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## The Kagiso Shanduka Trust Media WalkAbout

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SASOLBURG. - The Free State Department of Education together with Kagiso Shanduka Trust celebrated the progress of the KST Basic Infrastructure Programme implemented through a notable partnership. The Media Walkabout was hosted on August 26 at Credo Primary School in Sasolburg and Barnard Molokoane Secondary School in Parys. The event was attended by Fezile Dabi District Director Mr Chuta, Finance Deputy Director Mr Moetsela, Rodney Makube KST District Manager, SMGD's, AMT members and school principals. The aim of the event was to engage with the community members and KST stakeholders as well as share future plans and indicate the importance of stakeholders and what role they play in supporting the efforts aimed at empowering schools. Schools were motivated for the Annual National Assessment of exit grades and final matric examination preparations as their performance on these exams will be used to select the schools that will receive incentive-based infrastructure. Principal Barnard Molokaone said "I am very excited about the construction of the ablution blocks, particularly given the capacity of the school. There are 1,272 learners and 28 toilets which is a serious health problem. With KST building 189 new ablution blocks this will make a great change." 26 schools are receiving basic infrastructural development in the Fezile Dabi District, which is due for completion at the end of October. These include Grade R classrooms, ablution blocks, and extra classrooms for some of the crowded schools and a kitchen. Five schools are receiving incentive-based infrastructure in the form of a library, a Combi court and computer labs. 888 teachers are receiving teacher training in Maths, English, Accounting and Physical Science. 242 learners with eye-problems received spectacles. Lydia Thoabala, a learner from Barnard Molokaone, said "I am very happy with the new toilets because the current toilets are very close to their classroom and the smell is very bad." The partnership between the Free State Department of Education and Kagiso Shanduka Trust recognises that excellence in education requires a holistic approach to address the needs of South African schools. The Kagiso Shanduka Trust project aims to improve school performance, to develop effective school leadership and to involve parents and community members in the development of the schools.

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