranding journey is complete and look forward to revealing our website in the coming months.

One of our proud initiatives is the donation of a Mobile Clinic to serve the JTG District.

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About KCDT

Kgolo Community Development Trust (KCDT) aims to support and promote meaningful community development within the John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District of the Northern Cape during this period. We broadly define ‘community development’ as an interactive process where community members, local government and development partners collectively take action to solve problems and improve the community. Defining ‘success’ in relation to community development is a difficult task and remains challenging. Ultimately, however, KCDT’s strategy aims to achieve the following:

1. A strong and positive relationship between KCDT and the JTG community
2. Members of the JTG community have improved access to a range of opportunities that they can take advantage of for an improved quality of life
3. The JTG community develops and thrives in line with its own vision.

Board of Trustees Composition

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Meet the KCDT Team

“Mobile Clinic Launched for JTG District Schools!”

We're thrilled to *announce* a significant milestone in our community's healthcare accessibility. The Trust has acquired a mobile clinic, a converted bus, valued at R1,739,999.45. This initiative, in partnership with the Department of Health, aims to enhance healthcare services for learners in 10 selected schools across the JTG District.

The mobile clinic, managed and serviced by the Department of Health, will be a beacon of wellness, offering vital medical assistance directly to those in need. Fitted with a consulting room and equipped to provide optometry services, it promises comprehensive care on wheels.

Our commitment to fostering a healthy environment for our learners underscores this endeavour. By bringing healthcare services to their schools, we aim to eliminate barriers to accessing essential medical care, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.

This mobile clinic represents our collective dedication to the well-being of our community's future leaders. Together, let's celebrate this milestone and continue working towards a healthier, brighter tomorrow.



Empowering Literacy: Trust's Continued Support for Reading for Enjoyment with CIE

The Trust is proud to announce our ongoing commitment to the Reading for Enjoyment Programme (REP) in partnership with CIE, with an additional funding of R1,976,304.80. Since its inception in September 2022, the Reading for enjoyment programme has been dedicated to fostering a love for reading among learners in the JTG District.

Initially launched in nine schools, the Reading for enjoyment programme's success has led to its expansion to fifteen schools by 2023, with 77 active reading clubs engaging students across the district. This growth underscores the program's effectiveness in instilling a passion for reading among our youth.

Through the appointment of a dedicated Literacy Mentor and additional Story Sparkers, the Reading for enjoyment programme continues to intensify efforts in enhancing literacy skills and promoting reading enjoyment. Collaborations with schools and district curriculum advisers further strengthen our collective impact in advancing literacy goals.

As the Trust, we are committed to providing ongoing training and support to ensure the effective operation of reading clubs. Together with Learner Funda Leaders, we strive to create an environment where every child can discover the joy of reading, laying the groundwork for a brighter future filled with lifelong learning and success.

“The Trust (KCDT) Empowers Community Health

In a significant stride towards community health, The Trust proudly champions the holistic Health Screening project spearheaded by the Catholic Institute of Education (CIE) in the John-Taolo-Gaetsewe district. Aligned with government priorities, this initiative spans 10 schools, engaging learners, educators, and families in comprehensive health education and systematic referral programs.

Collaborating closely with the Department of Education and Health, The Trust ensures robust support for CIE's efforts, amplifying outreach through local nurses and community health workers. With a focus on key indicators such as widespread screening and enhanced parental involvement, the project strives for impactful outcomes.

Throughout the reporting period from June 2023 to February 2024, notable achievements were reached, including orientation sessions and successful screenings, all made possible through The Trust's generous contribution of R854,025.25. This funding underscores The Trust's unwavering commitment to community health and well-being.

Looking ahead, The Trust reaffirms its dedication to empowering initiatives like CIE's Health Screening project. Through continued partnership and investment, The Trust aims to catalyze positive change, creating a healthier, more resilient future for all within the JTG district.



“Continued Success: Advanced Education Program for JTG District Teachers”



As we enter the second year of the Advanced Diploma in Education program for teachers from the John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District, we're thrilled to report on the project's continued success. This initiative, funded by The Trust for its second consecutive year, is making significant strides in enhancing educational standards in our community.

Recently, the Trustees of Kgolo Community Development Trust reviewed the progress of the program and reaffirmed their commitment to its success. Stellenbosch University has been instrumental in implementing this initiative, providing invaluable support and expertise.

The multi-year grant, totaling R3,004,183 (2022/23) and R2,046,000 (2023/24), reflects the Trustees' dedication to investing in the professional development of educators in the Northern Cape. This funding supports the enrollment of 25 teachers from the JTG District, equipping them with advanced skills and knowledge to enrich the learning experience for our students.

As we look forward to the program's continued impact, we extend our gratitude to The Trust and all stakeholders involved for their unwavering support in shaping a brighter future through education.

Empowering Youth through Culinary Excellence

We're excited to announce that The Trust has approved R985,695.36 for the Culinary Accelerator Program, developed by the South African Chefs Association. This vocational learning initiative is designed to empower underserved youth by enhancing their culinary skills and knowledge, ultimately fostering employability, and transforming lives.

Over a span of 10 weeks, participants will undergo a comprehensive curriculum covering essential business management concepts, technical proficiencies, food management principles, and theoretical competencies. From knife skills to menu planning, the program ensures a well-rounded understanding of the culinary arts.

The South African Chefs Association is committed to providing a seamless transition for participants into work-based experiences aligned with their acquired skills. While these placements offer invaluable practical experience, it's important to note they are unpaid.

This initiative significantly impacts participants, equipping them for entry-level positions in various culinary establishments. By breaking the cycle of poverty and creating pathways to stable employment, the program positively affects the lives of underserved youth and their families.

The program's comprehensive curriculum ensures graduates are well-prepared for the demands of the culinary industry, making them valuable assets in a competitive job market. Through skill enhancement and practical experience, we're shaping a brighter future for our community, one dish at a time.



MILESTONE	PRIORITY AREA	DESCRIPTION AND COMMENT	TARGET FOR IMPLEMENTATION
Host AGM	All	Community Engagement Platform	Dec-23
Deliver Training Through University of Stellenbosch	Education	Training of High school Teachers in Mathematics	Nov-23
Identify potential implementing partner(s)	All	Identification, preliminary engagement, potentially ToR	On-going
Deploy Mobile Clinic	Health	Access to Basic Health Care at Schools	Mar-24
Uplift Literacy at Primary Education in JTG	Education	Promote Literacy at Primary School	Mar-24
Development Livelihoods through Culinary Training	Livelihoods, Education	Culinary training for Sustainable Livelihood	Apr-24
Improve Mobility and Access to opportunities to Community Members in need of Wheelchairs	Health , Community Care	Donation of Wheelchairs	Mar-24
Enable access to ebooks and internet to TVET Students	Education	Donate Tablets to Northern Cape TVET	Apr-24
Uplift Literacy at Primary Education in JTG	Education	Promote Literacy at Primary School	May-24
Improve Access to Health Services for Primary School Learners in JTG	Health, Education	Health Screenings at Primary School	May-24
Upgrade Infrastructure for Tribal Authorities	Infrastructure , Community Care	Upgrade Infrastructure for Tribal Authorities	May-24
Improve Access to Health Care at Primary Health Centres	Health, Community Care	Donate a shelter and benches at the Gasegonyana Clinic	Jun-24
Support the Elderly and Improve Quality of Life	Community Care	Improve Conditions at Old Age Homes	Jun-24
Support Local TVET with Textbooks	Education	Donate Textbooks to Northern Cape TVET	Apr-24
Pipeline to Promote Access to Higher Education	Education	Through the Talent Pipeline Programme (TPP), SPU is preparing the next generation of young people from the Northern Cape to access higher education through rigorous pre-university placement academic support in grades 10, 11, and 12	Nov-24
Assist Students with Previous Debts to Access Qualifications	Education, Livelihoods	Pay Off Existing Debt for Qualified Students	Mar-24



Conclusion and contact details

In conclusion, the Last Quarter commenced with a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) hosted by the KCDT, bringing together key stakeholders from the JTG District on 04 December 2023. Representatives from Tribal Authorities and Local Government joined us, marking a pivotal moment in our ongoing collaboration for community development.

Throughout this newsletter, we've highlighted several impactful projects. The Trust's contributions have facilitated vital initiatives such as the Mobile Clinic for school learners, the Health Screening project led by CIE, the Advanced Education Program for teachers, and the Culinary Accelerator Program empowering underserved youth.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce the development of our KCDT website. This platform will serve as a hub for raising awareness about our activities and providing a channel for the broader JTG community to engage with the Trust. We believe this digital presence will enhance transparency, communication, and collaboration, ultimately fostering greater community participation in shaping our collective future. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved!