



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



# Monthly Newsletter

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## *Announcement*

We are honoured to release our very 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 after completing our rebranding, we are now accelerating to a more community participatory model of community needs driven investments.

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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.


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Meet the KCDT Team

“Wheelchairs & devices donated to the needy disabled in the JTG

In addition to the Mobile Bus announced in Vol 1, KCDT is thrilled to *announce* the donation of Wheelchairs and other health assistive devices to Kuruman Hospital. The Trust has acquired a mobility devices valued at R558 778.47. This initiative, in partnership with the Department of Health, aims to enhance healthcare services for disabled and injured people across the JTG District.

The mobility devices are managed and distributed by the Department of Health and will be a beacon of wellness, offering vital medical assistance directly to those in need.



## INVESTING IN TRIBAL OFFICES TO IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS

The Trust is proud to announce its investment in improving the day to day operations of the eight (8) Tribal offices in the JTG District. Each tribal office received 1 desk top computer for office use, 1 Lap top for the traditional leader and stationer. The investment will also include the installation of software's and computer literacy training.

The Tribal offices provide an essential service to their constituencies . The challenge is that they are far from the Central business district which is a bearer for them to effectively provide quality services. It is through their persuasive request that led to KCDDT prioritising investing in providing ICT and stationery for them to be able to work seamlessly. As the Trust, we identified Tribal offices and traditional leaders as our to keep satisfied stakeholder. In other words, they are our first to talk to stakeholders when it comes to the identification, prioritisation and implementation of projects in the JTG District. They also have been participating in our Annual General Meetings.



## “The Trust (KCDT) COLLEGE TEXT BOOKS NC TVET”

The Trust invested an amount of R475 135.70 to purchased the text books for the Northern Cape TVET College Kuruman Campus. The College approached the trust requesting funding to buy books for the students. A number of students were attending classes without the much needed text books creating difficulties to write assignments and progress in their studies. The Trustees saw this as one of the milestones because it is an investment to the future of the country. The books have been handed over to the college.





## ***“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.

## **Culinary skill Training (20 Youth) to become Masters of their own destinies**

The placement of the 20 Youths being trained through an investment of an amount of R985,695.36 for the Culinary Accelerator Program, developed by the South African Chefs Association commenced. 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 are undergoing 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.



MILESTONE	PRIORITY AREA	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS
<b>Deliver Training Through University of Stellenbosch</b>	Education	Training of High school Teachers in Mathematics	Ongoing
<b>Deliver Mobile Bus Clinic</b>	Health	Access to Basic Health Care at Schools	Bus Clinic delivered by end of May 2024 and awaiting implementation
<b>Development Livelihoods through Culinary Training</b>	Livelihoods, Education	Culinary training for Sustainable Livelihood	Skills training is going on and placement of trainees commenced. Graduation planned for August 2024.
<b>Improve Mobility and Access to opportunities to Community Members in need of Wheelchairs</b>	Health , Community Care	Donation of Wheelchairs and other assistive devices such as hearing aid batteries, knee support and hand support	Delivery of items started at Kuruman hospital by the end of June 2024 and awaiting the last delivery expected in July 2024.
<b>Enable access to text books to TVET Students</b>	Education	Donate Tablets to Northern Cape TVET	Books delivered to the TVET .
<b>Uplift Literacy at Primary Education in JTG</b>	Education	The reading for enjoyment programme implemented by Catholic Institute for Education in Primary Schools	The programme is being implemented and recently hosted the story telling competition.
<b>Improve Access to Health Services for Primary School Learners in JTG</b>	Health, Education	Health Screenings at Primary School implemented by CIE	The programme is being implemented and quarterly reports received from CIE.
<b>Assist Students with Previous Debts to Access Qualifications</b>	Education, Livelihoods	Pay Off Existing Debt for Qualified Students from Sol Plaatje and Central University of Technology in Free State Province	The payment of fees have been done and awaiting zero balance confirmation for all the beneficiary students.
<b>Tribal Offices ICT Equipment</b>	Community Care	Provide ICT facilities such as computer and stationery to Tribal offices in JTG District	Implemented and a handover ceremony done on the 31 <sup>st</sup> of May 2024



## Conclusion and contact details

In conclusion, the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be hosted in Kathu in September 2024, bringing together key stakeholders from the JTG District. Representatives from Tribal Authorities, implementing partners and Government will be invited, 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 Mobility & related health devices, Mobile Bus 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!

We as the KCDT pledge our commitment to assist the communities we serve through our project managers; we encourage community members and NPOs to submit proposals for community upliftment projects to our community development officer:

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