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# Newsletter

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## *Welcome!*

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We are honored to release our newsletter.

This newsletter contains an update about the activities of KCDT. KCDT continues to invest in projects aimed to improve the quality of life within the JTG District in an impactful and sustainable way.

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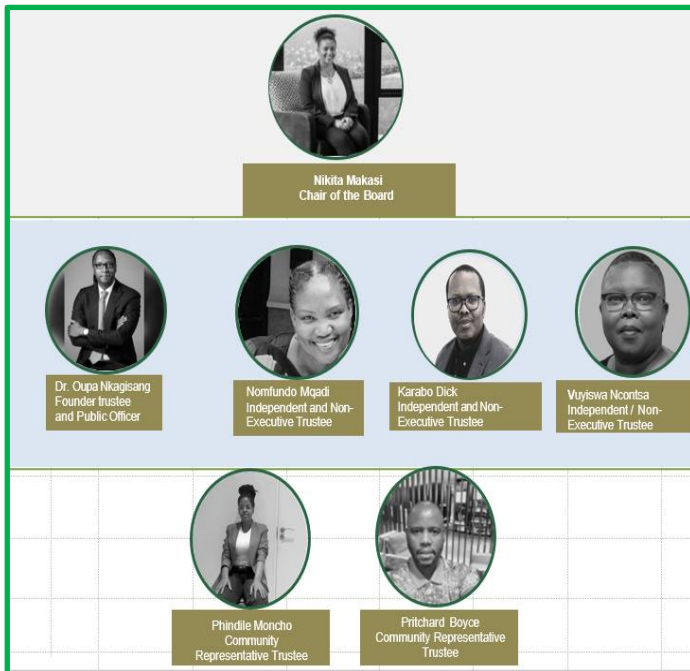
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## About KCDT

KCDT aims to support and promote meaningful community development within the John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District of the Northern Cape. We aim 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; and**
3. **The JTG community develops and thrives in line with its own vision.**



## Meet the Board

## Advancing Teacher Education

Parents expect schools to deliver education, ensure safety, employ qualified teachers, and maintain high teaching standards for their children. Yet, Teachers also face challenges like changes in content, new methods, technology advancements, updated laws, and diverse learning needs. Continued professional development is the only way teachers can continuously improve their skills so that they are able to improve their performance and raise learner achievement.

The KCDT invested over R3.2 million to support 24 teachers from the Joe Taolo Gaetsewe district in obtaining a two-year Advanced Diploma in Education: Intermediate Phase (ADE: IP) in Mathematics Teaching at the University of Stellenbosch. Of the 24 teachers, 19 have completed the program, with 35% achieving cum laude honors. KCDT prioritizes teacher development because effective training is vital for strengthening the education system and enhancing performance across all learning outcomes, particularly in numeracy and literacy.



## Stakeholder Consultation Sessions

KCDT is pleased to share about its continued support for enhancing the administrative efficiency of the Traditional Authorities within the JTG district. By providing this support, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering effective local governance and empowering skilled management within the community. The Traditional Authorities are essential for upholding our rich cultural heritage and driving development and peace-building initiatives. Together, we can strengthen these pillars and create a brighter future for all.

On 17 February 2025, the Trust distributed Canon Printers and LTE Wi-Fi routers to each of the 8 Traditional Authorities, providing them with the essential tools needed to streamline their operations. This is an addition to the 8 laptops, 8 computer desktops and stationery that was distributed in October 2024. This donation will enhance the administrative capacity of the Traditional Authorities, ensuring smoother operations and improved service delivery to the community. Together, we can strengthen these pillars and create a brighter future for all!



## Talent Pipeline Programme

KCDT continues to support the education of youth in the John Taolo Gaetsewe (JTG) District. Recently, KCDT launched the Talent Pipeline Programme (TPP), which aims to assist 50 Grade 10 students in developing essential skills for completing their matriculation, pursuing higher education opportunities, and achieving their academic goals. Participants will attend sessions at Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley during the June and September spring recesses. They will also receive follow-up assessments and online support throughout the year.

As part of our holistic approach to supporting learners, KCDT partnered with the Department of Health's Integrated Health School Programme at Kagiso Health Centre to assist in screening the learners for vision, hearing, weight, and general health checks. This initiative ensures that no underlying health issues hinder their academic performance.

The selected students come from several Quintile 1 and Quintile 3 schools within the JTG district, including: KP Toto Technical and Commercial School, Lebang Secondary School, Bankhara Bodulong High School, Olebogeng Intermediate School, Galaletsang Science Secondary School, and Baitiredi Technical & Commercial School.



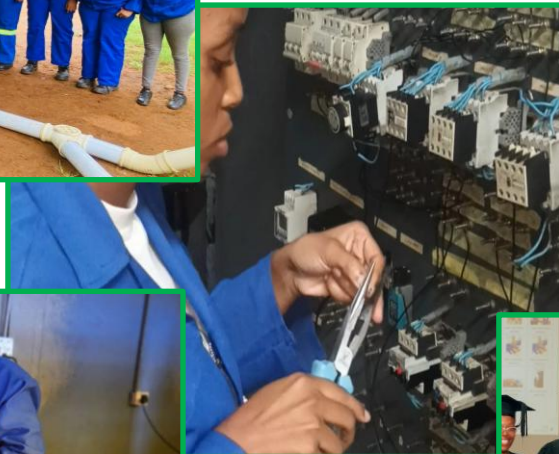
## Women Skills Training

In a remarkable initiative aimed at enhancing economic empowerment and promoting sustainable development, the KCDT has allocated resources to successfully train 69 women in essential skills that are crucial for various high-demand sectors. These trades include: Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant (Solar), Plumbing, Fabrication Assistance (Boilermaker), Machine and Lifting Equipment Operator (Rigging), Basic Gas Metal Arc Welder, Basic Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Maintenance, Electrician.

More than 5,000 applications were received, showing the growing need for these skills and the women's desire for opportunities that will help them succeed. This initiative is an investment in the future of women in the JTG District, opening doors to new career paths and building a foundation for economic independence. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these women will have on their communities as they apply their newfound skills and contribute to a sustainable future. The plumbing students had the valuable opportunity to gain practical experience through placements at the Ga-Segonyana Municipality, further enhancing their skills.

In May, the Trust hosted a graduation ceremony at Kuruman Lodge to celebrate the achievements of the participants. It was a proud moment that marked not only the completion of the training but also the beginning of new journeys. A total of 68 learners successfully completed their skills training. Encouragingly, two learners have already secured apprenticeships, and five plumbing beneficiaries are currently undergoing a selection process for potential employment at a company based in Kuruman.

We look forward to seeing the continued positive impact these women will have in their communities as they apply their newfound skills and contribute to building a better, more resilient future.



## Community of Practice – Teachers learning together

In an exciting step towards improving mathematics education in the region, the KCDT has partnered with mathematics educators to host Community of Practice (CoP) sessions aimed at improving the teaching of mathematics in local primary schools. This initiative is part of a strategy to foster collaboration among educators, enhance teaching practices, and improve learning outcomes for the intermediate phase. By bringing educators together to discuss best practices and share knowledge, the Trust aims to strengthen the foundation for mathematics education in the region.

The first CoP held on 14 March 2025 at the Mothibistad Science Centre focused on setting mathematics papers for Grades 4 to 6, which is essential for ensuring that learners are adequately assessed. The second CoP on 24 April addressed translating mathematics papers into Setswana and exploring cognitive approaches to paper setting.

We are excited to see how these collaborative efforts will transform teaching and learning in the community, empowering both educators and learners to reach their full potential.



## KCDT Libraries

Most recently, we asked the community to nominate a primary school that would benefit from the donation of a school library - and you answered the call! A total of 132 nominations poured in, showing incredible support for literacy and learning across communities within the JTC District.

After careful review of all submissions, looking at factors such as library needs, community motivation, and the presence of reading programmes, we are thrilled to announce the two selected schools: Simololang Primary School in Cassel and Rusfontein Primary School in Phomolong

These schools stood out not only for their clear need but also for their commitment to fostering a love of reading among learners. We've already begun working closely with both school principals and look forward to the exciting journey ahead.

Over the next few months, we'll be partnering with Biblionef to supply books and reading materials, and Breadline Africa to install prefabricated library structures, creating safe, inspiring spaces for learners to grow their imaginations and literacy skills.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate a school; this is your victory too. Together, we're helping build a brighter future, one book at a time.



## CONTACT DETAILS

The KCDT website is now live ([kgolotrust.org](http://kgolotrust.org)). The platform raises awareness regarding our activities and growing presence.

We encourage all our stakeholders to access it.

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**KCDT is committed to actively supporting and enhancing the well-being of our local communities. We encourage community members, organisations, and NPOs to submit proposals for community upliftment projects to our team:**

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