

New facilities for schools

THREE schools in Kroonstad, namely Thakameso Combined, the Ntha and Phomolong Primary Schools, boast new-look facilities.

These facilities include three classrooms and renovated ablution facilities and a centre for gr. R. All of these are the result of a private-public partnership between the Kagiso Shanduka Trust and the Free State Department of Education.

The Thakameso Combined School received a fully-resourced library, Ntha Primary received three classrooms and renovated ablution facilities, while the Phomolong Primary School got a gr. R facility for the early childhood programme.

“The most profound and most significant learning in this partnership is that sustainable change in our schools can only be achieved by working together,” said deputy president of South Africa and chairman of the Shanduka Foundation, Cyril Ramaphosa. The Free State Education MEC, Tate Makgoe, said collaborative interventions

were imperative for the rapid growth of the province. “They improve the quality of education and boost long-term sustainable development in our communities.”

The partnership with the Free State Department of Education is aimed at offering a holistic whole-school development model that includes curriculum development for teachers, learner support in critical learning areas and social wellbeing that addresses the health and social needs of vulnerable learners.

Besides the infrastructure investment, over 1 300 teachers of 97 schools have benefitted in the two districts, Fezile Dabi and Motheo, with over 70 600 learners reached. In line with the initiative, about 16 000 learners have had their eyesight tested, with over 530 learners receiving prescribed spectacles. In March 2013 the trust signed an agreement with the Free State Department of Education to work together in 428 schools in the Fezile Dabi and Motheo Districts.



FROM the left are Herbert Tate Makgoe, Free State MEC for Education, Cyril Ramaphosa, deputy president and Kagiso Trust chairman, and Rev. Frank Chikane who handed over facilities to three schools in Kroonstad recently.

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