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*The TAG is the official newsletter of Touching Africa. We report on the activities, sharing stories as we make a difference through touching Africa.*



# Touching Africa Gazette



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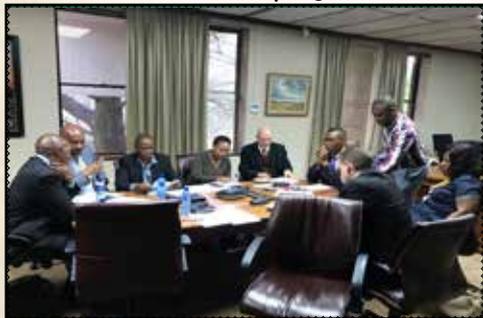
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Read more about the seven defined consolidated services, of which three have already been registered as co-operative structures. These are part of the development of tools to "touch" and make a difference in society. Each co-operative has its own specialist field of operation, reflecting the diverse nature of entities supporting the Touching Africa Initiatives.

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# WRITE AND SHARE YOUR STORY

We invite you to share your stories with us as we take hands to make a difference

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# TOUCHING AFRICA'S STRUCTURE

## UNIT 1: TOUCHING AFRICA ASSOCIATION

**Association of Corporate to Social Enterprises**

## UNIT 2: TOUCHING AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

**Touching Africa Development Trust**

**Touching Africa Development NPC and Article 18A company**

**Touching Africa Vision Foundation Article 18A company**

## UNIT 3: TOUCHING AFRICA CO-OPERATIVES

### TA Primary Co-operative Bodies

Touching Africa Tourism  
Touching Africa Corporate and Business services  
Touching Africa Training and Education Services  
Touching Africa AGRI Services  
Touching Africa Community and Social Development Services  
Touching Africa Integrated Development Services  
Touching Africa Mining and Industrial Services  
Touching Africa Enterprise Development Services

### TA Secondary Co-operative Bodies

Touching Africa Financial services Co-operative  
Touching Africa Financial Group Services

### TA Tertiary Co-operative Body

Touching Africa Co-operative Bank (In conceptual phase)

# TIMES FOR CHANGE



~ By Stephan Pretorius ~

The aim in Touching Africa is to render a framework or platform for businesses, organisations and individuals WITH A KINGDOM VISION, to work together to have an effective impact on our African society. The reason why we do this is that we are convinced that the BODY of CHRIST must take up its role IN UNITY! Jesus was recorded to pray for us ("for those who will believe in me through their word" John 17:20), that we "may be ONE... So that the world may believe that CHRIST was sent by the Father" (Joh 17:21). The impact on and acknowledgement by the community around us will depend on our capacity to BE In UNITY!

In Touching Africa, we dream of getting people with a VISION for the KINGDOM of GOD together. This means we are working together, collaborating in projects and strengthening one another's arms within the difficult economic time we are living in. The TAG provides you with a small window of some of our projects and

actions... We invite everyone to join and share what you are doing to the table – to work together! All our actions, from sharing coffee and projects done by individual businesses in our midst to corporate projects that we start together, our effort to work towards co-operative structures, and even working towards a co-operative financial institution in our midst, all have the same aim: LET'S CULTIVATE A MINDSET TO WORK TOGETHER TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST ON A CORPORATE LEVEL AND IMPACT SOCIETY WITH AN EXPRESSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

**My challenge to you today is to simply choose to take one small step closer to UNITY in Touching Africa! Ask God to give you guidance where to do it and how – but give this a thought! It is time for change, and we need to join together.**



We have been blessed in AGES, appointed on a government funded drought relief programme to assist a few local municipal areas with water supply to towns and villages from groundwater resources in the North West Province. During this project we observed that the lack of operation and maintenance of borehole installations and related water supply infrastructure have become one of the major challenges in water supply on a local level. Due to the remoteness of the villages, a management gap exists between the ability and equipping of the local pump operators and logistical/ technical support from a service provider. This led to a disruption in water supply to many rural people over long periods of time.

Based on the technical outcome in this project, the Touching Africa Development Trust decided to embark on a new program with the aim of giving technical assistance to local pump operators and supporting their hand in serving the community. The aim is not to take over any responsibilities, but to activate the private sector with a vision to reach out and co-operate with the government on all relevant levels to serve the community!

At the heart of the METSI A BATHO PROGRAM is the Kingdom Vision of Touching Africa: to make a difference on a practical level in the community of Africa. Water supply is on an extremely practical level! We believe that it is time for the BODY OF CHRIST to make a practical difference – by assisting those in rural areas in this way. Just as Nehemiah went to Jerusalem with a mission to restore the walls and wealth of the city's community, we want to go out and support people on a practical level to contribute to a wealthier society in our rural areas. As reported to Nehemiah (Neh 1:3), we can say that some people in the rural areas live "in great trouble and shame" – and we have a passion to make a difference! Like the people of Jerusalem gathered in front of the "Water Gate" to restore WORD in their hearts (Heh 8:2/3), we believe that the restoring of the "Water Gates" in villages will lead to the restoring of WORD in the hearts of the people.

**We invite you to participate and be involved in this existing new program and keep you informed through the TAG. For any information you are welcome to contact Louisa Ralepelle (079 512 3745), [lralepelle@kgoma.co.za](mailto:lralepelle@kgoma.co.za).**

# PROGRESS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOUCHING AFRICA CO-OPERATIVES

~ By Tiaan Liebenberg ~

*Various Touching Africa Associates came together and defined consolidated services through co-operative structures, as part of the development of tools to “touch” and make a difference in society.*

*These co-operatives represent a structured network with a shared vision to make a difference in the African society. Each co-operative has its own application and specialist field of operation, reflecting the diverse nature of all the different companies, organisations, entities and individuals supporting the Touching Africa Initiatives.*

**The co-operatives that have been formed are as follows:**

- ***The Touching Africa Integrated Development Services (IDS) Co-operative***
- ***The Touching Africa Tourism Co-operative***
- ***The Touching Africa Agricultural Services Co-operative***
- ***The Touching Africa Community and Social Development Services***
- ***The Touching Africa Corporate and Business Services Co-operative***
- ***The Touching Africa Training and Education Services Co-operative***
- ***The Touching Africa Enterprise Development Co-operative***

*Three of the above co-operatives have been registered. The remaining co-operatives are in with CIPC. If you want more information or be involved in one of these co-operations contact us for more detail:*

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# GIVING TO THE ECCLESSIA

~ By Tiaan Liebenberg ~

We have started a new initiative called “Giving to the Ecclesia” to enable us to help those in need on a short-term basis. This Touching Africa account will be used as the “pay it forward principal”. Those in need may apply to access this fund to bridge their current financial situation and when their finances turn for the better, they can in return contribute back to this fund, so we can assist others in the same situation.

Any contributions given to this fund can benefit from a TA Article 18A tax deduction certificate, which can be used for tax deduction purposes at the end of a financial year.

The bank account details for any contributions is as follows:

**TA Ecclesia Account**  
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**Branch: 250 655**

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# NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM

**Touching Africa has been appointed on the national Drought Relief Program, specifically for the Ratlau, Ditsabothla and Tswaing municipalities in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District municipality. This includes the areas between Mafikeng and Vryburg towards Lichtenburg and Sannieshof, and covers the water supply from groundwater resources to around 40 villages. The villages range from very rural small villages next to the Botswana border, to bigger towns such as Lichtenburg. The team has been working day and night, and some of the team members were asked to share their experience with us.**

“It has been like living on the Fastlane with the Drought Relief Program. A mammoth task challenging the barriers of limitation and exposing new capabilities that reminds me of the idiom that

says, “Necessity is the mother of invention”. We get to experience unity in action as different people club together to tackle this task. I could just burst with pride at the integrity that is displayed by the team as they forge on to bring drought relief in Ngaka Modiri Molema. The vision is clear and the passion towards that vision is almost tangible as it plays out like a superhero movie, where teams go out to different areas in Ngaka Modiri Molema, and others holding the fort at the superhero base as they mark out plans and stops for the field team.” **Nkateko Ndoke**



“Numerous villages do not have water and people still need to travel great distances to get water, for example from rivers. The purpose of this project is therefore water provision and elevating drought, where Touching Africa plays a vital role. It is a great amount of work that has to be finished in only three months.” **Thabiso Katiba**

“Our aim is to really make a difference to the people in the distinctive areas, within the given project framework and defined methodology. I am proud of our team who managed to activate

8 testing rigs and 3 drilling rigs in a short period of time, survey all relevant infrastructure, do geophysical surveys, siting, drilling and testing of new boreholes, as well as the testing and refurbishment of existing boreholes. We are working towards an active database and information system that can be transferred to the client after the project completion and thrust that this will contribute to a more sustainable approach regarding groundwater development in the North West Province in the future!” **Stephan Pretorius**



# Mambedi Dam Rehabilitation Inputs

~ By Johan Botha ~

Touching Africa was appointed by Mambedi River Estate (Pty) Ltd near Levubu to compile a rehabilitation plan for construction impacts in the Lower Mambedi dam overflow repair area. Mambedi River Estate has large macadamia orchards on the farms Morgenzon and Driefontein, near Levubu and adjacent to the Valdezia community.

During the year 2000, floods in the Limpopo Province caused large scale damage to dams in the province. The dams on the two farms also sustained extensive damage. The damage on the overflow structure and overflow channel of the lower Mambedi dam on the farm Driefontein has never been repaired since 2000. The farm management decided to repair the lower Mambedi dam on the Driefontein farm so that the storage volume of the dam can be increased again to levels that existed before the year 2000 floods in the area. The construction work of Phase I is now (May 2019) in the final stages. Certain rehabilitation work needs to be done on the construction terrain to mitigate negative impacts of the construction activities on the terrain and to limit undue

further negative impacts, especially erosion of the dispersive soils. AGES Limpopo gave inputs to the Engineers to manage, limit and rehabilitate the environmental impacts on the construction area.



# NDEBELE PROGRAM – REVISITING MOU WITH NWU

~ By Nkateko Ndobe ~

I read a quote that says, “Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there”. It was exciting to witness that this quote does not apply to the Ndebele Program as we converged around the table in Professor Dan Kgwadi’s office for a meeting held between the Kwandebele delegates, specialist team as well as the University of the North West (NWU) on the 11th of March 2019. It was a vibrant atmosphere as remarkable ideas and irrepressible enthusiasm filled the room. Milestones were revisited and the next few steps were devised towards the fulfilment of the dream to develop the Kwandebele Kingdom as conceived by King Makhosonke II.

The meeting was centered around the MOU that was signed with NWU last year on the 18th of July 2018 (Mandela Day). High on the agenda were education, agriculture and the planning of a Mining and Environmental

indaba which will be aimed at dealing with pollution in the Mpumalanga Province. The possibility of setting up a satellite campus within the Kwandebele Kingdom to serve Mpumalanga province was discussed, and NWU will be taking the lead. It was agreed that agriculture is an important factors in development and it was expressed that the ultimate goal is to get the Kingdom and the Mpumalanga Province to be a good food producer as well as food security bank from the available land belonging to the Ndebele Kingdom and the possibility in water resource development in the area.

As we approach the first anniversary of the MOU signing, I am excited to see where our feet will land next and the impact that this program will produce in the near future. The relationship between the different teams is encouraging considering that there is power in unity. Going ahead I look forward to great things, watch the space.



# THE TOUCHING AFRICA OFFICE'S BIG MOVE

~ By Louisa Ralepelle and Anrie van Rooyen ~

March was the Touching Africa's office and AGES Alpha's final month at the Steve Biko office. We have welcomed countless visitors through our doors – laughing and living life there for close to fifteen years. We have had many blessed years and even a few rough ones. Although people essentially create a working environment and atmosphere more than the structure itself, the packing and moving remained a bittersweet process. Thank you to all who have played a part in making these past few years unforgettable.

We started this April in our new office - 88 MC Roode. (Better known as

Vyfhoek small residence 530, the 'Pretorius' residence of fifteen years). Personnel (and muscles) have been working overtime to get a whole office moved and juggling an abundance of projects at the same time. Although this is an extremely busy time, with pressure seen and felt all around, we can proclaim that it is a blessed season and there is a content feeling in our hearts.

This new office environment, although renovations are still in process, is a calm and beautiful setting, where we look forward to welcoming you, working and doing life together.



# SECOND LIFE GOODS - WEAR, SHARE, CARE

~ By Stephan Pretorius Jnr and Mari van der Westhuizen ~

Touching Africa is involved in an exciting new project to uplift the community. Second Life Goods give second-hand clothing a new life. On the 29th of March 2019, the second life good store launched in Potchefstroom. The launch was attended by more than sixty business individuals and was a great success. The first week's sales exceeded our expectations and we are truly grateful for that.

The heart behind this project is to clothe people with dignity by providing quality clothes and goods for a fraction of the original cost. The project was initiated by the Potchefstroom business chamber with Dewald van Breda and Janneman van Wyk as project leaders, after a need was identified in the community for affordable clothes and for someone to sort out used clothes.

The store's stock has been exclusively donated. The focus is on clothing, but

books (especially Christian books) and household items are also collected and sold. Profit generated will be reinvested into community development projects.

So far, the project has been very successful, and a few people are currently employed. There is a continual need for second-hand clothing, especially for men's jackets and shoes. Please contribute unwanted items to help us make this project a success. Declutter your life by throwing out those items you never wear. Clothing in a bad condition can be donated too, as it is sold as rags. Give the clothes you use some breathing space in your closet... or buy new ones at our store!

The next time you want to get rid of clothes, remember second life good store at 79 Beyers Naude Drive, Potchefstroom!

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**See page 11-12 for an Afrikaans article as it was published in the local newspaper - Herald**



# SECOND LIFE GOODS OPEN SY DEURE

HERALD

Second Life Goods Store open sy deure vir die publiek!

Op 29 Maart het die Second Life Goods Store se opening al die strategiese vennote, die gemeenskap en borge laat gons. Die saadjie van die Second Life Goods Store is deur die Potch-Tlokwe Sakekamer, kerke en besighede in die gemeenskap geplant en het ontwikkel tot 'n volwaardige besigheid wat op 1 April in die Gerrit Worstsaal, 79 Beyers Naude Straat sy deure aan die publiek geopen het.

Die doel van die Second Life Goods Store is om kwaliteit klere en goedere aan die gemeenskap te verskaf teen 'n fraksie van die oorspronklike prys. "Ons het gesien dat die nood vir klere en goedere in die gemeenskap baie groter is as wat ons besef," sê Dewald van Breda (Potch-Tlokwe Sakekamer bestuurslid). Hy is ook verder van mening dat baie studente en mense

werklik hul sente omdraai om deur die maand te kom. 'n Plaaslike leeraar het gesê dat hy verstom is oor die hoeveelheid items wat by kerke in bokse ophoop en dat daar soveel mense is wat elke dag opsoek is na klere om te dra. "Daar moet 'n plek wees waar mense na hiërdie klere kan kom kyk, dit aanpas en kan uitstap met waardigheid en Second Life Goods Store is die ideale plek".

Die embleem wat as 'n hanger en kroon uitgebeeld word, stel die klere voor wat in-gesamel en verkoop word en die kroon simboliseer Koninkrykswerk. Die slagspreuk, "wear, share and care", dien ook as 'n klinkklare verduideliking vir dit waarvoor die besigheid staan. "Wear" is om die gemeenskap, studente, minder bevoorregtes of klere liefhebbers aan te moedig om die winkel te besoek en iets spesiaal te kry. "Share" is om die gemeenskap, besighede, kerke en ander organisasies en instanties te

motiveer om betrokke te raak deur kleren en goedere wat nie meer gedra of gebruik word nie aan die besigheid te verskaf om te deel met mense wat dit regtig nodig het. "Care" is om Kon-inkrykswerk te doen deur diegene wat nie kleren of goedere kan bekostig nie te help en vir besighede en kerke geskenkbewyse te gee wat dan weer aan minderbevoorregtes gegee kan word. Hulle wil ook verder 'n verskil maak deur gemeenskapsprojekte, wat met die wins wat gegenereer word uit die besigheid, aan te pak.

Dankie, aan al die besighede en kerke wat hierdie droom bewaarheid het: Potch-Tlokwe Sakekamer, Duet Gemeente, Feisty

Communications & Marketing Specialists, Print Café, NWU Gemeenskapsverbinteniskantoor, Potch-Tlokwe Chamber of Commerce, BKD Auditors, Safricom, Potch Plastics, NG Moeder Gemeente, Mosiami Konstruksie, Faithbrew Coffee, Roots, Touching Africa, Herald Potchefstroom (Mooivaal Media), en Wynnwith Dairy Farm. Enige strategiese vennote, borge en bereidwilligers om hulp te verleen, is welkom om betrokke te raak by die Second Life Goods Store.

**By Second Life Goods Store is daar iets vir almal! Maak seker julle gaan maak 'n draai om daardie perfekte uitrusting te kry.**



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