

PROGRESS REPORT ON LED AND TOURISM PROJECTS

Progress on LED projects for 2014/2015 financial year.

Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality's LED Unit has a mandate of funding at least 4 projects. The unit was able to fund more than four Projects; lobbying the support of World Vision South Africa as well as the two parties have a memorandum of understanding and have pledged to complete certain projects together for the betterment of the Ubuhlebezwe community. Please see below a list of projects funded, GPS co-ordinates and pictures:

- ✚ Ndonyane Project- in Ward 7: This particular project was funded with fencing material and a service provider to do the labour was provided by the Municipality to make sure that the project achieves its objective on time. The project hand over was done together with the Ubuhlebezwe Social Development Portfolio members of council on the 12th of June 2015.
- ✚ Amanqolo Project- in Ncakubane Ward 1 Amanqolo Project was funded with a gravity irrigation system and project handover ceremony was also done on the 12th of June 2015:
- ✚ Mahlafuna Project- in Emadungeni Ward 12, Mahlafuna Agricultural Project was funded with irrigation material and the handover ceremony was also conducted on the 12th of June 2015.



Figure 1: Ndoyane Project Handover



Figure 2: Mahlafuna Project Handover



Figure 3: Amanqolo Project Handover

LED Projects in conjunction with World Vision SA (Ixopo Branch)

Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality funded the following projects listed below with 40 thousand seedlings each and World Vision Provided fencing and an irrigation system. The project handover ceremonies of the projects mentioned above were completed on the 23rd of June 2015 with the Municipal Social Development Portfolio committee council members & the Councillors of the specific ward, 7 Management officials from World Vision South Africa and Ubuhlebezwe LED officials

- ✚ Zakhe Agricultural Project- in oFafa Ward 3, Movement Co-op Agricultural Project- in Texas Valley Mazabekweni ward Skuthaza Khaba Project- in Nokweja ward 11.
- ✚ Inkululeko Yabantu Co-operative Project- in Nokweja ward 11. All Projects funded by the Municipality through the LED Unit will be supported for a period

of at least 3 years. In this period the Unit will monitor and evaluate all projects and assist with trainings and linking the members of the projects with other Municipal stakeholder's in order to ensure the success of their projects.

Honey Project

The Municipality has partnered with stakeholders: Sappi, Mondi, Masonite, World Vision SA and Lima RDF to resuscitate the honey projects within Ubuhlebezwe, at the moment there are two groups that we are working with namely; Golden Honey & Umnotho Wemvelo from wards 2 and 4 respectively. The ultimate goal was to see the Project eventually producing, packaging and selling a proudly local product instead of selling to Peels Honey in Howick at a loss. After 3 meetings the following has been agreed upon:

- Mr Bossé from Masonite was tasked to contact ILLOVO in an attempt to acquire sugar sweepings for the winter season
- Mr Bossé was to make enquiries with the Baynesfield Trust in an attempt to get assistance with Avocado or orange trees that could be planted in the local areas to assist with honey production local flowering volume.
- Research had to be done on exactly what was needed to get the project to the ultimate goal.
- The Municipality was tasked to identify other stakeholders that could be part of the Project.
- Sappi was tasked to facilitate possible training with Cedara for the members of the Project.
- World Vision was to provide training in terms of business acumen.
- LIMA RDF to source funding for the project
- Lastly a strategic planning session to roll out an action plan to ensure that the honey project is a success was to be held with the entire stakeholders involved.

The Municipality plays a connector role in respect of LED drawing upon resources locked in a range of different stakeholders into their localities. Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality had its second successful LED Forum on the 25th of June 2015. This included the following Stakeholders:

- Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality
- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environment Affairs
- World Vision
- Sappi
- Mondi
- LIMA RDF
- Masonite
- Ubuhlebezwe Informal traders
- Emerging contractors (Vukuzakhe)
- Southern Midlands Tourism Association

Paton's Express Project

Paton's Express is the project that is currently funded by the municipality through the Department of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) under the programme called Corridor Development. A multi-year funding of R4 755000.00 was received for the project to be utilised in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The following has been achieved with the last milestone:

- Firstly transportation of the first section of the locomotive from the Paddock siding in Port Shepstone to the work station in Ixopo.
- The water tender of the locomotive was removed for repairing and painting.
- The rusted steam pipes were removed from the locomotive.
- The blast pipe cap has also been removed and replaced with a new one.
- The last invoice was used to re-manufacture the steam pipes and all piping of the 1st section of the locomotive was replaced.

- Remanufacturing and repairing of tender and ash pan as well as additional spares – whistle smoke box door and blast pipe cap.
- Copper Piping fittings still need to be done
- A part of the boiler will be sent to a specialist in Howick to ensure proper replacements of boiler fittings.
- Replacement sections of the firebox smoke box and firebox plate
- Boiler had a problem and was sent to a specialist in Howick to repair.
- PCNGR and Ubuhlebezwe went to a site visit on Friday the 26th of June 2015 to check on the progress of the boiler for the steam train and the specialist explained all the hinges that have had to push the project end to a further month and two weeks.