

A PICTURE GALLERY OF THE PROGRESS IN SKUINSDRIFT

Our month of April has been one of the busiest months we've had in years. Over the past couple of months we've been reporting on a new project that has been funded by British American Tobacco, a holistic community approach to sustainable livelihoods, and during April, the project has finally kicked off in full swing. We've spent most of our time in the Skuinsdrift community, and this month, we dedicate our newsletter to a picture gallery of the progress of this project. Our supportive partners, BATSA has been out to see us there as well, and we are proud to share this with you now too.

During the month of May, we will be doing a CAMP in the Vaal Triangle, and continuing implementing the next phases of the project in Skuinsdrift. Once again, we are humbled by the input and assistance of all who support and inspire us; our friends at UNISA, Thlolego Eco-Village, especially Paul who's been a stalwart, and ofcourse, our supportive donor, BATSA. Our word for this month is definitely UMOJA – the Spirit of Togetherness.



A map indicating the layout of the proposed multipurpose centre and home-based orphanage



Far left and Left: women from the community, taking ownership and working hard in preparing eco-friendly, and innovative water systems that will supply water to the food gardens for the multipurpose centre.



The first mud bricks made by the community, with the assistance of Paul Cohen from Thlolego Eco-Village, for the multipurpose centre



Left: the derelict building earmarked for renovations to house the multipurpose centre, in the process of being cleaned out.



Right: new tobacco drying tunnels being put up in order to increase their current capacity.



Left: Trees being planted at Skuinsdrift Laerskool. In total, 60 new trees have been planted in the community.



Right: Delegates from BATSA during a recent site visit. From left to right: Dudley Saayman, Jerry Gilbert, Francois van der Merwe and Lanaine Abrahams.

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