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January 2022

Schools' Infrastructure Buyambo

"Powered by the Bамbelela siyajika drive"

2022

Happy New Year!

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Schools devastated
by storms

Partnership with NMU

Excellence in school
maintenance



Let's Grow South
Africa. Together.



Wash & sanitise
your hands

Hlamba ucoce
izandla zakho



Keep your distance
from others

Gcina umgama phakathi
kwakho nabanye



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Wear your
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Progress is all about doing things differently rather than doing the same things over and over again!

The year got off to a catastrophic start with close to 70 schools being damaged by widespread storms that ripped through our province in December and early January. The level of destruction is unprecedented wreaking havoc in the communities in which these schools are and leaving many families destitute. Our infrastructure teams were quick to respond by assessing the damage and preparing cost estimates for repair work. Current estimates to bring structures to a suitable state of repair is in the region of R160 million.

The Eastern Cape, together with all other coastal provinces opened their doors to receive learners for the 2022 academic year on 19 January. As is customary, the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature undertook their annual programme to engage stakeholders and visit close to 230 schools to determine their readiness to kick-off operations. Assessing the availability of suitable and sufficient infrastructure is one of the main issues receiving attention.

We have also prioritised infrastructure projects to ensure that we deliver on our targets and spend our full allocation for 2020/21. The areas of priority will ensure that the most crucial infrastructure in the form of sanitation, additional classrooms, school furniture, water, desludging of toilets, security fencing, maintenance and disaster projects are delivered speedily.

The Class of 2021 Matric Results were announced by the Minister of Basic Education on 20 January amid much fanfare. The Department paid tribute to the top achievers in the province at a special ceremony on 21 January at the Mandla Makapula Leadership Institute.

The province achieved an overall matric pass rate of 73%, an increase of 4,9% from the previous year.

Buffalo City was crowned the leading district and the province achieved a total of 24 174 distinctions. We congratulate the top achievers in the Province and all other learners who passed, for their sterling effort. We wish you every success as you venture out into the world to craft your futures and build your legacies.

The scientific genius Albert Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." I have heard many people referring to 2022 as 'twenty twenty do'. Let us bear in mind that we need to do things differently in the education sector. We cannot do the same things that did and do not work and expect different results. Let us critically assess the areas in which we fall short and find new solutions to old problems. 2022 provides us with an opportunity to do so!

I wish you and your families a year filled with love, peace, joy, happiness and prosperity.

Mr F Gade

MEC: Education



Mandla Nduna | Pumzile Lididi





Schools devastated by fierce Eastern Cape storms

Ten education districts in the Eastern Cape experienced the wrath of mother nature with heavy rainfall and strong winds wreaking havoc on school infrastructure during December 2021 and early January 2022.

To date damage has been reported at 103 schools. and the destruction is extensive with many schools having walls blown over; roofs ripped off; and prefab structures, sanitation, and electricity infrastructure damaged. Close to 183 classrooms are damaged and unusable. Worst hit was OR Tambo Coastal and Amathole West with 28 schools affected by this calamity in each of these districts. Teams worked throughout the holidays and the better part of January to assess the damage and determine the cost of repairs which currently stands at R166 million.

The tender process for the appointment of suitable service providers to undertake the repairs will be concluded by latest end January after which the work to repair damaged infrastructure will commence. It is envisaged that the disaster programme will be concluded by end June 2022.

20 December 2021

15 Quantity Surveyor Firms briefed

31 December 2021

Assessments undertaken at 57 schools

6 January 2022

Assessment reports and cost estimates completed

14 January 2022

Issuing of Tender Documentation

21 January 2022

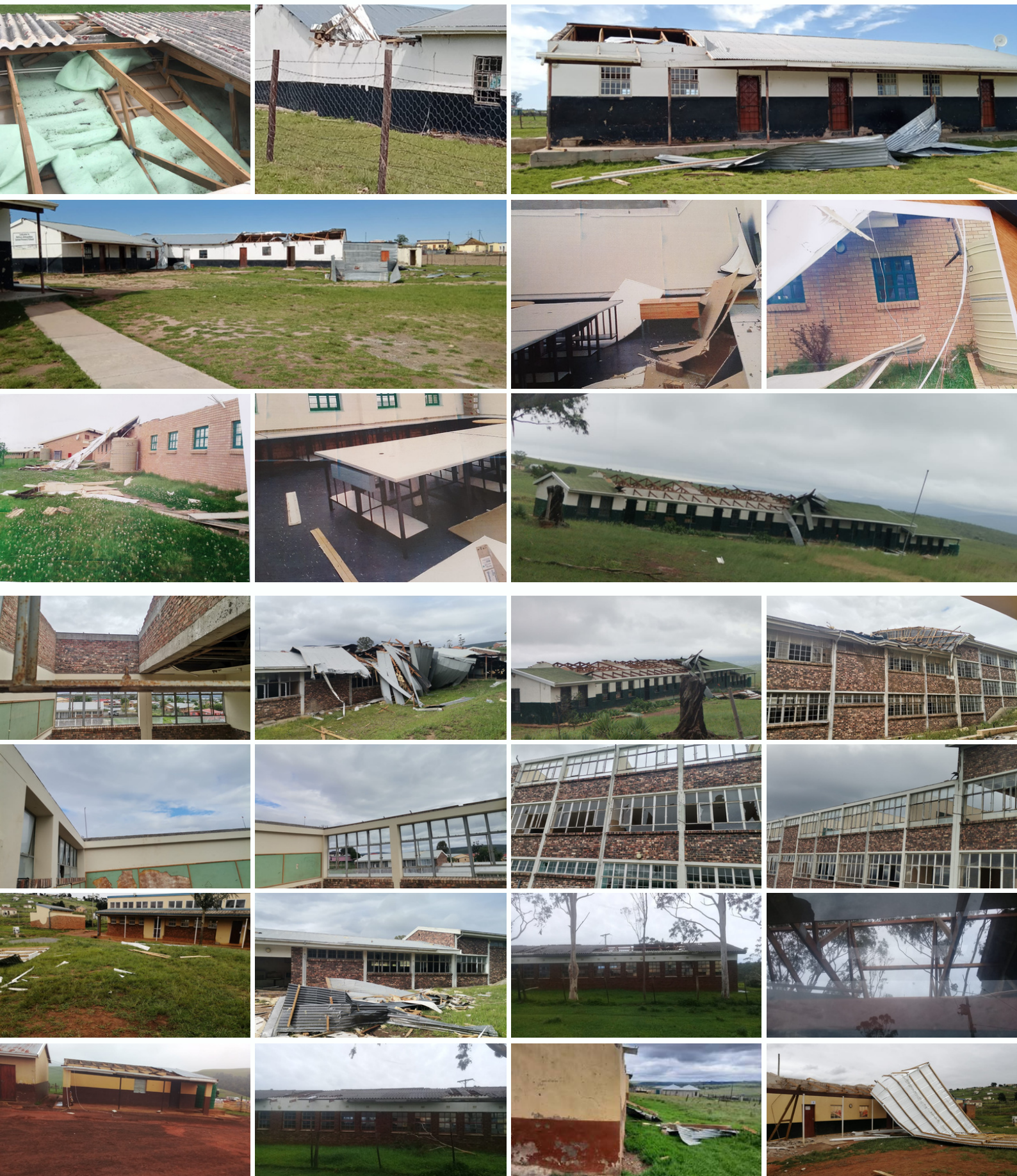
Closing date for Tender submissions

Repairs will start 2 weeks after Award and all works should be concluded by June 2022

Storm Damaged Schools



Storm Damaged Schools





ROAD TO RECOVERY

The Department has embarked on a strategy to expedite construction work on its schools' infrastructure programme to mitigate under expenditure, to ensure that annual targets are achieved, and to provide critical infrastructure to support teaching and learning at the start of the 2022 academic year. The table below outlines some of the priority areas that will be the focus of the schools' infrastructure programme for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year and continue into the 2022/23 financial year.

DoE SAFE Sanitation Programme Construction of 4,6 & 9 seat ablution Blocks at approximately 150 schools. R107,4 million	Modular Classrooms Provision of 240 new modular classrooms & relocation of 236 existing classrooms. R74,3 million	School Furniture Provision of learner & educator furniture for 240 new classrooms & district offices R49,7 million
Water & Sanitation Provision of water tanks to schools and cleaning & desludging of ablution facilities Batch 1 - 426 Schools Batch 2 - 692 Schools R78,5 million	Fencing Programme Provision of standard and security fencing to 120 schools R120 million	Maintenance Programme Minor maintenance to 60 identified schools R56 million
Disaster Programme Repairs to schools affected by Dec 2021 / Jan 2022 disasters R166 million*		

*Current estimate

2020/21 - 2022/23

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME SNAPSHOT



Alfred Nzo East



128 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	11 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	150 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	51 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
25 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	20 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	9 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	93 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
10 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	6 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	10 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	14 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Alfred Nzo West



316 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	16 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	27 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	3 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
18 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	21 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	23 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	105 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
10 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	28 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	7 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	59 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Amathole East



327 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	16 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	26 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	69 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
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Amathole West



216 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	24 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	25 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	89 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
65 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	21 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	33 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	81 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
10 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	36 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	5 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	3 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Buffalo City



251 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	19 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	17 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	29 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
5 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	28 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	11 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	43 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
23 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	14 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	13 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	0 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Chris Hani East



290 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	11 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	25 Water tanks and stands to be provided by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	35 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
41 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	17 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	44 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	6 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
8 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	45 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	3 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	15 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Chris Hani West



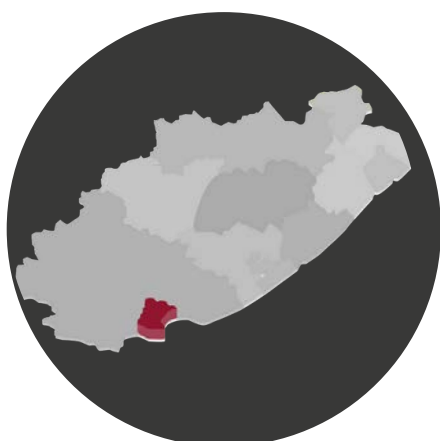
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Joe Gqabi



180 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	15 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	25 Schools will receive water tanks and stands by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	30 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
6 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	20 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	23 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	80 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
7 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	22 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	7 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	8 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Nelson Mandela



354 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	23 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	0 Schools will receive water tanks and stands by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	0 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
0 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	20 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	10 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	0 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
32 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	1 School will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	0 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	0 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

OR Tambo Coastal



350 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	19 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	23 Schools will receive water tanks and stands by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	17 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
75 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	18 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	18 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	165 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
9 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	19 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	29 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	10 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

OR Tambo Inland



369 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	37 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	120 Schools will receive water tanks and stands by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	42 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
18 Storm damaged schools scheduled for emergency repairs by June 2022.	20 Security fencing projects to be implemented and finalised by the 2nd Qtr of 2022.	44 Additional modular classrooms to be provided and / or relocated to schools in 2022.	0 Schools will have their toilets de-sludged before the end of the 2021/22 FY.
11 Major maintenance projects will be undertaken by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	52 Schools will receive new furniture before the end of the 2020/21 FY.	29 Projects completed under the SAFE programme in 2020/21.	12 Projects completed under the ASIDI programme in 2020/21

Sarah Baartman



200 Projects in various stages of planning, implementation and closure.	7 Projects currently in various stages of construction.	0 Schools will receive water tanks and stands by the end of the 2020/21 FY.	1 Additional DoE Sanitation projects planned for implementation in the 2020/21 & 2022/23 financial years.
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BACK TO SCHOOL 2022

A key activity that marks the start of the academic year is the school readiness visits led by the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, supported by the Eastern Cape Department of Education.

This programme includes meetings with education sector stakeholders as well as visits to several schools across the province.

Eastern Cape Schools opened on 17 January for educators and on 19 January for learners. School Readiness Visits were undertaken from 19 -28 January to assess, amongst other things, the availability of sufficient infrastructure and school furniture.

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TEAMS

visited

230
SCHOOLS

across

12
DISTRICTS

in

8
DAYS



OR Tambo Inland



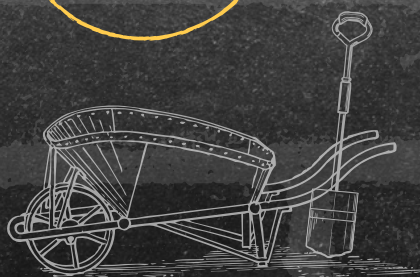
Amathole East



Amathole East



Nelson Mandela





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MCITWA PRIMARY

**for maintaining facilities
in pristine condition**

In our quest to recognise schools across the province which are well maintained, we pay tribute in this edition of Sakh'isidima News to the School Governing Body and School Management Team of Mcitwa Primary situated in KwaNqanda, Mbhashe Local Municipality. The school was identified as one which is in an excellent state during the recent school readiness visits.

Well done, we are exceptionally proud of you!



Partnership to build excellence in infrastructure development

The Eastern Cape Department of Education has partnered with the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Built Environment Research Centre (BERC) to strengthen research and development of several issues affecting the Department's Infrastructure Planning and Delivery Program.

Discussions started in July 2021 and culminated in a three-year engagement, which comes into effect on 1 February 2022. This will primarily include Policy formulation which will in essence shape the planning and delivery of school infrastructure development in the Eastern Cape.

Another key element ingrained in this partnership is collaborative research – through collation and interpretation of Physical Resources Asset Management Data - which will enable a solid foundation for evidence-based decision-making in the planning and delivery of infrastructure.

The partnership will also include elements of skills transfer and provide an opportunity for ECDoE Physical Resource Management staff to improve their professional competencies and qualifications aligned to the scope of the partnership.

The partnership will be driven by a Programme Management Team consisting of DoE, Infrastructure Programme Support Unit and NMU representatives.

About BERC...

The Built Environment Research Centre (BERC) aims to be the preferred centre of built environment industry originated research on the African continent by engendering innovation. The purpose of the centre is to contribute to the creation of new research and materials development, to take advantage of research opportunities within the built environment and facilitate knowledge transfer to and from built environment professionals through research enterprise. It is envisaged that this entity will spur development, transformation, global competitiveness, and sustainability of the built environment and society at large.

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“Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with EXCELLENCE.”

Anonymous

NEW TEAM MEMBER INTRODUCTION

LUSANDA XOZWA QUANTITY SURVEYOR

“Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with EXCELLENCE.” This quote by an unknown author is what drives, Ms Lusanda Xozwa who started her new position as Quantity Surveyor in the Physical Resources Management Directorate on 3 January.

Lusanda is eager to put her skills, qualifications and experience in Quantity Surveying to use as part of the PRM team where she will be responsible for developing and maintaining planning and cost norms and standards, monitoring compliance of infrastructure projects, promoting technical and quality strategies, and providing inputs to infrastructure policies, procedures, methods and criteria for Capex, Minor capital and maintenance projects, amongst others.

When asked about her first impressions of the Department, Lusanda says, “There are well developed systems and procedures in place. The Physical Resource Management Team has been welcoming. There are also learning opportunities and potential areas of growth within the department. My hope is to add value to the department by using my skills and experience for effective planning and collaboration with the team and other stakeholders to ensure the efficient delivery of education infrastructure in the province.”

Lusanda started her career at the Department of Public Works in KwaZulu Natal as a Candidate Quantity Surveyor in 2013. In the same year she was seconded to AECOM (Pty) Ltd for three years. She registered as a professional QS with the SA Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) in 2016 and served as Production QS from October 2016 to July 2018, still with DPW. Prior to her appointment with the ECDoE, she worked at JCNP Quantity Surveyors for almost three and a half years. We wish Lusanda well in her new position and trust that she will have an opportunity to put her skills in cost management and control, contract administration, project management, cost estimating, project planning, value engineering, financial feasibilities, and procurement, to good use.

Lusanda will be responsible for overseeing infrastructure projects in Cluster A, which includes Alfred Nzo East, Alfred Nzo West, Chris Hani East, Joe Gqabi, OR Tambo Coastal, and OR Tambo Inland.



NEW TEAM MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Before joining the ECDoE on 3 January 2022, Mr Siyalizwa Magida was a Candidate Quantity Surveyor at the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (Professional Service Unit) in the Eastern Cape from 2016 to 2021.

Siyalizwa says that he is impressed with the department's current systems and processes to plan and deliver infrastructure projects. He holds a National diploma in Building from Walter Sisulu University, and a Bachelor of Technology in Quantity Surveying from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Siyalizwa lives by Thomas Edison's motto "There is no substitute for hard work." When asked about the value that he will add to the PRM Team Siyalizwa says, "I will add value to the directorate by improving on the efficiency of current planning and delivery of projects. I will also be participating in the group environment to solve problems and to ensure we meet the Directorate's objectives." We are confident that Siyalizwa's skills in contract management, project estimating, cost management, project management, project planning, value engineering and procurement will be put to good use within the Department.

Siyalizwa will be responsible for overseeing infrastructure projects in Cluster B, which includes Amathole East, Amathole West, Buffalo City, Chris Hani West, Nelson Mandela and Sarah Baartman.



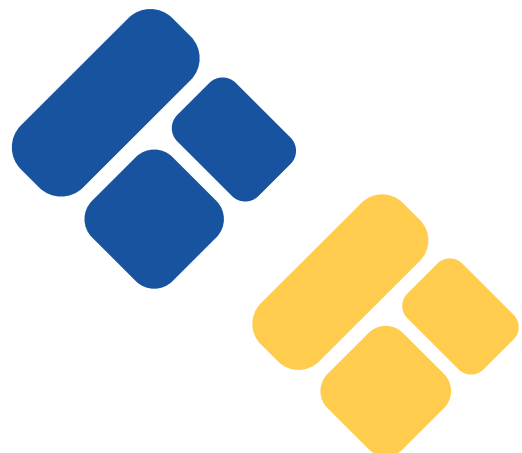
SIYALIZWA MAGIDA
QUANTITY SURVEYOR

"There is no
substitute for hard
work."

Thomas Edison

Siyalizwa's role as QS will include:

- Development of planning and cost norms and standards
- Monitoring Infrastructure projects implemented by Implementing Agents in terms of compliance with approved planning and cost norms and standards.
- Promoting the adoption of technical and quality strategies.
- Reviewing cost determinations of projects and estimates.
- Providing inputs to infrastructure policies, procedures, methods and criteria for Capex, Minor capital, and maintenance projects (from a quantity surveyor perspective)



"A boat cannot move forward if each person
rows his own way"



African Proverb



January 2022

- 17 Schools open for educators
- 19 Schools open for learners
- 19-28 School readiness visits by the provincial legislature
- 20 National Matric Results Announcement
- 21 Eastern Cape Matric Results Announcement/Awards

February 2022

- 02 World Wetlands Day
- 04 World Cancer Day
- 08 Handover of Northam donor project - Mbotyi Primary
- 10 Handover of Northam donor project - Emyezweni Primary
- 11 Handover of Northam donor project - Sichwe Priary
- 15 Handover of completed projects - Clarkson / Amamfengu
- 20 World Day of Social Justice
- 21 International Mother Language Day
International Tourist Guide Day
- 22 Handover of Handover of completed project - Mfesane Secondary

What's Happening...



Covid-19 Safe Practices



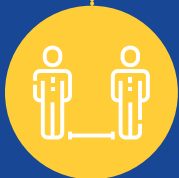
Hand Washing

- At least 20 seconds
- Include wrists and up to elbows
- Use soap and water



Sneezing & Coughing

- In a tissue OR
- In a flexed elbow
- Safe disposal of tissue (closed bin)
- Wash hands thoroughly



Distance

- Do not shake hands or hug
- Keep a safe distance from others
- Avoid group gatherings

Do not touch your

**FACE,
MOUTH
& EYES**

if you have not
washed your hands
thoroughly with
soap and water.



Get
vaccinated



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