

The Maputo Corridor



A MESSAGE *from our CEO*

Hope is powerful. It inspires us to do the impossible and helps us carry on during difficult times. It is hope that carried us through 2020 and it is hope that will enable many to reclaim a brighter future.

TRAC - A beacon of hope.

The year 2020 will be remembered for the devastating impact the coronavirus (COVID-19) had on society, the economy and people's personal lives. Sadly, it will continue to impact these areas in the years to come.

In the aftermath of COVID-19, the private sector, governments and society will all attempt to figure out how to rebuild businesses, economies and personal lives that were severely affected as a result of job losses, among others.

Now more than ever we need strong political and civil leadership, and partnerships between government and the private sector to rebuild our economy. The impact that COVID-19 had on our communities and economies will require every leader to contribute towards the process of revival in South Africa.

In times like these, the concept of Corporate Social Investment (CSI) comes to the fore. Rebuilding the economy and people's lives will depend on the way in which government, businesses and individuals, that

are still able to give, are prepared to invest, not only in capital projects, but also in people.

CSI starts with good corporate citizenship. If the individuals in a company are guided by proper moral and ethical standards when conducting their business, it should flow into the implementation of projects that are external to the core business and uplift people and communities.

It is the hearts and minds of our people that bring about a beacon of hope to those around them.

I am proud that over the years, the principle of investing in people and communities has grown in TRAC as a core focus area, with passionate people driving the implementation of several projects. Some of these projects have grown into long-term relationships between TRAC and our CSI project beneficiaries.

One of the most critical impacts of CSI is to create hope. Psychologist Charles R. Snyder dedicated his life to the study of hope. He argued that having a hopeful attitude gives us a goal to work towards

and, in turn, we create a determined plan to achieve that goal. Whether it is because we are goal-oriented or have a more positive outlook, hopeful people are more likely to experience happiness, joy, courage and empowerment. I firmly believe that with our CSI projects, we provide not only an outcome to those we invest in but hope for a brighter future.

Better education, or access to education, gives learners hope for a better future. Improving infrastructure offers people hope for better living conditions. The development of micro, medium and macro enterprises (SMMEs) creates hope for economic growth and a better future. Investing in good causes through CSI projects will play a vital role in rebuilding the economy and in giving people hope after the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the fourth edition of TRAC's CSI coffee table book. All of the articles contained in the book were drafted by TRAC employees, reflecting their passion for the projects we are involved in. TRAC's CSI projects cover an array of focus areas reflected in this book, namely education, the environment, health and

welfare, sports and culture, road safety and SMME development.

TRAC, as the concessionaire responsible for the N4 Maputo Development Corridor, focusses our efforts on communities and people along our route.

The development of these communities is as important as the development of the N4 Route itself.

CSI along the N4 Route speaks directly to the main objective of the 1996 Coordination Agreement between the presidents of South Africa and Mozambique, namely "The promotion of the interests of the Economic Rehabilitation Programme, by developing community health, education and service infrastructure and addressing issues of sustainability, poverty and access to basic needs and services".

This book tells the stories of people, good causes and upliftment projects, and how these bring about change.

Although COVID-19 also had an impact on TRAC's revenue, the TRAC Board of Directors' commitment towards CSI is reflected in an increased budget contribution towards CSI projects. We will remain committed to our long-term projects.

In addition, we identified other projects that can assist communities along the N4. As such, our focus will be on infrastructure maintenance assistance to smaller municipalities along our route. It is our view that

small projects, such as pothole repairs, can improve the general living conditions in these towns and the attractiveness for business development and tourism.

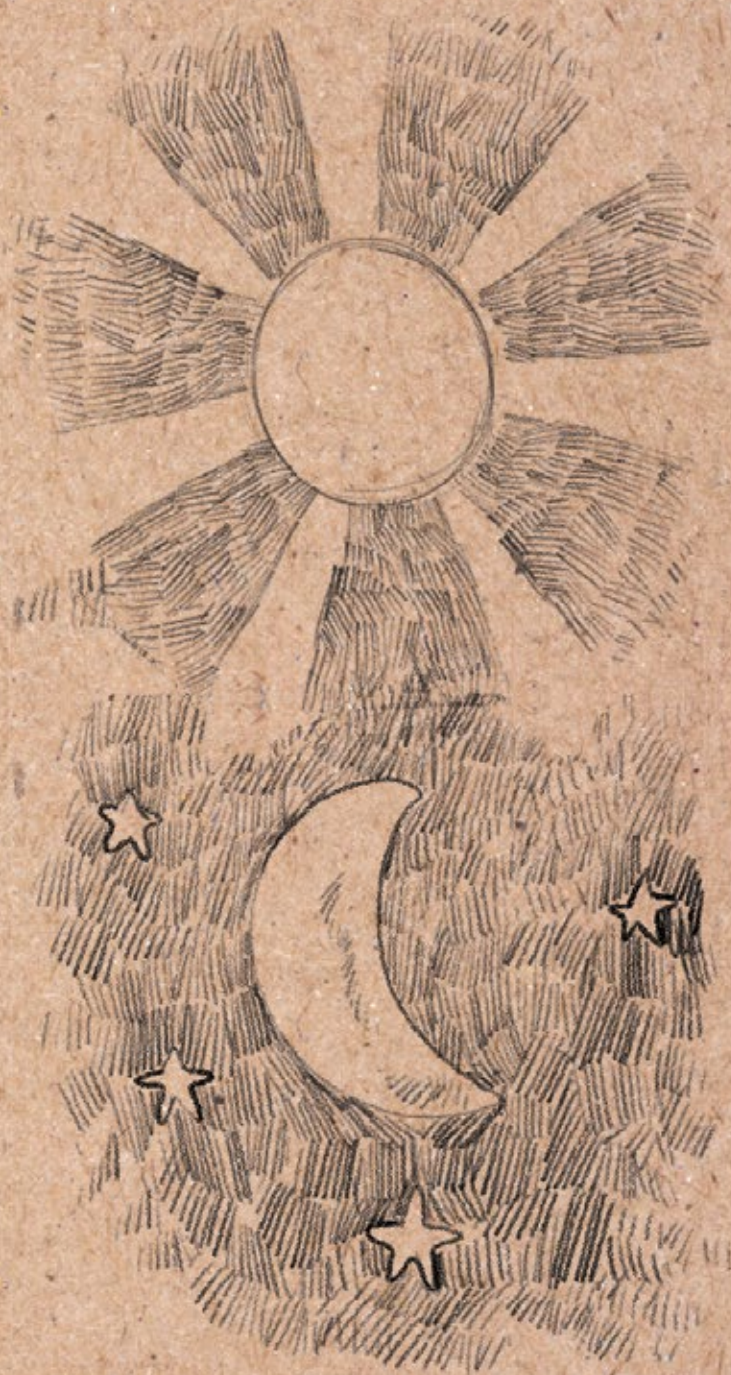
I hope that you will enjoy reading the stories in this book and that they will inspire you and others to participate in contributing towards the upliftment of our society, no matter how small the contribution may be.



TRAC CEO - Alex van Niekerk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex van Niekerk'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

*With one kind gesture
you can change a life.
One person at a time,
you can change the world.
One day at a time, we
can change everything.
- Steve Maraboli*



Thank you TRAC

Thank You TRAC
You are my star
You are my moon
You are my sun

Thank You TRAC, Thank You
You give me a shelter
You give me a better education

Thank you, Dr Msibi
Thank you!!

Thank you, mother of the nation,
Thank you!!

Thank you magogo, thank you
For taking Thanda to the highest level
Deep down from our heart
We say thank you!!





Recited by the Grade R learners, at the handover function of the new buildings at Thanda Primary School.

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NATURE

Environment

Striving for a greener future

We see, we observe, we appreciate, we nurture. TRAC acknowledges the beauty of our natural environment, and we endeavor to lead by example by protecting and sustaining fauna and flora, along the scenic N4 Route.

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SAVING THE PLANET STARTS AT HOME

Alien vegetation eradication has been a part of TRAC's environmental obligation since the beginning of our concession. Not only is eradicating pesky plants essential for the route's aesthetics, but it is also vital for the protection of its ecosystems.



Once an alien plant invades a habitat, it can destroy the ecosystem. Invasive plant species spread rapidly, negatively impacting native species; drain water availability; and damage the quality of soil nutrients.

To combat alien vegetation effectively, we partnered in 2013 with the Lowveld Escarpment Fire Protection Association (LEFPA) to establish the Alien Invasive Plant Removal Project.

As part of the project, LEFPA firefighting teams take care of the troublesome plants during the fire off-season in the Lowveld, between eNtokozweni and Malalane.

The project is funded by TRAC, with LEFPA utilising its own equipment, transportation and knowledge to ensure the road reserve and its surrounds remain alien plant free.

By supporting this project, TRAC ensures that the firefighters, continue earning throughout the off-season.

Between 2018 and 2020, the following alien plant eradication projects were concluded:

Bush clearing

This project, conducted just off the N4 Route in the Croc Gorge Nature Conservancy, was extremely daunting and challenging and tested the LEFPA teams to their limits. Up against extremely tough invaders, such as Bug Weed, Lantana, Yellow Bells and Prickly Pear, the LEFPA units had to dig deep (pardon the pun) to achieve their goal.

Weed clearing

Kaapmuiden Primary School's sports fields were invaded by *Alternanthera pungens*, commonly known as paper thorns, which prevented learners from enjoying sporting activities.

As the school is situated in one of the hottest areas in the Lowveld, most learners find it unbearable to wear shoes to school. Getting rid of the painful thorns was thus essential.

Debris burning

It is necessary to trim overgrown trees along the road reserve, to protect vehicles from damage, such as scratches. However, tree offcuts are often impossible to move to another location and need to be burnt on site. The burning of debris near the road is a skill that

can only be performed by bush fire experts, such as LEFPA.

TRAC also runs various other projects that ensure environmental viability along our route, including searching for and rescuing protected plants, waste collection, annual vegetation assessments and the tree of remembrance initiative.

Rescuing protected plants

Searching for and rescuing protected plants forms part of our environmental responsibility, to ensure the least amount of damage to ecosystems along the N4 Route before, during and after road construction projects.

Environmental specialists are brought in to evaluate and identify protected plant species that will be affected in the vicinity. These plants are removed and planted in protected areas or on neighbouring farms. The removal and replanting of these species are done in conjunction with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), which provides a permit for this purpose. When it comes to trees, the DEFF permit also caters for replanting, thus ensuring that more trees are planted, than are destroyed.

Waste collection

Our micro, medium and macro-sized maintenance contractors collect waste along the N4 Route, to keep the road and road reserve clean. This ensures that

road users are safe, and the ecosystems along the route remain viable.

Annual vegetation assessments

Vegetation prevents soil erosion, which is crucial when it comes to road safety. When a road reserve erodes, edge drops (road safety hazards) form. Unfortunately, in high traffic areas, there is often an inevitable loss of vegetation. We thus regularly evaluate the road reserve along the route and, when a problem is identified, our road maintenance teams work and replant the affected areas.

Tree of remembrance

TRAC's 'tree of remembrance' initiative enables family members to plant a tree, rather than place a cross, next to the road where their loved ones passed away. This ongoing project brings healing and closure to those who have lost loved ones, while also 'greening' the N4. Once the tree is planted, TRAC cares and nurtures the tree through our relevant routine maintenance teams.





TRAC'S CRASH OF RHINOS THRIVING IN REHABILITATION

As of 2020, 80% of the world's remaining rhinos are found in South Africa, which has become the epicentre of rhino poaching - the illegal act of slaughtering rhinos for their horns.

The death of a rhino for just a horn is tragic, but sadly many calves are left orphaned in the wild as a result. Without intervention, they almost always succumb to predators or starvation.

Our story starts in 2014, when a rhino calf was left for dead by a heartless group of poachers. TRAC was approached for financial assistance by Care for Wild (CFW). We agreed and immediately began supporting the registered non-profit sanctuary, through an annual agreement.

The calf, later named Wyntir, was left an orphan after poachers butchered her mother and she found herself under siege by a cackle of hyena. The savage attack left her so severely injured that she was barely clutching to life when she arrived at CFW. Our adoption of Wyntir forged a solid relationship between TRAC and the sanctuary and, over the years, the dedication, knowledge and perseverance of CFW's staff and volunteers, in conjunction with TRAC's annual sponsorship, ensured that Wyntir not only made a miraculous recovery, but also settled into her new home with ease.

During her recovery, Wyntir befriended two other orphaned rhinos at the centre - Tana and Mabush - which were in a similar state of despair when admitted to CFW. But, just like Wyntir, they too overcame their injuries and heartbreak and today the trio are inseparable.

Our initial sponsorship was to ensure the provision of food and shelter for the three rhinos, that have blossomed over the years and have been released into the sanctuary's reserve. Our funding now goes towards supporting CFW's other community programmes, such as educating the local community about conservation and environment protection, ranger training and job sustainability.

TRAC will continue to support our crash of rhinos at CFW, as the sanctuary needs our support as it continues to protect rhinos through its rehabilitation programmes, anti-poaching units and other conservational stability and management strategies.





PROTECTING WILDLIFE ALONG THE N4

Development is essential to a country, province, region, city and town. It is also essential for the population because without development, there is no social or economic progression.

As the concessionaire of the N4 Route, one of the busiest national roads in South Africa, TRAC fully understands the need for development. However, we are also highly aware that infrastructure development brings challenges with it, including a negative impact on natural habitats and wildlife.

Always considerate and respectful of the environment, TRAC has counteracted these challenges by joining forces with numerous conservation organisations over the years to put fruitful partnerships in place. One of our most successful partnerships is with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), which runs the Wildlife and Roads Project. Launched in 2017, the joint venture has since flourished to benefit wildlife and individuals along our route.

The EWT Wildlife and Roads Project is a database management system that keeps track of the number and type of wildlife killed on the N4 Route. It is also being used by other South African concessionaires namely Bakwena and the N3TC.

The initiative sees TRAC's patrol teams send roadkill information to the EWT, which updates the related

database daily. The data collected is used to develop a management strategy to reduce the number of animals involved in vehicle-wildlife collisions. It is also used to make recommendations to road engineers about animal-friendly road designs.

To ensure accuracy and authenticity, the EWT trained our patrol teams at the beginning of the partnership, in various areas, including data collection, species identification and snake handling.

The project's initial phase proved extremely successful, resulting in TRAC strengthening our ties with the EWT by sponsoring bursaries for two of its learner employees. Brilliant Mashoa was provided with a two-year bursary to complete his Master's in Environmental Sciences, at the University of Venda; while Innocent Buthelezi received a bursary for his Bachelor of Nature Conservation at the Tshwane University of Technology.

Innocent has an incredibly special relationship with TRAC, as he heads up the Wildlife and Roads Project for our patrol teams and is in contact with the units daily. He also provides them with monthly training.

TRAC values Innocent's skills and knowledge, and often consults him before making decisions about road project designs and traffic management. Reports and recommendations relating to the negative environmental impacts of transportation are also gathered from scientific data recorded by the Road Ecology Research Project.

Another reason why TRAC is extremely proud of Innocent, is that while he was conducting his thesis on the Kruger National Park (KNP), he also managed the 'Brake For Wildlife' Campaign in the world-renowned nature reserve.



YOUNG DREAMER ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Eleanor Roosevelt.



This quote certainly rings true for the young dreamer Innocent Buthelezi (30), who's defeating the odds thanks to a TRAC-sponsored bursary.

Born in Klipvoorstad, a rural village on the border of the North West and Limpopo, Innocent grew up in Gauteng with his mother, a domestic worker, at her workplace in Johannesburg.

“I was fortunate to receive a higher standard of education than most children living in rural areas.

I was always an average student, but persevered and worked hard,” he said.

Innocent tried his hand at karate, while still in crèche, and had obtained his yellow belt by the time he left. At the age of 13, he obtained his red belt. “I didn't continue with karate in high school, but participated in rugby, athletics, soccer and swimming,” said Innocent.

“Attending sports clubs was often a challenge, as I lived far from school and had to walk home. However, my love of rugby encouraged me to build up stamina and strength. I started lifting weights, made from cement compressed into empty paint cans,” he added.

A conservationist in the making

During his teenage years, Innocent developed an interest in watching National Geographic and Animal Planet on TV, where his passion for nature started, which eventually led him to pursue a career in nature conservation.

After matriculating in 2008, Innocent commenced his nature conservation studies at Tshwane University of Technology and graduated with a national diploma in 2012. “I would never have achieved this without the

generosity of my mom's employer, who financially supported my studies,” he said.

From 2013 to 2017, Innocent volunteered and worked at the South African National Biodiversity Institute and Rand Water, as an assistant. He then embarked on his current career at the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) Wildlife and Transport Programme.

Despite his mother's employer's support to pursue a BTech in Nature Conservation, Innocent found the coursework challenging due to home and financial pressures. However, after joining the EWT, he once again felt the urge to complete his BTech and embarked on the journey that changed the trajectory of his professional life.

TRAC steps up

“TRAC has supported me throughout my studies. I am eternally grateful for the faith the company placed in me, as an up-and-coming conservationist,” said Innocent.

“My goal for 2020 is to complete my BTech, although the academic year has been impacted by the coronavirus. I still aim to finish my degree and hope to graduate in 2021,” he added.

TRAC has supported Innocent with a bursary for his BTech studies since 2018 and in turn benefitted from his knowledge and experience through the training of our route patrol staff for the EWT data collection programme. In addition, we also funded his trip to the Eco Infra Network Europe (EINE) Conference in 2018 in the Netherlands which exposed him to global experts in the transportation, infrastructure and ecology sectors.

“I am truly grateful for the bursary. Not only am I a student, but I have a full-time job at the EWT. Without TRAC’s support, it would have been difficult to be a supportive husband and father while furthering my studies,” said Innocent. “TRAC also supported me with a critical research project that the EWT was undertaking in the KNP. I successfully completed it, with a little hard work and dedication.”

His research project – Assessing the effectiveness of road signage in altering driver behaviour in the KNP – was based on reports from social media, particularly Facebook, that indicated huge public concern for the number of animals killed by drivers on the park’s roads.

In 2018, the EWT assessed different road signs to see if driver behaviour could be changed to prevent animal deaths. “Of almost 7 000 drivers, 73% missed a dummy snake on the road, when there were no road signs to warn them. When we put different signs out, we noticed some interesting findings with regard to driver behaviour,” said Innocent.

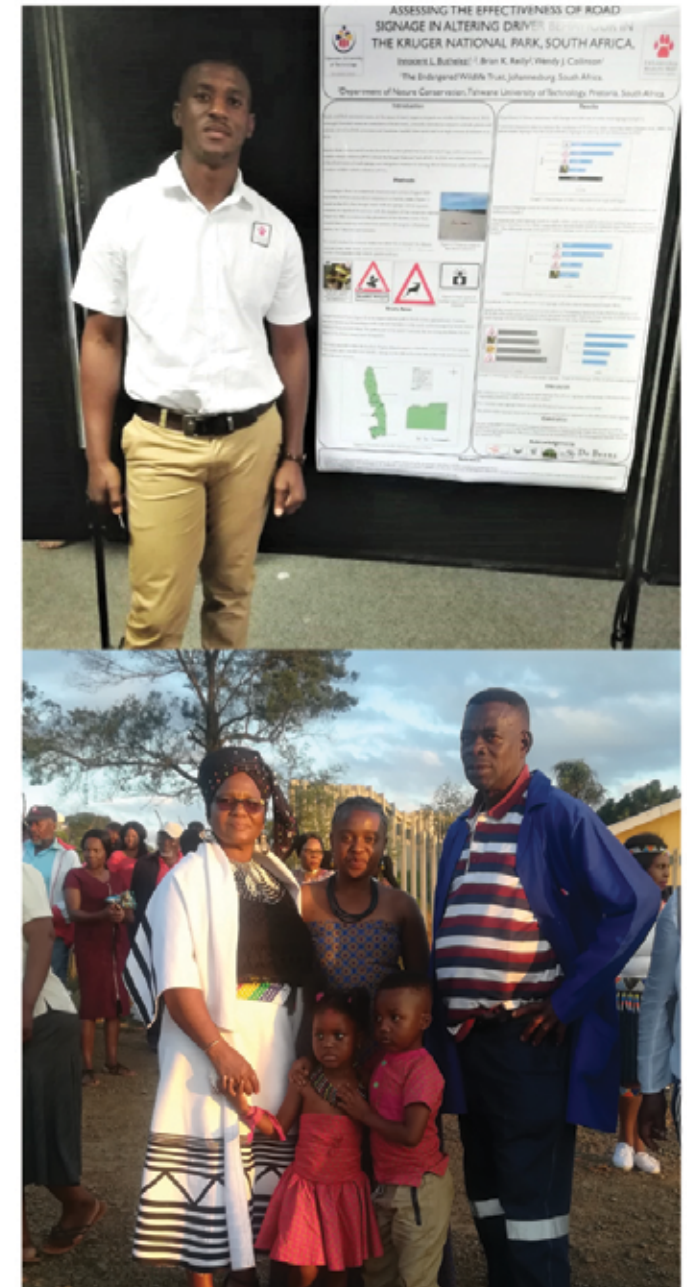
The research showed that road signs could result in drivers changing their behaviour and will assist the KNP with its Traffic Management Plan. They could also be used to help conserve wildlife on highways across the country.

Looking ahead

As for the future, Innocent has his sight firmly set on achieving his ultimate goal to obtain his PhD. “I have always been a dreamer, it’s what has kept me going throughout my conservation career.”

“After I have completed my BTech, I plan to undertake some short courses that will improve my skills and provide me with new ones to better perform in my role. These skills will be good preparation for my master’s degree, that I plan to undertake on my journey to obtaining my PhD.”

“I will forever be grateful to TRAC for giving me the opportunity to study further,” he said.





GROWING HOPE AND PROFIT FOR RURAL NURSERY

Everything has a beginning and an end, but, when the end brings positive prospects with it, it's a happy ending indeed! This is the case with Thembaletu Nursery in Nkomazi, Mpumalanga, which TRAC took under its wing in 2013.

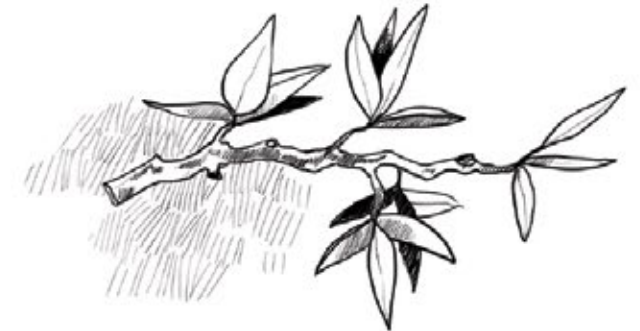
Five years after establishing the nursery, we were able to fulfil our original goal of officially handing it back to the community as a self-sustainable entity.

The rural nursery initially fell within TRAC's environmental responsibility scope. The project was conceived as a precautionary measure against the adverse effects that the 2013 upgrade of the Crocodile Gorge, in Mpumalanga, had on local vegetation. The venture was so successful, that it eventually also played a pivotal role in stabilising the negative impact road infrastructure development had on the eco-systems in various regions of the N4 Route. In addition, it also played a critical role in TRAC's flagship environmental CSI project - Greening the N4.

The Thembaletu Nursery, now fully managed and operated by members of the Nkomazi community, also fell within two other TRAC CSI portfolios, namely Enterprise Development and Social Economic Development. Apart from selling indigenous trees, they are also selling tree and vegetable seedlings, both of which boost environmental sustainability and food security.

In the five years that TRAC managed the nursery we not only covered its overheads, including salaries, but also established necessary infrastructure, such as a borehole, advanced irrigation system and a greenhouse. Although the initiative started small with the collection of seeds from indigenous trees and empty two-litre cold drink bottles, used to germinate them – it has evolved into a well-established, sound and profitable venture.

By the end of 2018, Thembaletu Nursery was completely self-sustainable, enabling TRAC to hand it over to the community and take on a core-client role.





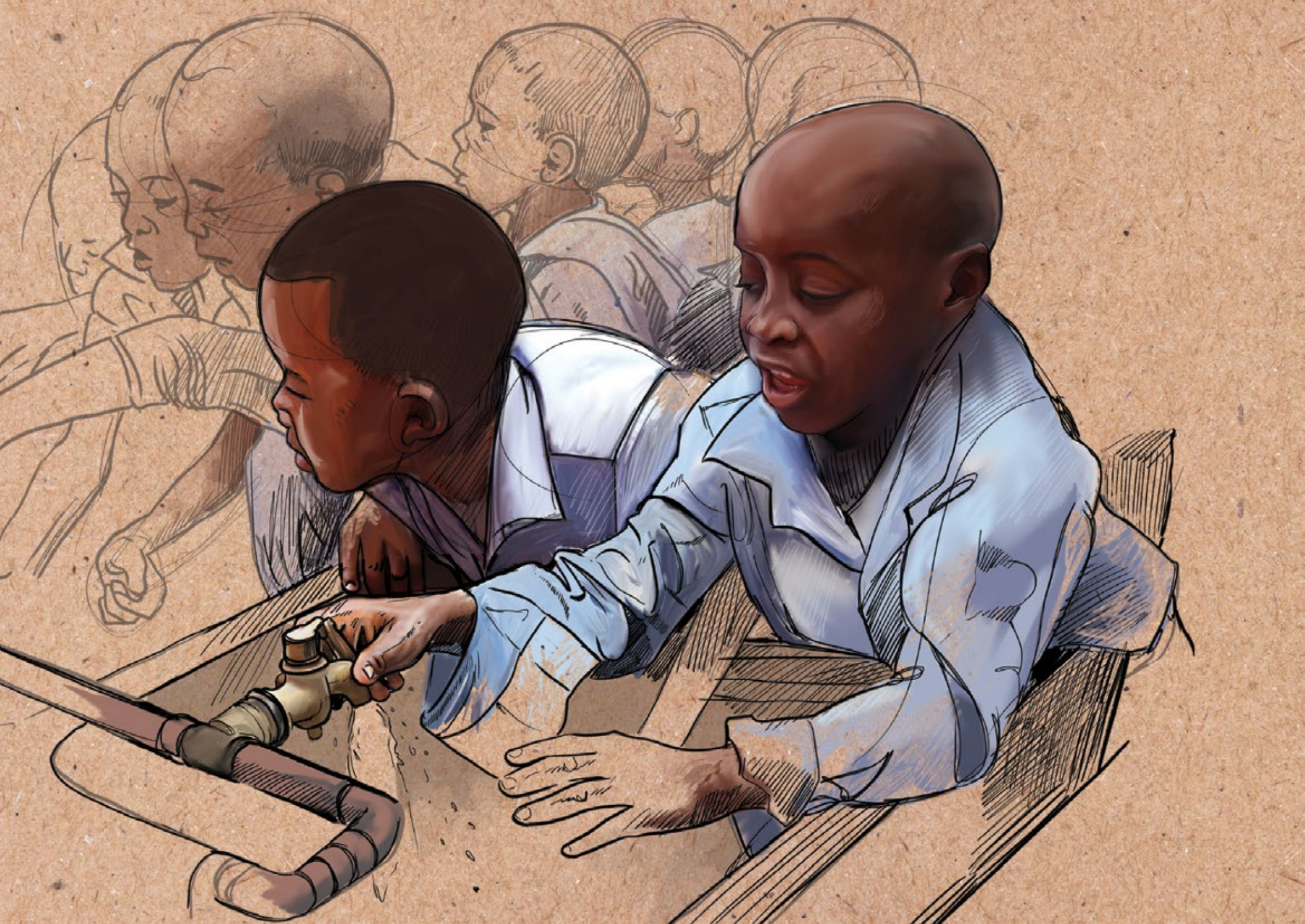
Education

TRAC encourages people to reach their goals

"Educating the mind, without educating the heart, is no education at all." ~ Aristotle.

We look after the hearts and minds of our youth and develop them through teaching, coaching, and upskilling. We believe in supporting and inspiring our youth to reach their full potential and their goals, thus paving the way for a bright and prosperous future.

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TRAC'S FLAG-SHIP PROJECT SET TO LEAVE A LEGACY

This legacy project has had a profound impact on the community which has resulted in the growth and development of the people living in the area, with a focus on education, skills development and enterprise development.

Thanda Primary School is situated on the outskirts of Emjejane, 2km off the N4 in the Nkomazi Region and is a rural, non-fee-paying school with approximately 850 pupils who are enrolled from Grade R to Grade nine.

During 2017, whilst there were road works in the area, the school approached the Komatipoort Load Control Centre for assistance with the building of an assembly hall. Through discussions with the school principal, it was noted that the school was also in dire need of additional classrooms, kitchen and ablution facilities. In consultation with the Department of Education, TRAC committed to provide the facilities for the school.

The official handover of the new facilities happened on 10 February 2020 and is a day that will not be forgotten by the pupils and educators of Thanda Primary School and the community of Emjejane.

This amazing TRAC Legacy Project received an investment of R6-million which was completed in phases over a three-year budget period. Phase 1 saw the construction of an ablution block with enviro loos followed by the construction of the Foundation Phase block with a road-safety themed playground in phase 2.

Phase 3 comprised the building of an eco-friendly, self-sustainable kitchen and seating area where the school's 850 learners are served a daily meal as part of the National School Nutrition Programme. The fourth and final phase included the building of three classroom blocks consisting of two classrooms each, with every block having its own JoJo tank.

Extensive planning and creativity went into the design of the new amenities to ensure the learners enjoy first-rate facilities in a rural area.

The new classrooms, were designed and built in such a way that learners stay cool in the brutal heat often experienced in the Lowveld's Nkomazi area.

Over and above providing state of the art facilities to the student and teachers, the impact on the community has been profound and has resulted in the growth and development of the people living in the area, with a focus on education, skills development and enterprise development.

Additional projects at the school will include the continuation of the Penreach Literacy and Maths Programme, Early Childhood Development Centre,

E-Learning installation, school and community sports development and adult education programmes.

At the official handover of the project TRAC previous CEO, Graham Esterhuysen, said that Thanda Primary has an incredibly special place in his heart. "In 2017 we were approached to assist the school with something small, but when we saw how much was needed, we decided to give it our all. It was always my biggest wish to leave one of our most prominent communities along the route the gift of education. I take immense pride in the knowledge that this has now been achieved in Nkomazi."

"Education is crucial to the prosperity of our nation because without it there is no hope for future generations and we, at TRAC, consider education as one of our most important CSI portfolios," explained Graham.

"We are grateful that the Mpumalanga Department of Education entrusted us to serve the Nkomazi community in this manner. We are also delighted to hear of the provincial government's commitment to continue looking after this institution."





YOUTH BENEFIT FROM THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin.

Education and skills development are one of our six key areas of support within the ambit of CSI, and in line with National Development Plan (NDP) for both South Africa and Mozambique. This mandate is achieved by providing education and training assistance to communities and students in need, within a 10km radius of the TRAC N4 Route.

TRAC's provision of several bursary initiatives along the route means that the recipients have a unique opportunity to excel in their studies.

For the bursaries to remain sustainable, we offer them to youth who are involved in an existing TRAC community project. This gives our project depth and ensures that once the students have passed their studies, they are almost guaranteed to get a job.

Nkomazi Driver's Licence Project

Fourteen youth from Nkomazi have a greater chance of securing their dream jobs following their attainment of their Code C1 Driver's Licence, thanks to a community

leadership initiative in Ward 30 that birthed the TRAC/ Nkomazi Driver's Licence Programme.

Assisting these youth was in line with our goal to improve lives and increase opportunities in communities along our route. As Nkomazi is severely affected by poverty and unemployment, TRAC was proud to assist.

As the initiative also fell in line with TRAC's social responsibility to our communities, the candidates were enrolled at Msai Drive Alive Driving School to take part in a three-month programme. Consisting of theory and practical. Although challenging, it was definitely worth it.

University of Pretoria

Two students at the University of Pretoria received assistance from TRAC. Charné Marais completed her BCom Human Resource Management, achieving an overall average of 77.68% and distinctions in several modules; while Zanele Maseko, who lives in Nkomazi, received a bursary to study a BVSc Veterinary Science.

National Institute of the Deaf Bursary

A bursary was awarded to a deaf student for a bursary from TRAC for a 12-month course in a National Certificate NQF 3 End Using Computer. The bursary covers the cost of the course and monthly allowance for textbooks, travel and other expenses.

Sol-Tech Learnership

Annually a bursary for Sol-Tech is awarded to a young man with a relevant financially challenging background. The qualifying student will receive a bursary and the applicant may also qualify for an apprenticeship at TRAC.

Sol-tech focuses on vocational training which results in getting a nationally recognised qualification, which often serves as a foundation for further study and ultimately a recognised engineering qualification. Students who study at Sol-Tech are able to realise their dreams regarding career development through goal-specific training.

Meridian Karino Educational Trust

Our long and stable involvement with the Innibos National Arts Festival ensures our support to the Innibos Meridian Karino Educational Trust, which was set up by Innibos Arts Festival management. Its purpose is to provide funding to talented, but less privileged, learners to enable them to attend Meridian Karino Independent School in Nelspruit.

TRAC funds bursaries for two very successful learners. Grade eight learner Lora Cossa progressed to Grade nine in 2020 and continues to benefit from TRAC's bursary; while Tshepang Mashigo, the school's 2019 head boy, was offered several bursaries to go and study music for his tertiary education.

A bursary is more than a gift for students in need. It can mean the difference between a good job and a great job. While helping one person might not change the world, it can change the world for one person.





BURSARY CHANGES ZANELE'S FUTURE

A TRAC bursary has ensured that Zanele Maseko will be the first university graduate in her entire family.

"This opportunity has not only changed my life, but it will change my family members' lives as well," she said.

Zanele grew up in Nkomazi, Mpumalanga, helping her father take care of the family animals. Together with her nephew, she assisted her father with all their livestock. This resulted in her becoming passionate about animals and yearning to study veterinary sciences.

Zanele commenced a biological science extended programme in 2016. Although not exactly what she wanted to study, the programme was necessary to do in order to get into the field of veterinary science. Although it was a sacrifice, in terms of time, Zanele says it certainly was the right path to take to fulfil her ultimate goal.

However in 2019, when Zanele's mother struggled to make ends meet and were no longer able to afford to

pay for Zanele's studies, the future started looking bleak. "My mother is a 70-year-old retired worker, a single mother and the one who carried the whole family's financial burden. But when she was no longer able to finance my education, boarding and living expenses, it put me at great risk of dropping out," explains Zanele.

"I struggled to function in my personal and academic capacity, due to these financial constraints. Day by day, my peace was taken away by the thought that I could never reach the goal my family and I had invested in. I lost hope and started questioning myself, which pushed me into a corner filled with self-loathing, sadness and feelings of failure."

This too troubled her mother and to rub salt into the emotional wounds, Zanele's mom soon became sick from the stress and worry she experienced which didn't help Zanele's cause. "She felt she had failed me as a mother, and that tore me apart," explains Zanele.

TRAC steps up

But when least expected, life took an encouraging turn! It was around this time that TRAC heard about Zanele's plight from one of her councillors at the University of Pretoria (TUKS) and didn't hesitate to offer her a full bursary to complete her studies.

"The bursary was a game changer. It made it possible for me to continue dreaming and planning," says Zanele, who loves travelling and meeting new people.

According to her, the scholarship, which also covered her boarding, took away the burden of worrying about where her next meal would come from.

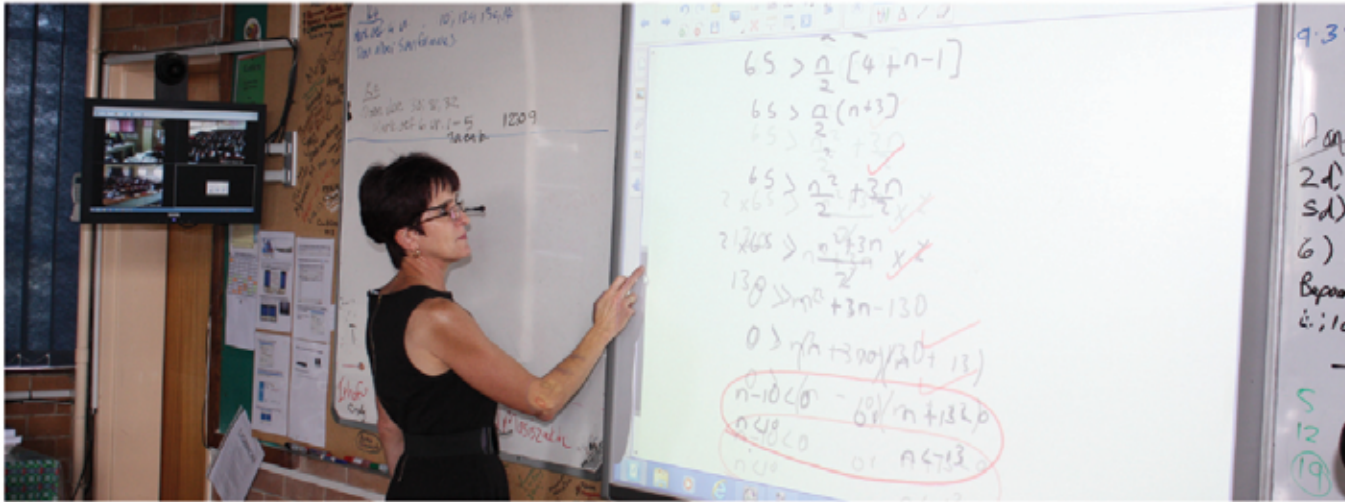
Part of Zanele's training includes compulsory community service which she has always been excited about. "This will enable me to choose which fields I want more exposure before I graduate. It will open my mind to the possibilities. After graduation, I want to work in my province to assist in maintaining stock that will be manufactured or sold as a food source," she says.

"I can't thank TRAC enough. I am now safe and don't have to worry about anything except my next assignment, test and exam. I have hope again. My future is bright!" she concludes.



TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT CHANGE LEARNER'S LIVES

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela.



As technology finds its way into the schools in South Africa, TRAC is proud to be involved in a phenomenal distance-learning project, in partnership with Ligbron E-Learning System (LES), that supports nine schools along the N4 Route.

Since the beginning of the partnership in 2015, with only 40 learners, the TRAC E-Learning project has grown to include nine schools, with 13 maths and 10 science classes, directly assisting 7 000 learners, from Grades eight to 12; while providing teacher development at the same time.

Phumelela Secondary School, in Middelburg, was the latest TRAC-supported school to join the project in 2020. The school lost their E-Learning donor due to economic reasons, and seeing as we had an existing relationship with the school, it made sense for TRAC to step up and add them to our group of schools to the project.

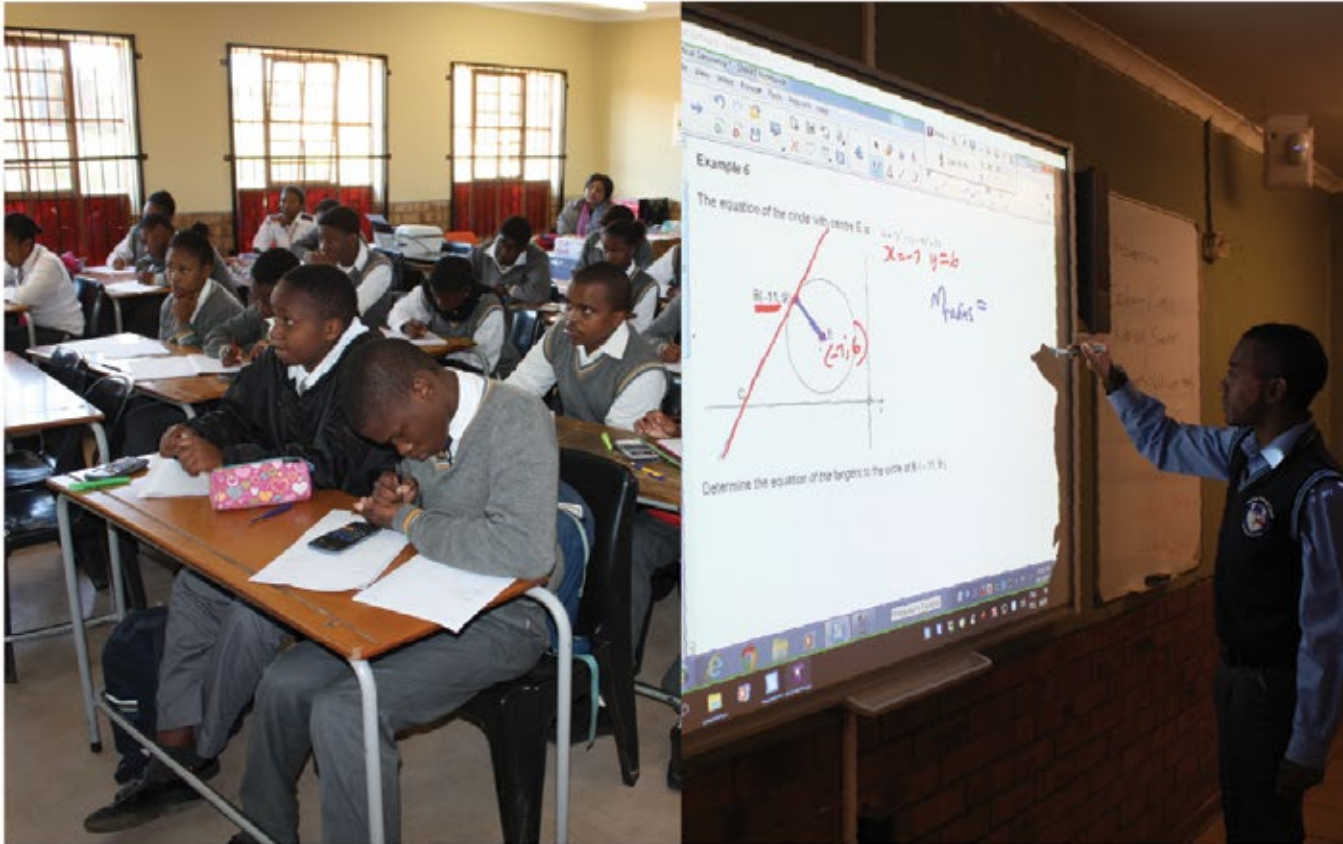
The other eight schools we support are Wozanibone School and Dan Kutumela Secondary School, in Bronkhorstspuit, Mphanama School and Middelburg Combined School, in Middelburg, Khayalami

Secondary School in EMakhazeni, Suikerland Secondary School in Malalane, Komati Akademie in Komatipoort, and Siyifunile Secondary School, in Dullstroom. The project has received an investment of R3.5-million from TRAC over the last two years.

The project connects teachers and learners from rural and mainly under performing schools, training centres and classrooms. They use laptops, desktops, interactive whiteboards, desktop sharing and audio/video streaming. At Ligbron High School, in Ermelo, an educator is now able to teach her class and several remote classes at the same time.

The programme runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon, to accommodate all schools. Remote maths and science teachers simply login at a prescribed time, and join the interactive lesson with their learners via a smartboard and two-way camera – much like the current virtual platforms we all got to familiarise ourselves with lately, Skype or FaceTime.

The pass rate per school has improved drastically, even when one considers the new challenge of more students taking up maths and science. In 2019, six of the nine schools achieved a better matric pass



rate, with five schools also achieving more bachelor's degrees. The programme is endorsed by the Department of Education.

As we enter our fifth year supporting this project, we look forward to assisting even more learners along our route with maths and science and watching the project grow from strength to strength.

Assistance to the nine schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The 2020 Pandemic had a huge impact on education, especially to the matriculants. Our E-Learning partners moved mountains to continue with the provision of educational material to Grade 11s and 12s through as many platforms as possible. Including, but not

limited to cell phone apps, Youtube, TV Channels and distribution were possible of written media.

TRAC funded the Ligbron E-Learning cell phone application. This meant that the students in the nine schools in our TRAC E-Learning project could continue to have access to quality educational material for Maths and Science via an interactive cell phone application.

The application covered all topics in the curriculum and allowed students in the rural areas access to material as long as they had data on their phones. Those students who did not have data, could go to their schools where they downloaded the cell phone application and uploaded the material with the assistance of the LES technical team.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE LES PROJECT:

Throughout South Africa there are:

- 86 schools are taking part in the LES programme.
- 190 E-Learning classrooms.
- 5 217 Grade 11 learners were receiving live, weekly lessons.
- 3 708 Grade 12 learners were receiving live, weekly lessons.
- 24 576 maths and science were learners benefitting from LES technology.

ADDITIONAL BUILDING BOOSTS COMMUNITY CRÉCHE

Schools and other educational institutions cater to a variety of needs in the community. This is why when TRAC upgrades or renovates education facilities, we ensure that the buildings are multi-functional and can provide an opportunity for growth, within an eco-friendly environment.

The Good Hope Centre in Mataffin, Mbombela, is a non-profit organisation that today boasts a multi-purpose centre and two classrooms built by TRAC.

Run by Ntombifuthi (Ntombi) Nyoni, the early childhood development centre benefits 140 children from two to five years of age.

TRAC's journey with the Good Hope Centre started in 2014, when we were approached to assist with the building of two classrooms to accommodate a growing number of children. The centre opened its doors in 2006, initially as a feeding scheme for 24 children, but eventually it was providing a daily meal for 140 children and had become an aftercare facility for pre-school children.

After handing over the new classrooms in 2016, TRAC amplified its assistance by offering to build a multi-purpose, sheltered add-on to the facilities. The centre's existing structure was dilapidated and TRAC decided the children deserved a safe space in which to eat their meals and enjoy their playtime, without

being exposed to the Lowveld's harsh climate. The multi-purpose centre was completed in three months

and officially handed over in the first quarter of 2019, much to the delight of learners, teachers and parents.



EXTRA COVER FOR LITTLE ANGEL STUDENTS

Little Angel School has always been close to TRAC's heart. Despite operating in an impoverished community our relationship with this facility ensures it continues to thrive.

If the Little Angel School were a person, it would have a very tenacious personality. Despite the challenges faced by operating in a community marked by poverty, the school continues to flourish.

Little Angel has always been close to TRAC's heart, built by us 19 years ago to serve the Nkomazi community, where there was and still is a shortage of English-medium schools in a rapidly increased highly populated area.

Since its inception, the private school has grown considerably and today it caters for 166 learners from Grades 00 to four. Ultimately it aims to become a fully-fledged primary school catering for students up to Grade seven. The school is one of only two English schools in the area.

In 2016, TRAC sponsored the building of an extra four classrooms and, over the past few years, we have carried out ongoing general maintenance and renovations to the existing building.

In 2019, it was our absolute pleasure to build a multi-purpose hall at the school, which has positively

impacted both Little Angel and the wider community. Apart from housing school events, the hall is also available to members of the public. In addition, it provides welcome relief from the blazing sun, summer

rain or winter chill in the afternoons when the children are waiting to be collected. We look forward to supporting Little Angel School in its next chapter as it increases its capacity to accommodate more children.





IMPROVING READING IN THE COMMUNITY

There's no greater gift to give a child, than that of a good education, and every child should have this right.

In South Africa, a staggering 54% of Grade four learners are not able to read for meaning and 29% are considered to be illiterate. In an attempt to correct this educational crisis, TRAC partnered with Penreach to bring the Asifundze Literacy and Numeracy Programme, Penreach Courageous Leadership Development Programme (PCLDP) and reading camps to schools and communities along our route.

Penreach is the largest non-governmental organisation (NGO) in the southern hemisphere focusing on education interventions, from early childhood to matric, for learners, teachers, and school leadership. Self-funded, the NGO relies on social investment partnerships to reach its beneficiaries.

The TRAC/Penreach partnership was launched in 2015 at Kaapmuiden Primary School and over the past five years, has expanded substantially to include four schools – three in Mpumalanga's Ehlanzeni District, namely Kaapmuiden Primary School, Sukhumani Primary and Funindlela Primary, and Thanda Primary School, in the Nkomazi District.

The TRAC-funded schools reach 47 teachers and 4 280 children in four communities. The 43 community

reading camps reach 1 520 children after school and have proven successful in after-school academic support, specifically reading. Although the reading camps have been established to provide educational support after school, they also serve the purpose of keeping the children off the streets in the afternoon and in a safe home environment of the reading camp volunteer.

Teacher workshops and training sessions are held monthly, to empower teachers, and the PCLDP offers extensive training to principals, deputy principals and education specialists at participating schools. The aim is to ensure that 90% of the learners pass mathematics, science and languages, with a mark of at least 50% by 2030.

A key focus of the PCLDP is to give learners a better start in life, by capacitating school leadership to effectively track and manage curriculum implementation; and to monitor teacher and learner attendance, to reduce the drop-out and repetition rate and ultimately improve overall learner performance.

The PCLDP has embraced technology and teachers now use tablets to track curriculum implementation

and conduct learner assessments. The programme made significant strides in improving Grade three learners' marks at the end of 2019, with 77.2% of the learners achieving above 50% in their home language and English and 80% scoring above 50% in numeracy skills.

Children are our future and it is our moral and social obligation to ensure that they are equipped to succeed.



ADÉL BEATS THE ODDS WITH TRAC BY HER SIDE

“The universe always has a better plan. We have to trust and believe in it.” These are the wise words of Adél Cato, one of TRAC’s bursary recipients, who saw her hopes and dreams dashed in mere seconds in July 2018, when she was hit by a car while crossing the street.

Adél sustained life-threatening injuries in the accident and was in a coma for three months. When she awoke from her comatose state, the traumatic brain injury she suffered resulted in her having to learn everything from scratch. The 20-year-old beauty, in her second year of industrial psychology at the University of Pretoria, had to relearn basic bodily functions, such as chewing, swallowing, speaking and walking. “My left side was practically paralysed, while my right side was in a spasm,” she explains. “It was difficult to do the most basic things.”

While lying in the ICU at Muelmed Hospital in Tshwane, Adél looked nothing like the young lady who was

awarded a bursary from TRAC in 2018 to complete her industrial psychology degree. Adél was one of the fortunate candidates to be chosen, following a lengthy and gruelling beneficiary identification process. Although the candidate list was extensive, the vibrant, loveable, talented and very gifted Adél stood out. However, a few months after receiving the bursary, Adél was fighting for her life. This prompted her father to contact Jacaranda FM’s Good Morning Angels for assistance.

And, just by chance, TRAC’s HR and CSI Executive Manager, Adri Fourie, was listening to the station that morning and the story touched her heart. Without

realising who the story was about, Adri says she was drawn to the desperation and pain Adél’s father was evoking on air and couldn’t stop listening. “At that point, I hadn’t even met Adél. I had chosen her as a bursary recipient based on her curriculum. But, when I heard her story from her father and he mentioned her name, an alarm must have rung in my subconscious. But at that moment, the penny didn’t drop,” explains Adri.

“But the story was so profound that I couldn’t stop thinking about it. There was something about the girl’s name that nagged at me until I suddenly remembered seeing it before,” says Adri.



"I followed my hunch, and after a thorough search, I eventually got hold of Frank, Adél's father. A flood of emotions overwhelmed me when he confirmed that his Adél was TRAC's Adél," Adri says with tears in her eyes.

This realisation resulted in TRAC immediately getting stuck in to assist with whatever was needed to help Adél and her family. "We not only made arrangements with the university regarding her studies, but also got involved in other ways," Adri says.

All the positive vibes being sent her way, combined with Adél's fighting spirit and her parents' determination to get her through her life's most significant challenge, paid off. Less than two years after the accident, Adél was living a normal life as a 22-year-old. Although still undergoing rehabilitation, by July 2020, she was walking, talking, laughing, shopping and, best of all, back at university.

She is determined to finish her studies and get her degree. Adél has accepted that it may take a little longer than initially planned, but she is ok with that. "Due to the accident, I now do fewer subjects per semester, but I don't mind to be honest," she says with a smile on her face. "This way, I can focus better on each subject, which allows me to get the best possible marks."

Adél says that ironically, she is finding it easier to study these days. She now has 'fewer distractions'. She explains: "Before the accident, I was your typical

young adult. Socialising, partying and having fun were the things that mattered most. I studied, of course, and did ok, but I always knew I could do better. I now focus solely on my recovery and studies. I am getting the results that match my ability and potential."

She adds: "I must say that the university has been amazing! This was the first time they had to deal with something like this, but they have gone out of their way to ensure I can continue studying. Going back to class was terrifying, but equally rewarding!"

Adél's mother, Joanita, concurs: "It has been a long, difficult road for Adél and us as a family. But the help from everyone that matters, like TRAC and the university, has helped our cause. We are blessed to have such good people and organisations in our lives."

And, according to Adri, TRAC will remain in Adél's life for a long time to come.

"Our relationship with her started a few years ago, and it will not stop until she is done. She will do all her internships at TRAC, which is a prerequisite of the bursary, and will continue to be supported in whatever way possible".

"We will walk this road with her. We are extremely proud of what she has overcome to get here and we know that we have picked a lifelong winner in Adél," concludes Adri.



Health & Welfare

Hope for a healthy future

"A youth that does not cultivate friendship with the elderly is like a tree without roots."

We believe that giving back is not just about making monetary donations; it is about making a difference where it matters most. TRAC invests in the health and welfare of the communities along our route.

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| Private clinic fills the gap in the Emakhazeni community | Inspired to change through Madiba



MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

“Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference.” - Kathy Calvin

Many individuals and organisations are in need along the N4 Route and while we would love nothing more than to be able to assist everyone, by extending a helping hand we have made a difference to a few and they have really touched our hearts.

Kick-starting high school memories

Grade eight should be an exciting time in the life of a teenager, the start of high school means new horizons, but many in our adjacent communities are plagued by poverty and can’t afford the very basics that are needed for the start of school. With this in mind we teamed up with Rise FM and an on-air competition was held to give away 48 high school starter stationary packs.

The Grade eights from Cyril Clarke Secondary School, in Mataffin, were the winners of the TRAC N4 Rise FM Back to School Competition, which ran in January 2020.



Rise FM listeners were asked to send their names and contact details to enter a lucky draw, with the winner given the opportunity to select the school of his/her choice for the start-up stationary packs. As Cyril Clarke Secondary School is a mere stone's throw away from the N4 Route, we were elated with the winner's choice!

"We focused particularly on Grade eight learners because there are usually bigger costs involved when a learner enters high school," explained TRAC CSI Manager, Adri Fourie.

"We wanted to make this monumental time in the learners' lives memorable and a bit easier, with a gift that consisted of things they needed. This included books, mathematics sets and conventional stationery," she added.

Getting disabled learners mobile

TRAC teamed up with Curro Nelspruit to support the school's Heart Project, ensuring that four specialised wheelchairs were donated to disabled learners at the Mbombela-based KaMagugu Inclusive School.

KaMagugu is one of 30 resource schools in South Africa that enrolls learners with mild to moderate learning barriers, including mobility.

School principal Eric Ndashe expressed his appreciation for the 'amazing gifts' the learners received.

"The wheelchairs ensured the gift of mobility to those who would normally have to crawl or be carried. We want to thank all parties involved for this generous donation," he said.

TRAC was ecstatic to be part of this project. The biggest reward was seeing the smiles on the children's faces and how they interacted with our road safety mascot, Siphso, who joined the festivities to teach the children about road safety.

The four students that benefited from the specialised wheelchairs were Shadow Mkhabela, Simpiwe Mabuza, Andile Malaza and Yoliswa Mnisi.

Shadow Mkhabela, 16-year-old boy

Shadow is a fascinating person with an interesting character and has a very good sense of humour. He has severe contractures and deformities due to cerebral palsy and a history of severe muscle spasticity. He only has the use of his left hand as his right hand and lower limbs have been deformed by the condition. He is dependent on special eating and writing aids to be independent. He depends on a friend to assist him with mobility and toilet hygiene. The wheelchair has given him the freedom to go short distances on his own.



Simpiwe Mabuza, 15-year-old girl

Simpiwe is in the group nine class and has Cerebral Palsy which mainly affects her legs. She has a fixed deformity in her right foot and is unable to walk. She loves wheelchair sports and performing in concerts and eisteddfods dramatised speech activities. She had outgrown her old wheelchair and the new one has kept her mobile.

Andile Malaza, 17-year old boy

Andile has Osteo Genesis Imperfecta. This is a condition that causes all the bones in his body to become very brittle and break easily. It also makes his body organs and shape of his body grow differently to those of other persons. Andile cannot walk and is a permanent wheelchair user. He is a passionate young man with many talents.

He participated in wheelchair basketball in the past but the wheelchair he is currently using is inhibiting him to do so and he has not participated for the past year. He plays table tennis for the school's team.

As a member of the Kamagugu Marimba Band, he plays the drums and regularly performs for big events in Mbombela. He is currently in the group 11 class and doing woodwork and beadwork as additional skills development subjects. He is on the learner representative body and his peers respect him as a leader.

The wheelchair Andile was using did not enable him to push himself without discomfort and he could not be as independent as he wanted to be, because the wheelchair was very old and too high for his short back and torso. Andile benefited from a customised wheelchair that is taking him places.

Yoliswa Mnisi, 12-year-old girl

Yoliswa lives with Cerebral Palsy and limited eyesight. She is unable to walk and can only use her right arm and hand. She loves music and dancing. She also enjoys social interactions and creative activities. Yoliswa is currently dependent on an assistant for mobility. Her old wheelchair did not have a one-arm drive option and was too big for her legs as she has become more active and lost weight. Her new wheelchair helped her become more independent and provided her with sitting stability and the option to drive using one hand.

Rising from the ashes

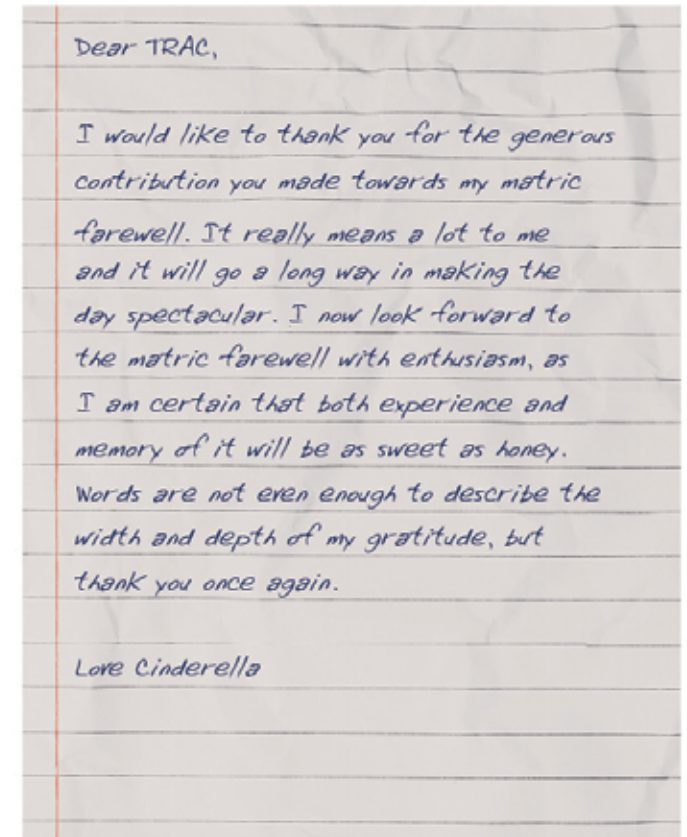
After a devastating fire ravaged a family's home in Emgwenya, leaving three young children orphaned and homeless, the Community Policing Forum and South African Police Service stepped in to assist.

They asked TRAC to assist with Project Lukhele, by donating essential building materials to rebuild the family home. We were heartened to support the family in this way.

Getting Cinderella to the ball

A matric farewell is a time of great excitement for young women, but not if they don't have the funds to buy a new dress or have their hair done. When an ace student at one of our supported schools needed help to look dazzling on her special day, we took out our wand as any fairy godmother would do.

A note from our very own Cinderella



Beauties and hunks strike a pose for cancer

Cancer has affected many of us in one way or another and is considered one of the top two major epidemics in the 21st century – the other is obesity. TRAC is thus always willing to assist with and participate in events that are geared to raise awareness or funds to fight the disease.

We were approached by Hoërskool Bergvlam to sponsor the 2019 Mr. and Miss. Bergvlam, which had a non-profit organisation Moving Mountains as its sole beneficiary.

Moving Mountains is headed by people with interest in the treatment and prevention of cancer. The founding members recognised, through their own experiences, that many fighting the disease are in dire need of financial, emotional and psychological assistance. The organisation thus makes this possible through various fundraising events.

TRAC's sponsorship of Hoërskool Bergvlam's three-month beauty pageant, valued at R12 000, was welcomed by the contestants and beneficiary alike.





GOLDEN OLDIES CONSTANTLY ON TRAC'S RADAR

A Central African proverb from the Ntomba people reads: “A youth that does not cultivate friendship with the elderly is like a tree without roots.”

TRAC's CSI principles are deeply rooted in sustainably caring for the community, as there is deep value in looking after those who nurtured us during our growing years.

We support many non-profit organisations and associations that care for the elderly along our route, as many of these elderly citizens would not be able to manage without our help.

Blankets for Sokhulumi's seniors

In a joint initiative with Asikhulisaneni Youth and Community Development Organisation and Roadmac, TRAC ensured that 1 000 blankets were donated to needy senior citizens, in Bronkhorstspuit's Ward 105, which includes Sokhulumi Village and the farm areas of Valspruit, KwaLappie and Schoongezicht.

The handover not only brought warmth to our elders last winter, but also created job opportunities for local service providers that provided the blankets and refreshments for the day.

Emakhazeni's elderly stay warm

As part of TRAC's Mandela Day celebrations in July, a partnership with Wilson Bayly Holmes Ovcon (WBHO) ensured the donation of 1 000 blankets to the Emakhazeni Local Municipality.

As the area is notoriously cold in winter, the warm blankets brought much relief to the elderly residents who received them.

Chairs for eMakhazeni's elders

The Belfast Old Age Home in Mpumalanga, provides safety and care for the aged in need, whose families are unable or unwilling to contribute towards their care.

The home cares for 60 elderly residents, from 60 to 92 years old, and relies on support and donations from the public, while also undertaking its own extensive fundraising.

TRAC heeded the home's call for assistance for 100 chairs for its dining room. Though a small donation, it made a huge difference in residents' lives.



Upskilling nurses at SAVF Middelburg

The well-established Suid-Afrikaanse Vrouefederasie (SAVF) has been in operation since 1904. It runs several old age homes, child and youth care centres, early childhood development centres, shelters and social work offices in South Africa.

SAVF's Middelburg Old Age Home, situated in the heart of scenic Mpumalanga, takes care of the poorest of the poor – especially those from marginalised communities – by providing specialised nursing and social care for the elderly.

Due to the home's great work ethics, practical training of student healthcare workers is carried out by its experienced and registered nurses and sisters. TRAC provides financial support to ensure the training is able to take place. The students, who are all black females between the ages of 18 and 25, are placed at the home for four months to complete their practical training. Based on an intake of 15 students every four months, 45 suitably skilled and qualified healthcare workers are trained and qualify per annum, giving them the boost they need to find suitable employment.

Teddies help kids cope

The ladies at SAVF's Middelburg Old Age Home have ensured the success of TRAC's Teddies for Kindness initiative. We identified a need for home-made teddies that can be given to young children who might need a

little tender loving care due to stress caused by their parents' vehicle breaking down on the N4 Route. The ladies knit the cutest teddies, which we buy for our route Patrol teams to hand out to road users' children.

Care at Silverdays and Khayalami Old Age Homes

TRAC has supported SAVF's Silverdays and Khayalami Old Age Homes, in Emgwenya, for several years and continues to do so.

These old age homes are entirely dependent on donations from the community. We assisted Silverdays with groceries and basic supplies, for three months, and ensuring that residents at both homes received their annual flu vaccination, additional vital care and assistance with medical supplies, such as cough medication and vitamins from KuPhila Clinic.





PRIVATE CLINIC FILLS THE GAP IN THE EMAKHAZENI COMMUNITY

Access to quality health care is a human right, a right we try to facilitate within various communities along the N4 Route.

As concessionaire of one of South Africa's most prominent trade corridors, we are also passionate about uplifting the communities along our highway through Enterprise Development. The communities living in the Emakhaseni Local Municipality, Mpumalanga have required assistance with both these aspects not only due to their geographical positioning but also the economic challenges they have experienced in the past few years.

Over the last four years the community of Emakhaseni have benefited from the services of the KuPhila Medical Centre. TRAC took charge of the clinic as an Enterprise Development project in 2016 from As-smang Chrome. The clinic was reopened to provide the local community with a professional, high-quality medical alternative to government hospitals and municipal clinics and to provide medical services which

cannot be covered by the state-run facilities. Often dealing with referrals from both municipal clinics in the immediate area, KuPhila frequently serves as the only medical facility available to residents on the days when the government facilities are closed.

The clinic is managed by Ronel Brits, a psychologist and is manned by a doctor, medical assistant and receptionist. It assists approximately 220 people a month from eNtokozeni, Emgwenya, Waterval Onder, Dullstroom, Badplaas and eMakhazeni.

Although KuPhila Clinic works within the private medical services framework, albeit offering services at lower rates than conventional private medical facilities, it also offers pro-bono services to qualifying members of the local community.

The clinic's core responsibilities include the diagnosis and treatment of patients of all ages, the provision of preventative medicine for numerous conditions and promoting overall health and wellness.

KuPhila Medical Centre currently offers numerous services to residents namely:

- Qualified professional doctor dealing in standard conditions and primary healthcare.
- Referrals and medical diagnosis of more complex situations.
- Repair and treatment of minor lacerations and repairs.

- Annual physical check-ups for both individual and corporate clients.
- Qualified psychologist dealing in child psychology and trauma care.

The management and staff at the clinic have the best interests of the greater community at heart and are the rock the community needs.

2020 COVID-19 pandemic

During the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic KuPhila Clinic offered screening, making it the only private clinic in the area to do so.

The cordoned-off area in the medical centre was not only open for regulated checks on the community but also to essential services, companies and contractors, who needed to ensure their employees were fit to return to work during the national lockdown levels that were being imposed. People returning to the province were also encouraged to be screened, as a precautionary measure.

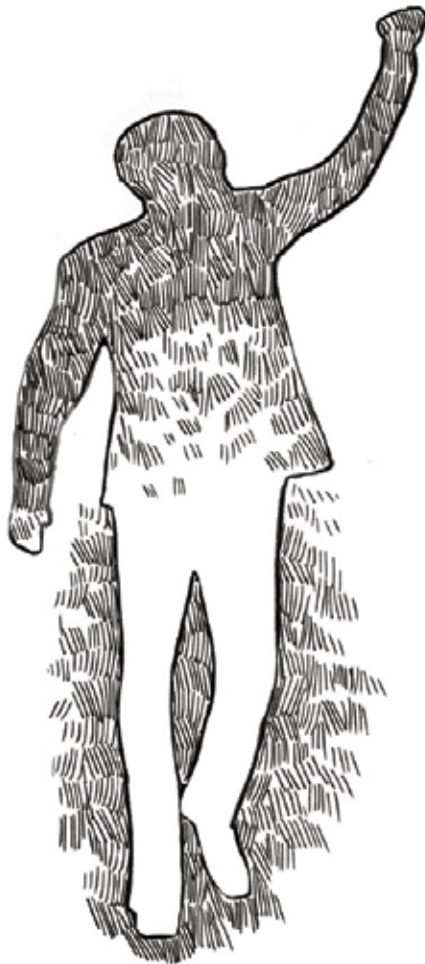
According to the resident doctor, Dr. Caren Yssel, the screening process, by appointment only, was quick and easy. It consisted of a questionnaire, contactless temperature reading and screening of blood sugar and blood pressure levels. If a screened individual was suspected of having COVID-19, he or she was isolated, and dependant on the severity of the case referred to private to relevant public hospitals.

TRAC is very proud to be associated with the eNtokozeni-based KuPhila Medical Centre, which has been providing the local community with professional, high-quality medical services for many years. The COVID-19 screening station was just another way that the clinic's medical professionals and staff played a role in supporting their community and province.



INSPIRED TO CHANGE THROUGH MADIBA

International Mandela Day is more than just a celebration of this incredible icon's life and legacy - it's an annually celebrated the global movement to honour Madiba's fight for humanity, equality and a better future.



Launched by the United Nations in 2009, Mandela Day focusses on an end to human suffering and calls the world to action.

Commemorations also celebrate Mandela's belief in the spirit of ubuntu, which TRAC prides itself on. In fact, the spirit of humanity is etched in our On TRAC principles, which form part of our mission statement.

That's why, on 18 July every year, Mandela 'walks' the entire N4 Route with us. His legacy covers three regions and two countries and sees all our facilities giving back to communities that are located close to their workplace.

Mandela Day allows for the staff to get involved in their communities by giving back through spending time and creating ongoing projects within the community. Each TRAC facility is given a budget and can select an organisation or charity of their choice. This is in line with the 'Mandela Day' principle and promotes

teamwork and unity in the staff unit of each TRAC facility.

Over the years, we have painted and revamped schools and non-governmental organisations, fed the hungry, provided basic essentials to those most in need, led clean up campaigns and provided stationery and school uniforms to many learners along the N4 Route. We have also provided blankets and furniture; essential appliances, such as refrigerators and stoves; and even exercise equipment, to assist with rehabilitation therapy at certain centres.

Although 67 minutes a year hardly seems like enough time to 'make a difference', TRAC uses the opportunity to help create awareness around the social issues facing some communities along our route. Our involvement also helps us to connect deeper with disadvantaged groups, which often leads to the establishment of lasting, beneficial partnerships between TRAC and our communities.



BOOST

Sports & Culture

Making your dream a reality

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." ~Tim Notke

On the sports field and the stage, from athletes to actors, everyone is looking for that next push, or "big break" to make their dreams a reality. TRAC supports a diversity of events from canoeing and motor rallies to cultural festivals.

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TRAC N4 RALLY REVS UP BRONKHORSTSPRUIT

As diversity is an essential component of a thriving world, TRAC aims to support the various needs of different communities along the N4 Route – even when it means rolling up our sleeves at unique events.

We take road safety seriously and grasp any opportunity to promote it. That's why, with diversity and road safety front of mind, we had no hesitation in sponsoring the 2019 TRAC N4 National Rally – the penultimate leg of the seven-leg national series, which saw racers take on dirt roads in and around Bronkhorstspuit under the Motorsport South Africa (MSA) banner.

As the participants of the two-day event had to use the N4 Route to get to the rally's various stages, TRAC was there to keep the drivers safe and ensure smooth passage for them on the N4 throughout the event.

Of course, where there's a rally, there are families and spectators. This provided us with an ideal opportunity to promote road safety in various ways, including a child-minding station at the Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum (rally headquarters and service park), where our young guests were taught how to be responsible road users.

A road with mock road signs was laid out where kids could ride, kick scooters safely.

The adrenaline-pumping event was well supported by the local community and didn't disappoint in terms of gutsy driving, competitiveness and excitement. Rally organisers were awestruck with TRAC's organisation, setup and hands-on approach.

The overall winners of round six were Kelvin Mhlanga and Robbie Coetzee, in their Team Wildcat S2000 Toyota Run X 2.0 4x4, who were honoured at the prizegiving ceremony, alongside other top racers, for their superb effort.

The rally was a great success and we will continue to support it in future.





Photo by: Frik Bezuidenhout

TRAC DRIVES EHLANZENI CHESS

It's sometimes difficult to see the connection between TRAC and some of the organisations, tournaments and events we support. After all, the link between a company that manages a highway and a sport, such as netball, soccer and chess, is not always evident. Often, the question is asked: "How can any of these possibly tie in with our core function?"



The answer is simple. Besides caring for the N4 Route's road users and ensuring that they have world-class infrastructure to travel on, we use our presence along the route to empower people, groups and communities and support what is important to them. Most sports teams, clubs, events and organisations have a greater purpose than what is seen at face value, and this is why we support them.

Take chess, for example. This strategy sport is viewed by many as an activity for intellectuals only. Although it certainly takes skill to play, the fact remains that anyone can learn and compete in the sport. By encouraging people, especially children, from all walks of life to learn and appreciate it, a greater good will prevail. That's why TRAC has been the main sponsor of the TRAC Curro Ehlanzeni Age Group Tournament since 2016.

The bulk of TRAC's work relates to engineering and road construction, which goes hand-in-hand with mastery in mathematics. With chess being renowned for improving one's maths skills, a connection to what TRAC does, can already be grasped. When you add the fact that the Curro Ehlanzeni Age Group Tournament is one of the biggest chess tournaments in Mpumalanga, with annual participation of over 230 players, our reasoning for sponsoring the competition becomes even clearer.

What truly makes this tournament special is, unlike other local school chess competitions, it is open to all chess players regardless of their age, demographics,

school and experience. It caters for the best of the best and developing players from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The competition also goes hand-in-hand with Curro Nelspruit's Chess Outreach Programme, which sees the school's teachers and chess players take the sport to remote areas to teach locals how to play and help them to establish chess clubs. Many of those who are taught the game during outreach sessions eventually become competitors in the TRAC Curro Ehlanzeni Age Group Tournament. This ensures that the TRAC and Curro partnership turns full circle to benefit those who would otherwise not have been exposed to this strategic sport.

The Curro Nelspruit Chess Outreach Programme, in conjunction with the TRAC-sponsored tournament, has helped the Mpumalanga chess fraternity grow extensively, particularly in Ehlanzeni. The sport is now offered at schools across the region, both rural and urban, making it one of the fastest-growing development sports in the province, one that TRAC is extremely proud to support.

CROC CANOE MARATHON, A BOOST FOR DISADVANTAGED PADDLERS

The N4 Route may be ‘just a road’ in the physical sense, but the partnerships that TRAC – as its concessionaire – has formed over the years with the communities along its 570km route, give it the character for which it is renowned.

Take the TRAC Lowveld Croc Canoe Marathon for instance. It is highly unlikely that the average person would relate a race on the water to a road because there seems to be no relation or similarities between the two. In fact, they would appear to be complete opposites – water and land, boats and cars, natural reserves and developed infrastructure. How then could there possibly be a correlation between the two?

The answer is simple – the Crocodile River! This natural water body runs along a large part of N4 Route and also happens to be the river at which some of the country's top canoeists congregate annually to compete in the two-day TRAC Lowveld Croc Canoe Marathon. We have a long history with this competition – since 2013, to be precise – and are currently its main sponsor.

Not only does the event give rise to additional traffic on the N4 Route, as most participants are from other provinces, but in recent years it has also fitted in perfectly with our CSI goal of creating opportunities for the development of athletes from disadvantaged backgrounds. Since 2018, TRAC has not only sponsored the competition itself, but also

the participation of development paddlers from the Soweto Canoe and Recreational Club (SCARC).

The SCARC is a social development initiative that aims to uplift previously disadvantaged communities through the power of sport. The brainchild of ADreach Group CEO Brad Fisher, himself an avid paddler, the SCARC was founded in 2003 after Fisher noticed an absence of previously disadvantaged paddlers in his favourite sport. In an effort to give back to people who could benefit from the sport in the same way he had, Fisher established the SCARC, which has since produced some of the most exciting up-and-coming paddlers in the country.

TRAC's sponsorship to some of the club's members covers their travel, accommodation, food and entry fees for the Croc Canoe Marathon, ensuring that they are exposed to one of the country's top canoeing events.



TRAC DRIVES PATRONS AT SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL

For the general public art and cultural festivals such as the Innibos National Arts Festival may be synonymous with entertainment and fun, but for TRAC they play a far more important role in society by boosting the local economy.



People generally think 'fun' when they hear the words 'arts festival', but studies on the economic impact of such events show that they provide a major financial injection into the regions in which they are held.

This is one of the primary objectives of the annual Innibos National Arts Festival, held in Mpumalanga's capital city of Mbombela. With economic and social development central to any company's CSI goals, TRAC has been a gold sponsor of the festival for the past 14 years.

Supporting the Innibos National Arts Festival has always been one of TRAC's major priorities, as over

60% of the festival's patrons use the N4 Route to reach the event from Gauteng.

We came on board in 2006, to take over the festival's much-loved shuttle service – the Bossewaens – which transports festival-goers between the main festival grounds and various theatre productions that are held in pre-selected venues around Mbombela.

Initially, the Bossewaens' service was provided in open, game-viewing vehicles to add to Innibos' 'in the bush' theme. A growing number of patrons make use of the service annually which also assist TRAC to promote road safety, by preventing drinking and driving. Wanting to share the festival's economic benefits with our community further resulted in us contracting private, local transport companies for assistance since 2018.

They supplied us with their minibuses and professional drivers, which not only ensured an income for them, but a safe, reliable transportation (taxi) service for Innibos patrons too. Using the minibuses proved more successful than anticipated, with clients complimenting

TRAC for bringing a 'truly African' element to the service and promoting diversity and togetherness.

As TRAC became a steady and dependable sponsor, the festival's organisers turned to us to support other major initiatives linked to Innibos including the Innibos National Craft Awards and the Innibos Meridian Karino Educational Trust.

The craft awards showcase skills excellence among South African professional and amateur crafters and artists, which TRAC supported by sponsoring the runner-up's cash prize.

TRAC has supported the Innibos Meridian Karino Educational Trust, created in 2017, since 2019. It falls within the ambit of our six key CSI focus areas – education. The trust was set up by Innibos management to give artistically talented, less privileged learners a bursary for Curro Meridian in Karino, just outside Mbombela (or another reputable school), from Grade seven to Grade 12. To date, TRAC has funded bursaries for two highly-successful learners who have performed very well in their studies.





GOOD HEALTH MAKES FOR GOOD BUSINESS

Exercise has shown to improve health in general. As a result, there is a global move towards wellness and self-care, getting fit and adopting a healthier lifestyle through exercise and diet.

Health and welfare form part of TRAC's key CSI priorities, hence we support various community health and welfare initiatives and awareness programmes in communities along the N4 Route.

By participating in these initiatives, our employees not only have the opportunity to give back to the community, but they enjoy the health benefits too.

Two well-organised and popular annual sporting events, the Rotary Greatest Train Race in Middelburg and the Selati 2-in-1 Half Marathon in Malalane, afford our employees the opportunity to take part.

Our financial contribution to these races enables us to enter a TRAC team into each race, with employees from the Highveld and from the Lowveld participating.

The popular Selati 2-in-1 Marathon is held in the Lowveld, annually in May. It offers a 21km and 10km race and a 4.9km fun run. In 2019, the 31st race anniversary, over 3 000 runners took part in the scenic, but tough competition.

Our sponsorship of the race goes towards refunding participants who make use of the Nkomazi Toll Plaza to get to the race, thus making the marathon accessible to runners from Mbombela, White River and surrounding areas.

In the Highveld, the Rotary Greatest Train Race is a road-running event that offers a 32km, 15km or 4.9km route. Set between the coal-mining towns of eMalahleni and Middelburg, the race raises funds for the less fortunate.

A team of TRAC's employees takes part in the Rotary Greatest Train Race, and our sponsorship covers the race numbers, a financial injection to the organisers to run the event and, most importantly, a reduction in toll fees for motorists that use the N4 Route on race day, as the alternative route (R555) is closed for the duration of the race.

At both events, we provide a hospitality suite for our deserving TRAC participants, a meal and a T-shirt. It's a great team-building event and fun is had by all.

The Loskop Ultra-Marathon in Middelburg, which supports less advantaged members of the running community, is another road race that is financially supported by TRAC. Our large financial injection to the race's organisers ensures a smooth race day.

As road races have various costs, less advantaged runners are sometimes not able to participate. TRAC thus supports 45 development athletes so that they can take part in the ultra-marathon. We pay their entry fee, temporary license (if required), timing chip rental, bus transport, a substantial meal on the Friday evening and basic tented accommodation at the start of the event.

"It is so successful, we might even start our own race in the near future," said Kathleen Greeff.

Sporting activities like running and walking can improve our lives for the better. Our staff have taken this wellness challenge seriously and have shown that they have got what it takes to be healthy and look after themselves. A positive, enthusiastic workforce is the result.

SUPPORTING SOCCER TOURNAMENTS HAS MORE THAN ONE GOAL

One of TRAC's key mottos - and objectives - is to improve the lives of those living along the N4 Route. We do this through various means, including supporting sports events which have shown to unite and strengthen communities.



The physical health benefits of playing sports, like soccer, are countless. In this day and age, we all know the positive effects being active has on the heart and brain. What many might not know, however, is that team sport such as soccer also boasts an emotional and social skills component. It is also known to bring diverse communities together.

Soccer, for example, encourages appropriate behaviour and the ability to understand that there are consequences when the wrong attitude prevails. There is no denying that a soccer team cannot be successful without a joint effort to achieve their objectives. To reach a common goal requires the cooperation, accountability, and coordination of all those in the team. In a soccer scenario, this includes the players, team management and fans.

Soccer also plays a critical role in learning positive attitudes and leadership skills it also serves to teach kids and adults alike the importance of respecting others and obeying the rule of law. When one looks at it from this angle it's simple to understand why 'the beautiful game' is often the trump card in the social development of communities.

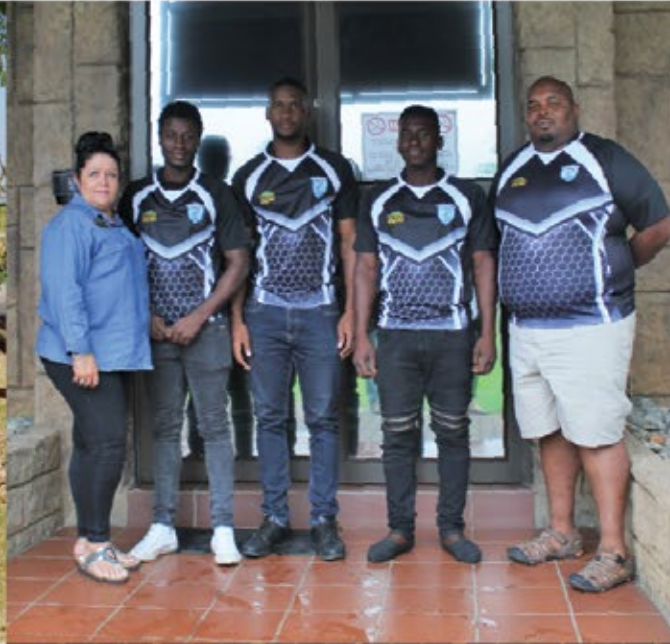
Since 2007 TRAC has played a pivotal role in the Selati Cup Soccer Tournament which is the brainchild of RCL Foods based in Nkomazi. This competition is the biggest amateur soccer competition in South Africa

and has a considerable following. Not only does it bring much pleasure and pride to soccer enthusiasts in the area, it also serves as the perfect platform for rising soccer stars.

Apart from the huge fan base it draws, this amateur tournament enjoys immense success due to the exceptional prize money up for grabs. The last few years have seen the winners of each tournament walk away with R100 000 cash prize while the runners-up secured a R60 000 cash prize. The latter has been sponsored by TRAC for many years.

Another amateur soccer tournament which TRAC has been involved in with RCL Foods is the Sukumani Sidlale Soccer Tournament in Matsulu, Mbombela. We became involved in this event - which sees 32 teams competed in 2016. Apart from the traditional type of sponsorship, TRAC has also sponsored playing kits to both finalists. This not only ensures that the top teams look professional at the finals, but also allows them to shine during the annual local soccer league season.





TRAC, WHAT A SPORT

Sport and culture are two of TRAC's key CSI priorities as they enable us to empower, uplift and develop communities along the N4 Route.

Over the years, we have seen the impact that a kit has on a team, providing the unity needed to excel. As we believe firmly in social empowerment, TRAC makes sure that various sports teams can go out onto the field, wearing their own kit with pride.

Propping up the community rugby

With rugby being one of the most popular sports in South Africa, support of developing teams in rural communities, is vital to levelling the playing field.

When the Matsulu Rugby Club approached our public relations department for assistance with a kit earlier this year, we leapt at the opportunity to assist. The Senior Men's XV Team, which is active in the local rugby league, received rugby jerseys, shorts and socks. We look forward to proudly supporting the team again this season.

Laerskool Laeveld's first rugby team is supported by TRAC, and has done exceptionally well over the past two seasons – playing in the Mpumalanga semi-final playoffs. Two of the u/13 boys were included in the Mpumalanga team and will play for the Pumas at Craven Week, thanks to TRAC's sponsorship.

Ngodwana Rugby Club is one of the many rugby fraternities that TRAC has assisted over the years. Our aid came in the form of sponsoring rugby jerseys for the club's first XV, for the 2018 and 2019 Lowveld Premier Reserves League. TRAC assisted the team during a rugby clinic at Clivia Primary School.

Laduma!

Soccer, a popular community sport, provides players with the opportunity to escape their daily routine and, at times, enables them to escape a world of crime and drugs.

TRAC sponsors kit for four soccer teams from Mjejane – Nyambose Conquerors FC, Red Bulls FC, Hectorspruit United FC and Young Tigers FC – enabling players to participate with pride in the local soccer league. Our teams participated in the TRAC Mjejane Youth Day Sports Tournament, on 16 June 2019, an event organised by Michael Mabaso from the Mjejane Youth Advisory Centre. The non-profit organisation aims to keep youngsters away from crime by encouraging healthy hobbies.

Khayalami Secondary School's u/19 Boys First Soccer Team represented the school in the Emakhazeni Circuit, at district level, in July 2019. As this was in mid-winter, in Emakhazeni, we were more than happy to ensure that each of the boys had a soccer kit and tracksuit to keep them warm. The team came a close second in the district. Two of the players were selected to represent Mpumalanga in national games, which were held in Durban the same month.

Taking a catch with school cricket

Whoever said that girls couldn't throw, haven't seen the opening bowler for Bergland's Girls first cricket team. The team played well in the girl's cricket league, and TRAC proudly supplied the kit.

Going through hoops for netball

Netball teaches youngsters much meaningful life lessons, from teamwork to having consideration for others.

The Golden Eagle Netball Club, vigorously lead by David Mahlangu, aims to keep netball sustainable in Bronkhorstspuit. The club develops players, ensuring quality netball skills, while also promoting fitness and a healthy lifestyle amongst the youth. It has achieved its goal of keeping the youth occupied and safe from crime, teenage pregnancy, violence and substance abuse. TRAC supports the club by providing kit and tracksuits for the men's, women's and youth teams.

Laerskool Laeveld's first netball team did TRAC proud in the Mpumalanga Netball playoffs, for a spot at the South African Champs. Two u/12 players and two u/13 players were chosen for the respective Mpumalanga teams.

TRAC came to Bergland Primary School's rescue following the injury of one its players during a netball match. The player was injured when she bumped into a netball pole, prompting the head netball coach to reach out to TRAC and request netball post covers. As sport development and community engagement go hand-in-hand at TRAC, we gladly donated pole covers to the school. They will benefit all local schools who play netball at Bergland Primary School.

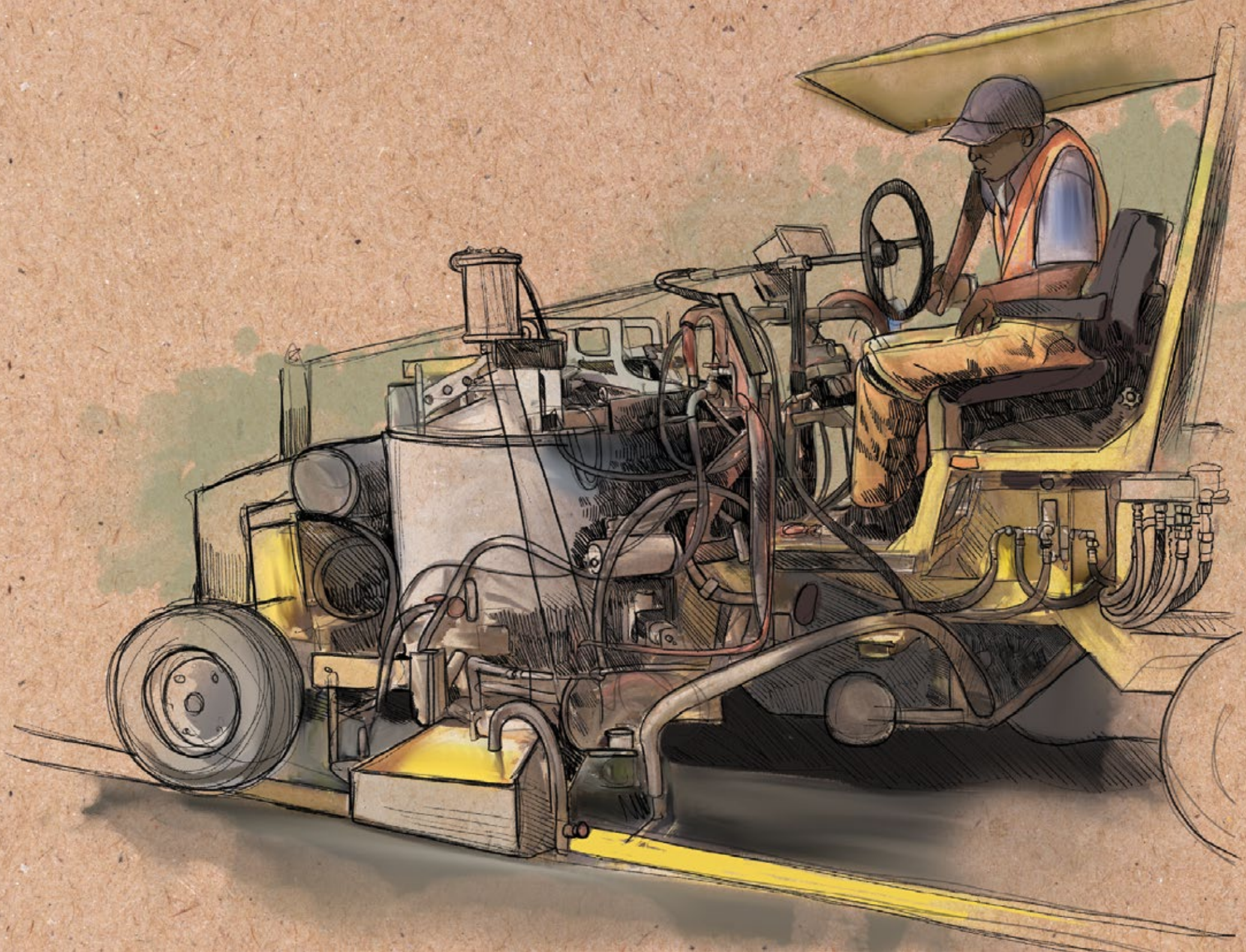


Social & Economic Development

Uplifting communities

To effectively develop the people around us, we elicit excellence in significant and far-reaching ways. We are passionate about developing others as we believe that it directs them towards the goals they have yet to reach. Furthermore, we believe that personal growth helps create and sustain effective leadership in communities.

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MAKING THE WAY AHEAD

Developing people and companies make it possible for them to earn a living and find a way out of poverty. Creating sustainable businesses also contribute to economic growth – for individuals, families, communities and the nation as a whole.

Enterprise Development (ED) is a term most of us have heard but don't readily understand, especially in the South African business climate context.

In layman's terms, ED is the act of investing time and capital to help people establish, expand and improve their business.

TRAC is committed to ED, and we have invested much time, capital and effort into implementing mutually beneficial ED programmes on the N4 Route. One of our most successful to date is the TRAC / Tapale Holdings Road Marking Initiative, which commenced in 2017.

The programme was launched following the cancellation of our previous road marking subcontract, due to unforeseen circumstances. As road marking is a specialised skill, this left TRAC in a predicament. Fortunately, we already had an expert road marker in our midst, who had previously expressed an interest in starting his road marking company.

At the time, Samuel Rasebotsa was TRAC's assistant road marker and not only did he have the skills and

knowledge required to do this intricate job, he also had the passion, desire and dedication needed to be a successful micro, medium and macro enterprise (SMME) entrepreneur. Eager to keep empowering people, we took the opportunity to empower one of our own, while launching one of our most successful enterprise development projects at the same time. The project is valued at over R4-million.

This was the ideal opportunity for TRAC and Samuel to unite and reach new heights.

On the road to success

While TRAC saw the opportunity to empower a colleague, Samuel was excited about being able to finally, own his own company – Tapale Holdings – which has since flourished.

The ED contract is straightforward and benefits both parties. TRAC provides bookkeeping services and the machinery, equipment and materials needed, while Tapale Holdings is responsible for the provision of labour and the day-to-day running of the business.

As for Samuel, he says that he is living his dream. This humble, selfless soul has always had big aspirations and, despite coming from an impoverished background has worked tirelessly and relentlessly to achieve it.

Putting himself through high school and matriculating in 1988 proves Samuel's grit and determination. His testimony is truly inspiring, powerful and in line with TRAC's mission and philosophy.

Samuel supported his widowed mother throughout his high school career, by working as a gardener. His first job was on a farm in Tzaneen, where he earned 50 cents a Saturday when he was in Grade seven. A few years later, he eventually went in search of a better paying job, and found what he refers to as a 'great opportunity' at a private household in Limpopo.

His new employers were kind-hearted and supportive of his determination to get an education – they not only gave him accommodation and a pay rise to R20 per week, but also encouraged him to continue attending school while doing their garden on weekends.

“They taught me how to be an honourable man. While working for them, I was mentored on basic things like cooking and cleaning a house. They taught me that one creates one’s luck and that perseverance is the key to success,” explains Samuel.

After a decade in the employ of his mentors, Samuel moved on. He always wanted to be his own boss and became an informal trader. It was during this time, in 2003, that opportunity again knocked on his door and he was offered a job by a Tzaneen-based road construction company.

Recognising Samuel’s potential, the company trained him to be a road marker. Once qualified and fully

licenced, Samuel realised that he had a passion for his newfound skill and his road marking career took off.

During a road-related project in Carolina, Mpumalanga, in 2008, Samuel was approached by a TRAC employee who too had taken heed of his potential. After discussing the possibility of joining one of TRAC’s existing routine road maintenance contractors, Samuel officially started work on the N4 Route.

The rest, as they say, is history. Today Samuel says there are simply not enough words in the dictionary to describe how TRAC has changed his life for the better.

“I am able to provide appropriately for my family and give my four kids the life I never had. My wife is in her

element right now, as we are finally able to build our own house. None of this could have ever been possible if it wasn’t for TRAC”.

“I am honoured that Tapale Holdings employs 10 people, and I am proud to be able to help and empower others just as TRAC has empowered me,” he said.

Since its inception, the Tapale Holdings initiative has grown from strength to strength. The company has become a flourishing business and the partnership has served TRAC well. With Samuel’s company now part of our supply chain, we rest easy in the knowledge that when it comes to the complexities of road marking, we have a reliable and proficient service provider. A definite win-win for everyone!





A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP ASSISTS HAWKERS

From the outset of our concession contract, TRAC has focused on cementing mutually beneficial relationships with communities and reputable companies along the N4 Route.

Without such ties we wouldn't be able to function efficiently as a concessionaire, nor would the N4 Route be able to evolve to fulfil its primary goal – to facilitate the stimulation of trade and investment between South Africa and Mozambique.

Being actively involved with other respected corporates ensures that the communities we serve are fully exposed to our top-quality CSI programme.

The Marula Fruit Sellers' Market, near the Malalane KNP gate in Mpumalanga, is a perfect example of this. In 2012, TRAC and RCL Foods, in Nkomazi, commenced with phase one of the facility, which consisted of building a fully equipped block of trading stalls for local informal fruit traders. The stalls were officially opened at the end of that year and were initially occupied by 15 hawkers.

In the years that followed, after the completion of phase one, our relationship with RCL Foods continued to grow and prosper. Both companies were intent on ensuring that the initiative prospered and therefore routinely checked up on the hawkers' needs and conducted routine maintenance of the facility.

A small nursery and vegetable garden were established a short while after the first phase was completed.

In 2018, both companies agreed that major renovations were needed to further enhance the aesthetics and customer appeal of the trading post. The upgrade was geared to improve the working conditions.

The 2018 / 2019 upgrade included:

- Major repairs to the thatched roof.
- Building of pine benches.
- Building of lockers and crates, near the stalls.
- Paving the customer seating area and the front of the facility.
- Replacement or repainting of dustbins.
- Upgrade of the automated irrigation system.
- Replacement of old signboards.
- Repairing of stoves.
- Repainting of toilets and the storeroom.
- Pest control treatment.
- Replacement of the vegetable garden's shade netting.
- New, branded uniforms for the hawkers.

According to the hawkers, the renovations and the entire project had a positive influence on both their professional and personal lives.

“What TRAC and RCL Foods have done for us is amazing,” said Moureen Mkhonto, one of the hawkers.

“My mom was one of the first hawkers to work here. After she passed away, I took over her stall. Working here helped me to support a four-person household and pay for a business management course for myself. I was able to pay for driving lessons and put my siblings through school”.

“Being able to work at this market made me an entrepreneur in my own right. It allowed me to grow in more ways than one. Most importantly, it allowed me to believe in my dream – becoming a successful entrepreneur,” she added.



PROTECT

Road Safety

Securing the journey

Safety first! TRAC's responsibility stretches far beyond the 570km of road between Gauteng and Mozambique. We are committed to road safety and educating current and future road users about road safety practices and standards.

In this section: Sipho engages thousands of learner's at Mpumalanga Show | Children love TRAC's road safety message | Road safety campaigns save lives | Bikers ride for charity | TRAC lights the way for SAPS





SIPHO ENGAGES THOUSANDS OF LEARNER'S AT MPUMALANGA SHOW

With the high number of pedestrian accidents on national roads, TRAC has focused extensively on pedestrian safety over the past three years.

With the School Road Safety Campaign in full throttle since 2014, we decided to upscale our pedestrian education programme in 2018. This was done by joining forces with the Mpumalanga Show's organising committee and agreeing to be part of its outreach programme to local schools.

The show is a four-day event, held at the Mbombela Stadium annually. Its primary aim is to showcase what the province has to offer in terms of progress and technological trends in agriculture, forestry, tourism and wildlife sectors.

To give back to the Lowveld community, the show's organisers open the event to local schools for two days, allowing learners to experience the festival first-hand. Thousands of learners are bussed to the event, free of charge, and exposed to the latest and most modern technology in the province's leading industries.

Impressed with our dedication and commitment to road safety education along the route, the show's committee invited us to present a pedestrian road

safety production to the learners at the showgrounds. We jumped at the opportunity and, in 2018, reached over 1 000 kids in two days. In 2019, we reached another 2 000 learners.

Our interactive, vibrant activations were led by TRAC's road safety mascot, Siphso. He undoubtedly left an impression in the learners' minds. We used this opportunity to educate the learners about the TRAC Helpdesk services, achieving our goal for them to memorize the toll free number off by heart.



CHILDREN LOVE TRAC'S ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

In a country where road accidents and fatalities are a dime a dozen, teaching children to respect and observe road safety protocols are critical.

As today's children are tomorrow's adults, TRAC hopes that instilling this knowledge in them from a young age will result in safer roads and more responsible road users in the future. It was with this in mind that we launched the TRAC School Road Safety Project in 2014 and continue to present it annually at urban and rural schools along the N4 Route. The initiative is

aimed at children between the ages of four and nine, and focuses on basic road safety.

During its conception phase, only passenger safety was highlighted. As the initiative gained momentum and grew in popularity, we incorporated pedestrian safety too.

The latter was decided after statistics from Arrive Alive indicated that approximately 40% of road deaths in South Africa are pedestrians. With so many rural communities living in close proximity to the N4 Route, it made perfect sense to focus the majority of the campaign on pedestrian safety.

The project is presented via an educational play, starring Sipho – our life-size road safety mascot – which is a superstar in his own right. Sipho and his 'friends' perform a 30-minute show, highlighting the importance of obeying the rules of the road. The play focuses on simple road safety rules and practices, such as what to do when crossing a road, walking or cycling, public transport etiquette, and how to be a safe passenger.

Since 2014, TRAC has reached over 10 000 learners along the route with this initiative. It is now so well known that we are often requested by schools to present a show to their learners as part of their road safety curriculum.





ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS SAVE LIVES

TRAC is passionate about road safety and frequently holds campaigns to educate road users.

The N4 Route as highway to some of South Africa's most beautiful destinations between Tshwane, Mpumalanga and Mozambique, is busy all year round. However, the route experiences increased traffic volumes over Easter, long weekends and the festive season, as holiday-makers make their way to their various destinations.

In anticipation of these high traffic volumes and to ensure that the road remains safe and congestion-free, we hold road safety awareness and swift response campaigns during these peak travel periods. Aptly titled TRAC N4 Road Safety Awareness and Swift Response Campaigns, these initiatives are held every Easter and December at Alzu Petroport, near Middelburg, and at other appropriate sites along the 570km route.

Road safety activations aimed at educating members of the public about road safety and the TRAC 24-hour Helpdesk form part of the initiative as do luxurious rest stops. These rest stops, which include free neck and shoulder massages and coffee, have become the highlight of many regular N4 holiday travellers. The stop not only provides a welcome break from the drive but educates the motorists and passengers

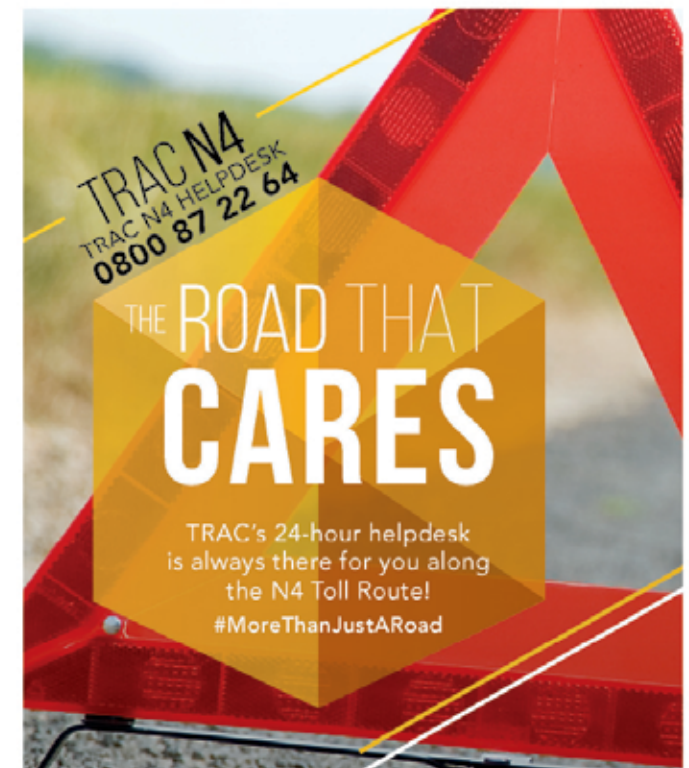
on the principles of travelling safely. The message is presented through reading material and our mascot Siphso who interacts with the public.

TRACAssist units are stationed at strategic points along the route, from early morning to late evening, throughout the campaign to reduce response times to roadside emergencies and incidents. Other emergency services, such as private and public ambulance services and paramedics, fire and rescue, provincial traffic authorities and the South African Police Service, are also stationed at these key locations.

The campaigns are led by TRACAssist and the TRAC Helpdesk with the latter serving as the communication hub. The helpdesk, which is a phone call away, is the first to be alerted to incidents along the route and is thus the mediator between the road users and emergency response units.

The helpdesk can perform this function with ease. Not only does it have access to ground-breaking incident and accident management software, but the TRAC website now offers a free, click-to-call option on its mobile version enabling road users to call for assistance.

The safety and wellbeing of the road users are our primary concern and the campaign urges everyone using our route to be safe while on the road. To date, these campaigns have been an enormous success with hundreds of road users making use of this service over peak travel periods in 2018 and 2019.





BIKERS RIDE FOR CHARITY

Biker gangs have a nefarious reputation and are often viewed as wild and reckless guys and gals who speed along the highway, with engines revving. In our experience, to the contrary, bikers have the kindest hearts and often go out of their way to host charity rides to create awareness for the plight of the needy.

We care about the communities along our route and love giving back. That's why, over the past two years, we have supported several motorcycling clubs and their organised charity runs between Tshwane and Maputo.

With a motorcycle club charity run, the club selects a worthy cause or an organisation and raises awareness for it by riding their bikes on a pre-selected route. Before, during and after the event the participants raise funds or goods (such as clothes, food parcels and even toys) to give to the selected beneficiaries.

Charity runs can be made up of anything between 25 and 400 club members all of whom spend hours on the road with the sole purpose of helping those in need.

By supporting these charity runs TRAC, ensures that the bikers can donate additional funds or goods to the chosen charity organisation. Our support also provides safe passage for the bikers along the N4 Route and through our toll plazas, as the group is accompanied by TRACAssist teams.

We will continue to support these charity runs and we look forward to experiencing the creative ways in which these 'tough' guys and gals reach out to support communities in need.



TRAC LIGHTS THE WAY FOR SAPS

TRAC prides itself on solid, open and mutually beneficial relationships with our route's key stakeholders. Not only does it make sense for our business but, most importantly, it benefits our road users and feeder communities as well.



Since the start of the concession contract we have built on our ties with law enforcement agencies, essential service organisations and emergency service entities, to strengthen communication and response networks along the N4 Route. This goes hand-in-hand with our quest to continue offering world-class infrastructure and ease of travel.

Many of the law-enforcements agency operate on a very small budget. That is why we are more than happy to assist them with sponsorships.

For our stakeholders to support our road users and communities effectively, they need certain commodities to make their jobs easier. TRAC assisted the South African Police Service (SAPS), in Emgwenya and eNtokozweni, by donating several essential items, including 75 SAPS reflective vests and 10 Maglite torches, with rechargeable battery kits.

The items are critical when it comes to ensuring the policemen's safety, as conventional lighting equipment is not at all effective in rural areas at night. Working on a road after dark also comes with its challenges, hence the critical need for superior, easy-to-use lighting equipment and high-visibility clothing.

At the handover ceremony during a station meeting, the beneficiaries were delighted with their new gear. They applauded TRAC for our assistance and promise to continue giving their best to the local community.

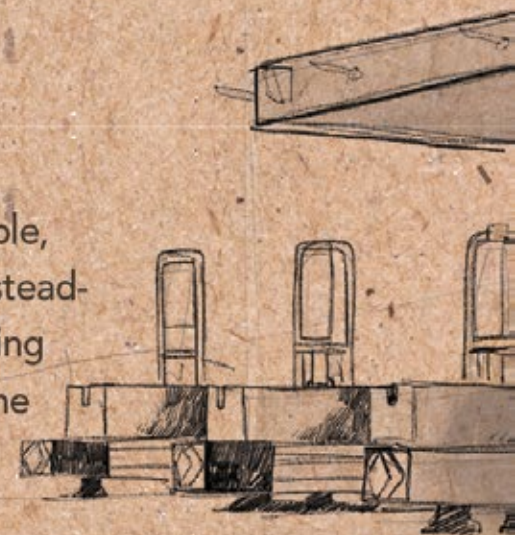


Mozambique

Connecting countries and people

TRAC takes pride in offering world-class road infrastructure which connects people, cultures and places. In both South Africa and Mozambique, we create strong and steadfast relationships with communities, organizations and companies through ongoing investment and support. Our partnerships with those along the N4 Route are the catalyst for economic and social development in both countries.

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PORTAGEM DE MOAMBA





EDUCATION ON TRACK AT MOZAMBIQUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Education is the foundation for a brighter future. As the only transborder concessionaire in Africa, TRAC takes the basic education of communities in South Africa and Mozambique seriously.

Since the start of our concession with SANRAL and ANE in 1997, we have been committed and dedicated to improving the lives of others by bolstering their access and availability to basic education. This key CSI focus area stems from the knowledge that basic education brings awareness to communities and opens avenues for opportunities, which in turn helps to reduce the inter-generational poverty cycle.

One of the biggest problems affecting basic education in Mozambique is the teacher to learner ratio. As teachers are vastly outnumbered by the number of learners in a classroom, the quality of education in the country suffers immensely. With this understanding, TRAC supports various schools along the N4 Route by developing their facilities through extensive upgrades and renovations, which in turn provides more teaching job opportunities.

One of these schools is Escola Primaria do Lingamo, situated near the TRAC Maintenance Centre in Matola, Mozambique. The school received an extensive upgrade in 2019, when five new classrooms were built in just three months. This was done following

consultation with the school's management team, which expressed its desperation at not being able to accommodate more learners. It was in line with the Matola's municipal government's goal to eradicate learning under a tree.

The additional classrooms have ensured that the school is able to enrol more learners. According to the school's principal, student enrolments increase on average by 250 scholars year-on-year. In 2018, the school had 2 024 learners and, by 2019, 2 295 learners were registered. As such, we have completed other important upgrades and renovations at the school, including:

- Constructing ablution facilities for learners.
- Renovating staff toilets.
- Painting the school's buildings.
- Constructing a water fountain, to give the learners access to clean drinking water.
- Repairing desks, chairs and chalkboards.
- Placing rubbish bins throughout the school.
- Ensuring waste collection twice a week.

According to Lingamo's management team, TRAC's assistance played a pivotal role in the school's overall academic performance. A few years ago, the school was achieving a below-par pass rate, but after partnering with TRAC, the pass rate climbed substantially. In 2018, an impressive 71.3% pass rate was recorded. According to school staff members, this is largely due to the improved learning and teaching conditions which are conducive to ensuring quality education.

“Although we are pleased that our involvement has had such a positive effect on the learners' academic studies, what truly warms our hearts is the gratitude and excitement was seen on learners' and teachers' faces every time something is renovated or built at the school,” says HR and CSI officer Cassimo Zamudine, “Not only is this truly humbling, but it also personifies what our company stands for – learning, growth and harmony!”

A SERENE RESTING PLACE FOR MATOLA'S LOVED ONES

Our success is inevitably linked to that of our stakeholders, hence TRAC ensures the creation of strong and steadfast relationships with communities, organisations and companies situated along our route.

Strong ties with those along the Maputo Corridor is of utmost importance to us, and it is in this spirit that we rehabilitated and painted the Texlom Cemetery's wall, in Matola, Mozambique.

The cemetery is located next to the N4 Route, near the Matola weighbridge.

Although many people see cemeteries as gloomy places that have little impact on an area, we understand the value that this site has had for the Matola community. It not only brings families together in their darkest hours, but also has a deep historical connection to the town's people.

The painting was carried out in partnership with the City of Matola's municipal council, various community members and some of TRAC's employees.

The Texlom Cemetery is now much more welcoming and families and friends of those buried there have expressed their sincere gratitude to TRAC for the renovations, saying that it now looks beautiful and is the dignified and serene resting place they envisioned for their loved ones.



ENSURING TECH-SAVVY LEARNER'S AND REVAMPED SCHOOLS

With the world becoming increasingly dependent on technology, TRAC is committed to improving the IT infrastructure at schools along our route.



A revamp for Trevo Primary School

Mozambique's Trevo Primary School and its surrounding community have reaped the rewards of TRAC's CSI programme over the past five years. In 2014, we partnered with Trevo Primary School's Building, Finance and School Production Commission (CCFPE) – which falls under the school's Board of Directors – to come up with a five-year plan to renovate and revamp certain aspects of the school to benefit learners, teachers and the surrounding community.

The CCFPE's mandate is to optimise the use of the school's facilities, equipment and other technical and material resources, and to promote community initiatives to increase the number of classrooms and improve its existing ones.

Trevo Primary School has six blocks, consisting of 29 classrooms, a principal's office, an admin office, a teachers' office, six toilets, a canteen, a storeroom and a soccer field. Its 80 teachers and four admin staff cater for 5 290 learners, from Grades one to seven, in three school shifts – morning, afternoon and evening.

As the world becomes increasingly focused on technology to bridge the digital divide, TRAC wanted to assist learners at Escola Secundária 4 de Outubro, in Ressano Garcia, to develop their IT and technology skills. We donated IT hardware such as computers, laptops and UPS to the school, as part of our commitment.

The school was one of our Mandela Day beneficiaries in 2018, with 20 of its best learners (10 boys and 10 girls) receiving stationery packs and school bags as part of the initiative.

The school's neighbouring community has benefited from our support, as we contracted local micro, medium and macro-sized enterprises to assist with the projects, creating 84 permanent and various casual jobs.

Over the years TRAC has:

- Fenced the school, to ensure learner safety.
- Erected two new gates.
- Repaired 650 desks.
- Built two new ablution facilities – one for boys and one for girls.
- Built a new storeroom.
- Built two water fountains, providing potable water to learners.
- Replaced the roof and painted all classrooms and admin offices.
- Fixed and revamped four toilets, for learners, teachers and admin staff.
- Installed an air conditioner in the principal's office.
- Paved certain areas and planted trees.
- Supported the school's Health Fair, which includes wellness programmes and blood donations.

LAWBREAKERS BROUGHT TO BOOK

Road safety is one of our most important CSI initiatives, and no action or cost is spared when it comes to putting it front and centre.



The words 'road safety' is too often used loosely. But for TRAC, they have a specific and straightforward meaning – the methods and measures used to prevent road users from being killed or seriously injured along our route. Typical road users include pedestrians, cyclists, motorists driving light and heavy vehicles and on-road public transport passengers.

When TRAC started receiving public complaints about a surge in road accidents between Matola and Maputo, in Mozambique, we acted swiftly. After careful expert analysis and consultations with various stakeholders, it was clear that the majority of the accidents were caused by speeding and a blatant disregard for road regulations along this section, which is one of the busiest in Southern Africa.

TRAC called on the local police to conduct speed restriction operations as often as possible, to curb speeding to decrease the number of accidents.

TRAC joined forces with Mozal, a prominent, private smelting facility in Matola, to make the job easier and more effective by sponsoring two top-of-the-line Pro Laser III speed cameras, valued at MZN 672 173.13.

As the hi-tech speed monitoring equipment is highly advanced, TRAC also funded training to teach officers how to use it.

Since the local police started using the new cameras, the number of accidents in the section has declined substantially. According to the authorities, the devices have gone a long way to ensure that lawbreakers are brought to book.



As concessionaires of one of the busiest road corridors in Africa, TRAC understands the momentous task of keeping millions of road users safe during their travels.



SIPHO HEADS TO MOZAMBIQUE

Keeping communities along the N4 Route safe is important to TRAC. We undertake regular road safety campaigns along our route, one of which is the popular School Road Safety Project.

This initiative, launched in South Africa in 2014, is focused on basic pedestrian and passenger safety and has enjoyed great success. Given its popularity in South Africa, the CSI and public relations departments took the initiative to Mozambique, where it was officially launched in Matola and Ressano Garcia in 2020.

The Mozambican leg of the campaign was highly effective, with over 2 000 scholars reached in two days. The interactive initiative was led by TRAC's life-size road safety mascot, Sipho, and was held in conjunction with the Mozambican traffic authorities and professional theatre production outfit, Mango Productions.

Mango Productions staged a comical theatre production that made the audience roar with laughter, while simultaneously learning how to be responsible pedestrians. The learners were encouraged to interact through question and answer sessions, where giant child-friendly road safety walls were used to teach them about pedestrian road safety signs and responsibilities.

"The idea behind the project is to establish a culture of road safety consciousness among the youth, who in turn can pass it on to the adults in their lives," said Executive Manager, Firmino Inguane.

"Seeing the kids' enthusiasm was mind-blowing. Their eagerness to learn and participate was incredible and their reaction to Sipho gave me goosebumps.

His character has an astounding impact on kids and adults alike. It was incredible to see the scholars absorb the vital information that we shared with them.

"I especially enjoyed the question and answer session because some of the questions posed, proved to us that our message got through," he added.



SPREADING HOPE IN MAPUTO

While in 2020 the world may have been crippled by the novel coronavirus, another virus has plagued South Africa and Mozambique for decades – HIV/Aids.

The impact of HIV/Aids in Sub-Saharan Africa has been devastating. It has lowered life expectancy among adults between the ages of 20 and 49 and has had detrimental effects on the economy.

Although much progress has been made since 2012, in terms of treatment and in curbing the spread of the disease, Aids continues to be a killer in this part of the world. Experts attribute this to a lack of education provided to youth about its transmission and treatment.

With a full understanding of how this pandemic was affecting the social and economic welfare of the countries we serve, TRAC in Mozambique joined forces with the Associação de Desenvolvimento do Povo pelo Povo (ADPP) in 2012.

The ADPP is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that renders specialised health services through its HIV/Aids project - HOPE Maputo. The organisation focuses on the mobilisation of individuals and communities to combat the HIV/Aids epidemic – and it has made great strides.

The partnership has helped boost HIV/Aids awareness and education along the N4 Route, through joint ventures such as the annual mini health fair presented on World Aids Day which is celebrated annually on 1 December.

The event is held at a designated community centre or school and aims to educate locals about the virus and assist those who have it.

Besides free HIV testing, various other health services are offered free of charge, including blood pressure,

diabetes and glycemia screening, HIV counselling, and the distribution of male and female condoms.

A blood donation station is set up at the event where regular blood donors can contribute to saving lives.

The TRAC and ADPP partnership has served TRAC's employees well as the NGO is our Employee Assistance and Wellness provider and also offers HIV/AIDS related services to our staff. This ensures that our most important assets on the other side of the Lebombo Border Post remains as healthy as possible.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SAVES LIVES

TRAC's donation of various essential emergency medical equipment to the Maputo Fire Brigade in 2019 has made an enormous difference to road users in need of medical assistance between Matola and Maputo.

The sponsorship of specialised equipment, such as stretchers, jump bags, trauma boards and medication bags has assisted the fire station's ambulance team (often the first responders on accident scenes), save lives following accidents or roadside medical emergency.

The sad reality is that although TRAC takes pride in offering world-class road infrastructure, accidents (most of which are caused by human error) do occur. As the concessionaire of the N4 Route we therefore strive to ensure that quality medical and emergency assistance is available along the route.

This is done by either providing stakeholders with much needed tools, as was the case with the Maputo Fire Brigade, or providing road users with access to professional medical services along the route.

Our partnership with Vida Mais – a Mozambican private ambulance service – is in line with the latter. This service, paid for by TRAC, operates along the route 24/7 and is available to assist with all medical emergencies on the Mozambican side of the route.



It works hand-in-hand with our TRACAssist and Accident Response teams in Mozambique which patrol, monitor and respond to incidents 24-hours a day. While it is impossible to provide a solution to every

emergency in Mozambique, our management of the TRAC section of the EN4 means that we can at least have a lasting and positive impact on the lives of the road users and emergency reaction teams utilising our route.

A MESSAGE *from our Executive Manager*

The fourth edition of the CSI book is a landmark in terms of the CSI portfolio within Trans African Concessions (Pty) Ltd (TRAC). The dynamic portfolio is updated as new projects emerge, making their way from the process of ideas and bankable prospects, to funding and implementation.

The past two years have not been easy, with 2020 being a year that none of us could have imagined possible. It was a dirt road, one that will require a lot of challenging work to be a highway again. We have had to stretch our Rands so much further than before, while still achieving the same goals set by ourselves, our shareholders and the governments of South Africa and Mozambique.

However, we remain more positive than ever. We believe that the goals we have set will overcome the current economic setback. Good will overcome bad, one person and one action at a time. We are at a tipping point in terms of our ethical values, beliefs and visions, and I believe that with our employees and the care our company has for the community, it is never too late for us to continue to make a difference.

The outcome-based Thanda Primary School project has by far stood out for us, yielding the best results and value for money. When asked why, the answer is

always the same - community ownership and respect. We learnt a lot from the elderly ladies ('gogos') in the community surrounding the school, who acted as security guards at night and gardened by day. At times, they achieved much more than the school's teachers or principal. I salute them for the work they have put into guarding the project over the past three years, and as they continue to keep a watchful eye. The principal leads the school graciously and her leadership is visible to all. Thanda will continue to provide a platform for many children in the Hectorspruit area to excel, while offering a passage to a brighter future.

The improvement of the schools in Mozambique, Lingamo and Trevo, evoke the most amazing memories, which are difficult to share without emotion. Our involvement in the projects is a journey of delight. It's so heart-warming to see scholars, who had to learn under a tree, now make use of fully-fledged institutions. The schools have become the pride and joy of TRAC Mozambique. The goodwill and additional

projects flowing from these schools is so effective that we have taken on another school in the Moamba district. Our objective is to renovate and revamp it to the same standards as Lingamo and Trevo, which are situated near our offices in Matola.

It is impossible to capture all of our CSI stories in a book. Some of the smaller projects which touched our hearts are the donations of blankets in various areas, assisting old age homes and lending a helping hand to somebody in need along the N4 Route.

We pride ourselves on always being on standby for our emergency service staff, who render a vital service to our road users. Our route patrol and accident response teams are the face of TRAC, as they are the people our road users often come into contact with during road-related emergencies or incidents. For this reason, we show our appreciation by making their lives easier while they are carrying out their gallant jobs.

The coronavirus has had a severe impact on our programmes. Most came to a complete standstill, while others emerged stronger and with innovative ideas. The LES E-Learning programme is one of those that flourished this year, with its founders developing a maths and science cellular application that only uses download data. TRAC got involved in this genius system, which has assisted over 7 000 matrics, including TRAC employees' children, who are in matric this year. We hold thumbs that every little bit assisted them to do well in these challenging times.

Since the inception of TRAC, we have been involved in sport and sport development. The first cross country motor rally was held in 1958, from Pretoria to the then Lourenço Marques in Mozambique. This event was known as the LM Rally and eventually rebranded as the Total International Rally.

Last year TRAC got involved again, a few years after the regional clubs closed their doors. The event was held on our doorstep, in Bronkhorstspuit. It was an eye opener to see how well-controlled the sport has become over the years, with an absolute focus on safety in all spheres and driving against the clock. Given TRAC's and Motor Sport South Africa's joint goals, it made sense for us to sponsor the event in 2019, which was organised by the National Rally Championship. TRAC's CSI and public relations departments joined hands and showed that the company is more than just a road, by reaching many road users and emphasising the safety aspect of driving. We look forward to the

next event which takes place in Dullstroom in 2020.

I believe that we succeeded in providing you, the reader, with more information on what is beyond the N4 Route, what can be expected beyond the next mountain and after the next turn.

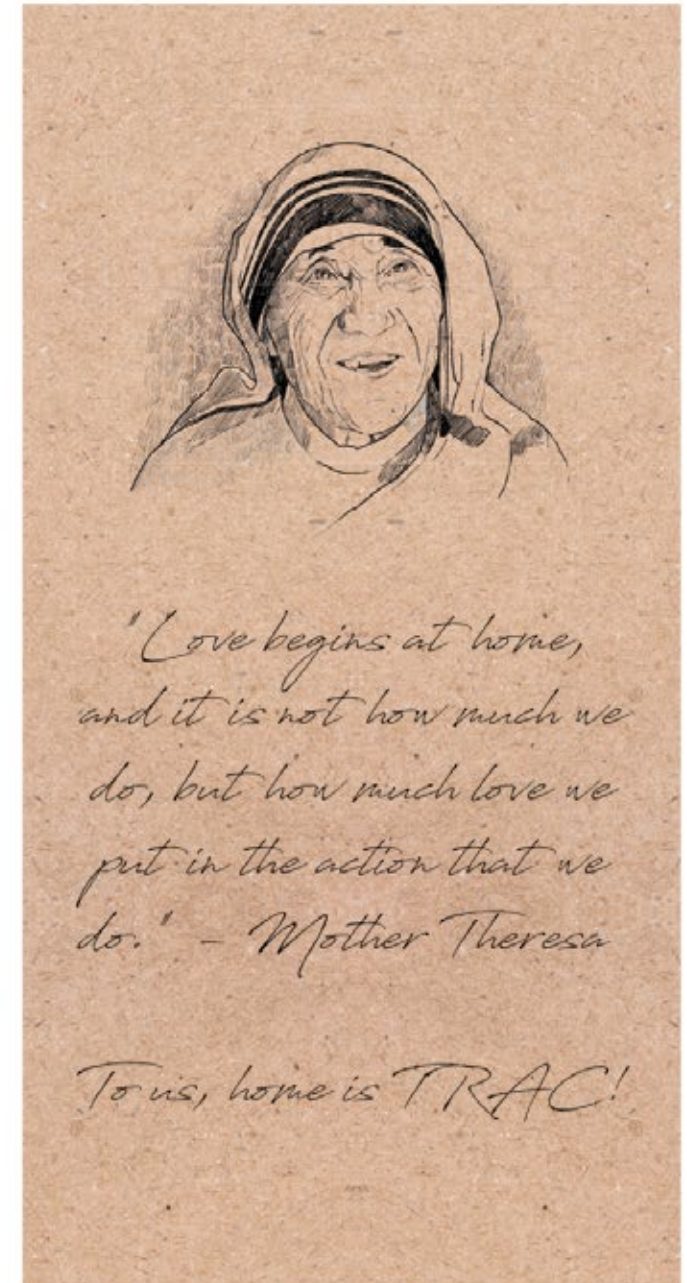
In closing a quote by Mother Theresa:

"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the action that we do."
To us, home is TRAC!



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