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## MISSION STATEMENT

In the understanding that development means the development of people, it is the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation's objective to provide disadvantaged communities with the necessary tools and information to bring about their own development, and, in so doing, improve educational and socio-economic standards in their communities.

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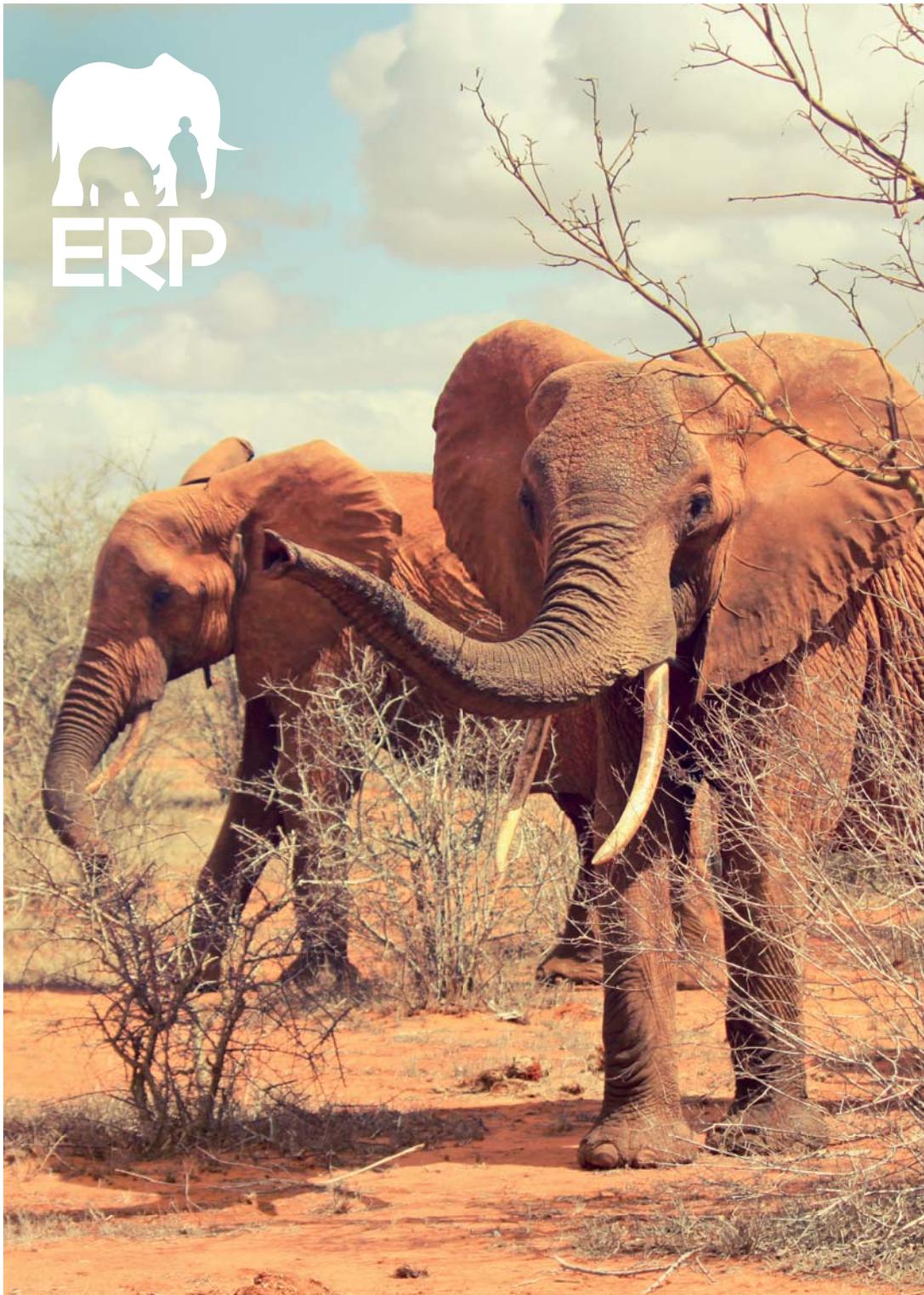
# INTRODUCTION

The year 2013 to 2014 marked the transition of the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation into an exciting “coming of age”. It was twenty-one years ago with great feelings of trepidation and fear of what may lie ahead, that the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation was born. Most anniversaries are a time to look back and review where one has come from and of where one is planning to go. A 21st Anniversary, considered a “coming of age”, is particularly important in terms of looking back and looking forward – a period of transition should lie ahead and I would like to think that the groundwork that has gone into nurturing this organization into adulthood has been well spent in spite of many, many trials and tribulations and that the time that lies ahead will be built on a sound foundation that will be able to hold and grow all the possibilities that lie ahead.

This is also a time to thank our staff for their ongoing commitment and loyalty to the work of the Foundation, along with our Board of Trustees, many of whom have been supportive of our work since it’s inception. We would not have survived without their ongoing interest, support and commitment. A special thank you to our Chairman with whom we have worked for the past fifteen years and who has chaired the Board of Trustees for the past eight years. His support, advice and interest in the Foundation has been invaluable.

I would also like to make special mention of the ongoing, pro bono, service that we receive from James Arbuthnot, who continues to make our month end payments, electronically even though he is now living in Cape Town. For this we are deeply grateful.

In looking back, I don’t want to dwell on the disappointments that we have experienced but rather I would like to showcase some of the remarkable and unexpected successes that we have witnessed. I trust that this report will adequately reflect these successes and will give credit to the remarkable individuals who invested time and energy into developing solutions to the many challenges that lie in addressing rural poverty.



In reviewing the year gone by, some of the outstanding achievements, worthy of specific mention, were in the Educational sector. Here, William Makgaba, based in the far north of Limpopo has established nine centers in very remote communities where with limited resources, he recently graduated ninety-one students in his most recent batch of students. In total he has trained over two hundred students during the past year. The deployment of Mindset Learning Material in thirty-two schools in the Western Blouberg Circuit, with the assistance of the Circuit Inspector, Everton Thupana, should have a profound effect on the standard of education in that entire circuit.

Our Agricultural project in KZN continues to prosper and we are pleased to say that Toyota Tsusho Africa committed to continue to support the project for another year.

In the Environmental sector, Eliot Chisango has done sterling work on the development of a successful and sustainable, cooperative, rural waste management model and Buy Back Centre in the small town of Senwabarwana, about 100 km's north of Polokwane, serving the Municipality of Blouberg. Using donkeys for collecting waste has added an important element to the sustainability of this initiative while providing an economic value to donkeys ensuring better care for these animals in the future.

The most exciting development, this year, however, that we believe will transform the work of the PF is the initiation of the ERP (Elephant, Rhino and People) initiative. This initiative has been developed by the EPI-USE group, whose presence in sixteen countries, globally, is a fundraising initiative that we expect will change the face of the PF along with a number of other NGOs and service providers with whom we work, collaboratively. In the understanding that animals are vulnerable when living in proximity to communities who do not benefit economically by their presence and that these animals will only be protected when there is an economic value that benefits the communities that surround them, we will work towards creating sustainable community based socio-economic opportunities that link directly to the benefit gained by the community by protecting the animals.



# FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

Continued support, over a period of many years, from the Victor Daitz Foundation in funding part of our administrative costs is greatly appreciated.

Additional funders through our Enterprise Development opportunities are, Mann Made Media, EPI-USE and a number of other interested supporters and partners such as Raizcorp and Headline Management (HLM) who continue to contribute and support our initiatives through monthly contributions and Enterprise Development spend. As always, the support, financial and otherwise from one of our loyal founders, who prefers anonymity, is ongoing and greatly appreciated.

Toyota Tsusho Africa – due to a change in management, along with a number of

financial issues that faced Toyota both locally and in Japan, their funding was reduced dramatically for the period 2013-2014. They have, however, remained very supportive and interested in the projects that they have funded and they continue to support the Sicabazini Farm, covering most of the running expenses as well as the Manager's salary, which is much appreciated.

Our partnership with Headline Management Group (HLM) has resulted in an ongoing commitment from them to raise funds through their CSI efforts, based on contributions from their events, towards feeding orphans in needy communities located nearby their casinos. This funding is routed through the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation for the purchase and distribution of ePap.

Regrettably, the expectations that we had from the Solar Energy initiative in the Humansrus community have not yet been realized. Repeated delays on behalf of the DBSA have resulted in the stagnation of the initiative and we continue to hope that this blockage will be removed and that the project will eventually be initiated.

The Ashoka network continues to provide a valuable group of partners, globally and this is greatly appreciated. We were recently given an opportunity, through Ashoka to receive pro bono legal services, through Thomson Reuters, from Hogan Lovell, a global legal firm based in Sandton and we believe that this will provide us with the contractual agreements that we need to put in place when dealing with service providers, other NGOs as well as beneficiaries.



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## PROJECTS

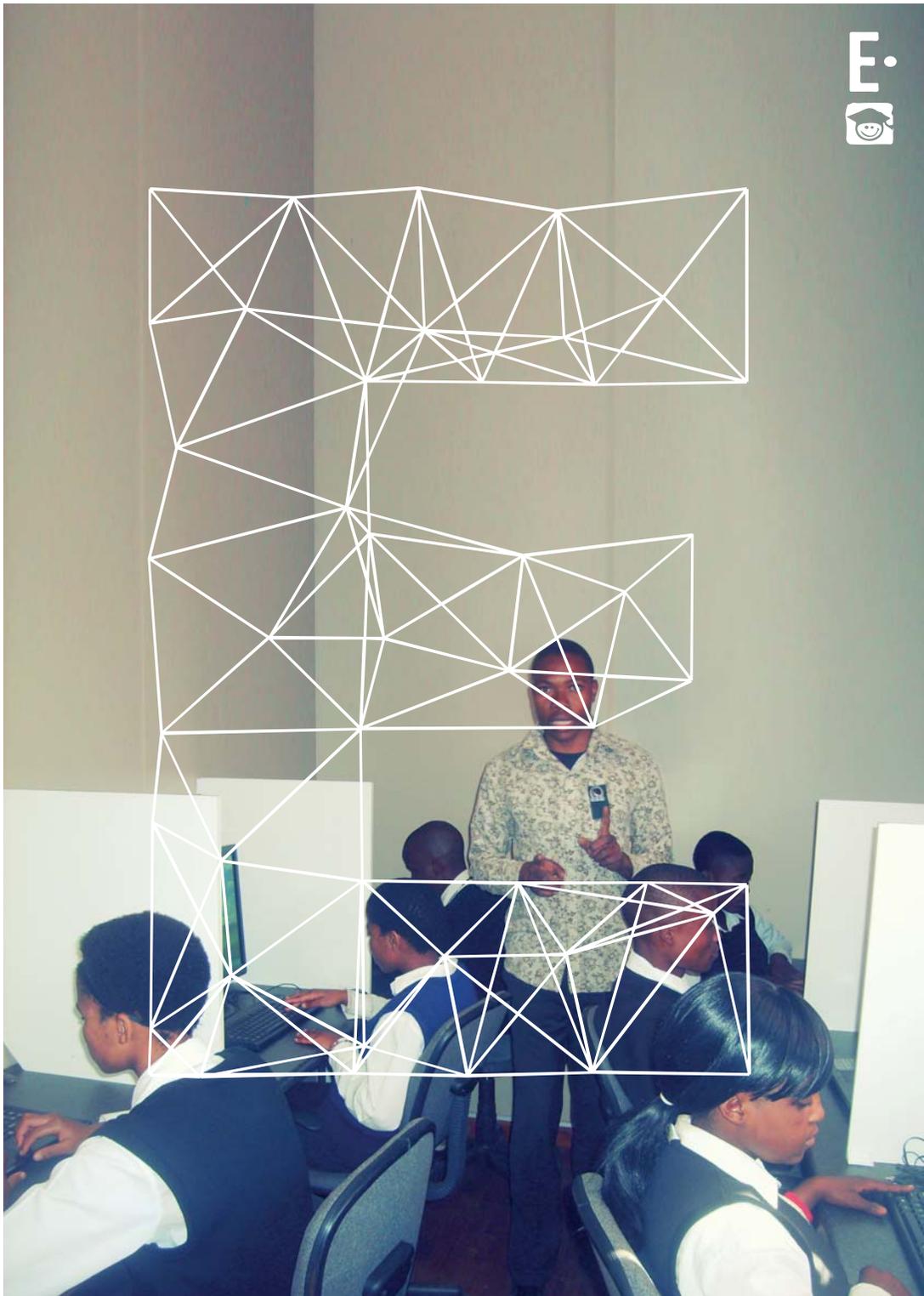
The past year brought some very exciting projects and opportunities in all sectors of our work. I will deal with some of them under their relevant sector headings.

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## PLANNING

Development of a new Model for our PF Hubs has been very innovative, thanks to our new young architectural partner, Jhono Bennet. Innovative building method and facilities will be provided in all prospective Hubs.

Community participation in this model is essential to ensure the provision of facilities that enhance the community socio economic development. Innovative architectural plans ensure that the facility is cool, comfortable and off the grid and suitable for local builders using local material.



## EDUCATION

William Makgaba is a young man from a deep rural area in the Limpopo Province. He is running our IT training programmes in Limpopo and is doing a sterling job, building an IT Training Company and making a marked contribution to rural schools, particularly in the remote regions of Blouberg, where thirty-two schools benefit from the deployment of Mindset learning material, as well as providing IT training for local teachers, UNISA students and local unemployed youth. With the acquisition of IT skills, young people who have a matric vastly improve their potential for employment. William has, to date, trained two hundred students who have successfully graduated from his courses.

We have recently deployed inTouch software at our Centre at Senwabarwana – a system which includes a knowledge management system as well as the ability to create data bases of information which are useful for Local Municipalities and the support of cooperatives and small enterprises in the area.

We are planning to provide a number of online training programmes, at tertiary level, into the Centres which will not only provide an excellent opportunity for currently unemployed young people who cannot afford to go to tertiary institutions to gain the much needed accredited skills, but also provide opportunities to the wider community.



## AGRICULTURE

It is very gratifying to note that our agricultural model, incorporating the planting and drying of chillies, along with the production of vegetables for local consumption, continues to flourish under the management and leadership of Sizwe Dlodlu. This very successful Cooperative – Sicabazini Farmers Cooperative, has provided us with a model which can be replicated anywhere for the development of primary agricultural cooperatives. A Second tier cooperative has been registered, comprising four farms in the area and once we can access funding for this second tier structure, it, too, should provide a groundbreaking model for the support of small scale cooperative farming initiatives.

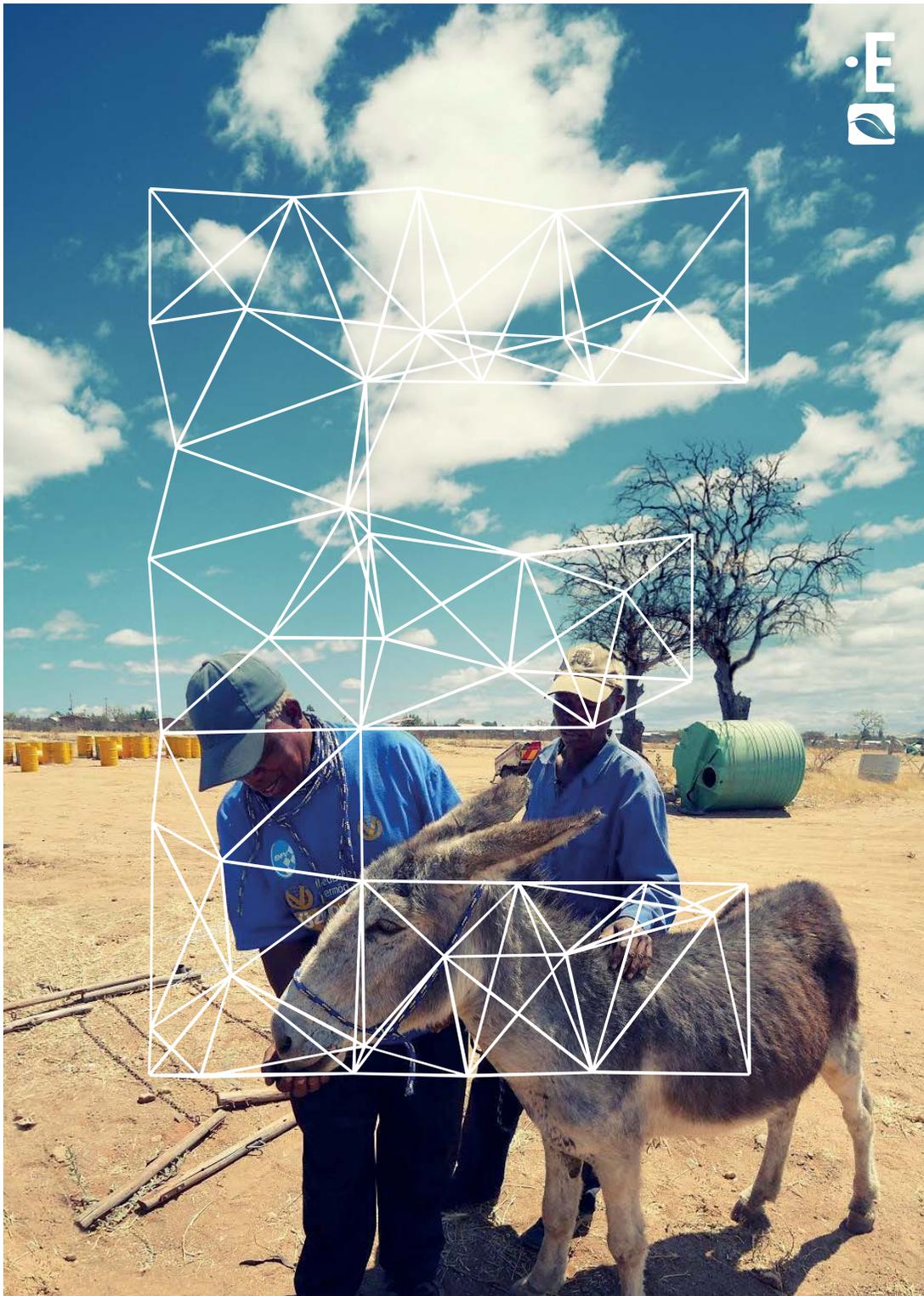
In spite of some unexpected glitches, we are pleased to report that the Iiju Honey initiative, driven by Ms. Portia Morudi, continues to make good progress in the Winterveld. We hope to expand this initiative into a wider base of communities. The chilli relish enterprise, Chilladido continues to do well and in time we hope to replicate this wherever the opportunities arise – particularly in relation to the ERP initiative. It is well documented that chillies and bees are a deterrent to elephants, preventing them from walking through community land and it is with this in mind we hope to be able to protect communities from damage to their crops while at the same time protecting the elephant in their own spaces.



# COOPERATIVES

Our work with cooperatives, boosted by the validation of our model from the Berkeley student's study, two years ago has allowed us to pursue the concept of a back office financial management system, along with a branding and marketing initiative, using the P.E.A.C.E. logo on cooperatively based products, in an effort to create more awareness of the opportunities that lie in collective marketing for primary cooperatives. We have had success in the Waste Management sector as well as in agriculture and look forward to pursuing the establishment and support of cooperative enterprises in the tourism sector, with a focus on the ERP opportunities.

Continued support from generous donors and from Basil Kransdorf (Econocom Foods), ePap is provided during school holidays to orphans at Nduno, who would otherwise not receive food when schools are closed. Cheryl Ogilvy from Tshwane University continues to monitor the effect of ePap on the orphans and provide ongoing monitoring and evaluation of this initiative. Bheki Mthembu, Don Mthembu and the team continue to provide voluntary support to one thousand five hundred orphans in and around Ndumo. This is greatly appreciated by all.



## ENVIRONMENT

We have developed a strategy for waste recycling in rural areas, focusing on collections (using trolleys), sorting and selling of this waste to generate income for the otherwise unemployable. To this extent, we initiated our recycling buy-back centre in Senwabarwana (Limpopo) at the beginning of February 2014. Five women beneficiaries currently run the centre and by July, had been able to employ eight other collectors and three additional personnel to assist with the baling of waste. Our continued support from PETCO saw the

showcasing of the project in July 2014 as a flagship project for rural waste recycling at one of PETCO's workshops in Limpopo.

To further increase waste volumes, create more jobs and improve project sustainability, we are now making use of donkeys and have just bought our first set of five donkey carts. These will be used by a group of nine donkey owners whom we registered into a cooperative and have sent for training on the humane treatment of their donkeys so they attach an economic value

to both their donkeys and the waste that is discarded. The idea is to have them operate as a waste collection business, and we hope over time, even the Municipality can sub-contract these donkey owners (and pay them) for waste collection so that they cut down on their current expenses especially when it comes to waste collections. Scaling up of this project to other Municipalities is imminent, and more community members are beginning to see the value of recycling waste rather than burning, dumping or landfilling it.



## CONCLUSION

The P.E.A.C.E. Foundation has been fortunate to have been involved with many inspirational, special, people who have helped make its vision for rural development a reality. By far the most inspirational people, however, are those who comprise the communities in which the Foundation works - individuals who have refused to give up in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and who remain positive in spite of the fact that they face daily struggles for survival that most of us cannot even begin to imagine - young children walking many kilometres, bare foot,

to get to a 'school', which comprises a shed with no light and insufficient desks and chairs, no books, no water, no toilet facilities and, frequently, no food.

It is humbling to be confronted with the hope, spirit, love and dignity of such people, and it has been a privilege to be associated with initiatives to improve the quality of life of previously disadvantaged communities. We urge you to join us in an effort to eradicate the poverty in our midst and make a lasting difference in impoverished rural communities.



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