Lebalelo Water User Association

# Driving socio-economic development in Limpopo

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Socio-economic development (SED) is a key aspect of Lebalelo Water User Association's (LWUA) business strategy, as we prioritise wellness and drive economic growth in the regions in which we operate.

To enable the greatest impact on the many challenges experienced by communities, LWUA has identified six levers to steer SED activities, including: Water, Energy, Education, Access, Recreation & Agriculture.

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#### Update on key SED activities

### **Education**

LWUA has several projects in support of schools across the areas in which we operate.

#### Supporting World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) 2022

World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) calls attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read-aloud!

LWUA teamed up with the Nal'ibali team throughout January 2022 in support of and preparation for the WRAD 2022 in the month of February.



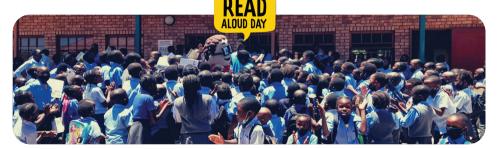
# Set a target of getting 500 families and 1500 children to pledge to read out loud on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, we signed up a total of 955 families and 6022 children!

While the main WRAD event took place at Makofane Primary School in Shakung village, all 11 primary school and 20 ECD's based in the areas in which we operate participated in the initiative.

## Inviting collaboration with interactive whiteboards

LWUA recently provided interactive learning whiteboards to Mabu, Mahlo, Mohlala and Mohlophing primary schools, bringing the total to 7 primary schools equipped to date.

In addition, 20 educators from all the benefiting schools have been trained on the use of the learning infrastructure.







### Providing desks to enable better social distancing

During December 2021, LWUA delivered 60 single learner desks to Molopo Primary School at Malokela Village.

These desks help to promote social distancing as we aim to help curb the spread of Covid-19.

#### Celebrating Literacy Month with postcards

LWUA joined in with Nal'ibali to celebrate Literacy Month at the Moroke Post Office. As part of the celebrations, children were encouraged to mail a postcard to their loved ones anywhere in the country, free of charge.

The event was attended by more than 200 guests including learners from Letolwane, Moroleng and Makofane Primary Schools.



### Growing community relations a highlight

LWUA attended a number of graduation ceremonies at Early Childhood Development Centres in the last quarter (a total of 12 invitations were received across 7 villages).

This speaks volumes of our growing community relations and is testament to the hard work put in by our Social Development Department.



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### Access

LWUA's SED levers include assisting communities with connectivity, market access and advice.

### Affordable internet provided at key access points

LWUA provides affordable, wireless Internet access in the areas in which we operate at strategic locations, such as schools and clinics. To date, we are pleased to confirm that all 14 access points are still fully operational despite challenges experienced.



#### A refurbished office for Letolwane Traditional Council

LWUA refurbished and donated a mobile office unit to the Letolwane Traditional Council. The office will play a significant role in enabling development programs in the Shakung community, particularly programs aimed at youths.

### Supplier database benefits local companies

LWUA developed a local supplier database to support, empower and develop businesses. To date, 53 local companies have registered on the database, with 4 local youth-owned companies benefitting directly through this initiative by being appointed as sub-contractors.



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