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EMPANDENI WATER PROJECT



ZIMBABWE - PLUMTREE – MAGWE DISTRICT
MATEBELELAND SOUTH PROVINCE



IN CONJUNCTION WITH
CLEAN WATER FOR EVERYONE

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IT ALL STARTED WITH A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE...

The Zimbabwe Chronicle reported that there were serious water shortages at two major schools in Magwe District: **Empandeni Mission Girls High School** and **Tegwane High School**. The water shortages were the result of a severe drought in the region.

Clean Water For Everyone and Partners investigated further, and found that ablution facilities at Empandeni Mission Girls High School were also in serious need of an upgrade.

Our goal was immediately clear: improve student health by installing clean water and sanitation assets at Empandeni Girls School.

THE WATER SOURCE

Empandeni Girls High School sources its water directly from a local dam and boreholes. Most of the water is filtered using sand and stone filtration, and is then diverted into reservoirs and tanks.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

- The purchase of a generator
- Supply of water pumps and fittings
- Renovation of ablution facilities, including tiling , painting, and the installation of a ceiling
- Purchase of overhead water storage tanks
- Purchase of a security fence

PROJECT TIMELINE

Greenlight:	August 2014
Fundraising:	September, October, November 2014
Appraisal:	December 2014
Construction start:	January 2015
Construction completion:	May 2015

PRINCIPAL DONORS

The general public and well-wishers through crowd funding

CWFE PROJECT LEADS & PARTNERS

Nqobile B. Chitimbire
Abbey Wemimo
Vuyelwa Sidile – Chitimbire
Patrick Samlley

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BUDGET

Project Oversight	\$700
Consultant	\$700
Engineer	\$800
Architect	\$800
Laborers	\$800
Renovation materials	\$3,000
Diesel generator for pump	\$1,200
Security fence	\$200
Overhead water tanks	\$2,000
Ablution fittings and piping	\$1,000
Bank charges and office costs	\$300
TOTAL	\$11,500

LIVES IMPACTED

500 student lives directly improved.

An estimated 2,100 lives directly and indirectly impacted for the better.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Empandeni has additional ablution blocks that require refurbishment, and there is a need to continue investing in the reliability and sustainability of the school's water system. CWFE will explore further project possibilities at the school as funds become available.

CLOSING SENTIMENTS

This project was met with enthusiasm and excitement by parents, teachers and students, and the school community is grateful to those who made the refurbishment a possibility.

In their own words – *“Siyabonga kakhulu CWFE. Ingathi Inkosi Ingalibusisa lonke.”* meaning *“Thank very much CWFE. May the Almighty GOD bless you all.”*



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PICTURES, BEFORE AND AFTER

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BEFORE



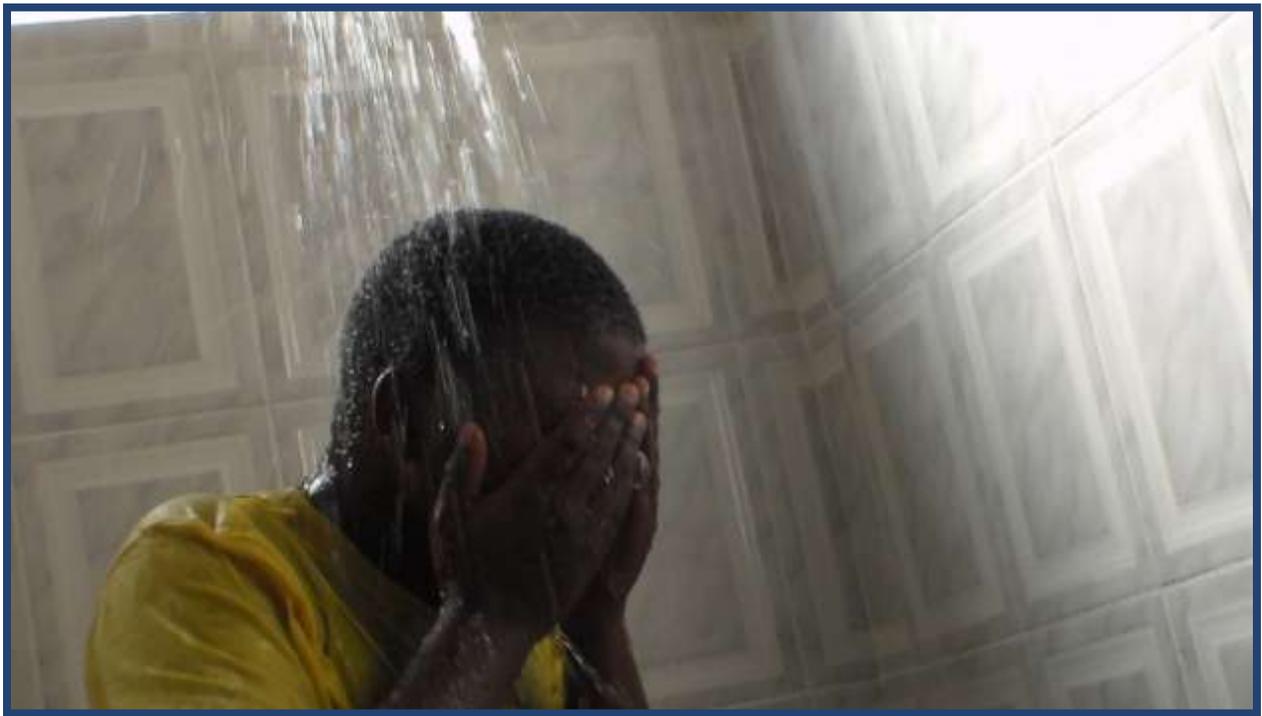
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"WATER IS LIFE."



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APPENDIX – STUDENT LETTERS

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REPORT ON: THE ABLUTION RENOVATION

DATE: MAY 2015

FROM: DADIRAI NGOSHI -3SCIENCES

The renovation of the form 3 ablution has brought a great change at our school .We give all thanks to C.W.F.E organisation for the donation which has transformed the lives of our fellow students at Empandeni High School. Our school was built many years ago so many buildings need major renovations

The old ablution was an eye-sore as it was very old and it looked more like a fowl run. Majority of the Form 3 students did not like to use the old ablution because it looked unhygienic despite the daily cleaning. The main door could only be secured using “wires”.

The interior structure of the ablution was divided into two compartments which comprised of bathing and toilet sections. Both these sections did not have doors which did not allow privacy to the users during their day to day “visits” .On the other hand, the water system was problematic meaning that the students did not have access to running water from taps .Due to such conditions there was no option except to use the bucket system which was a greatest challenge .Some of the bathing sections did not have shower roses and the steel divisions had rusted and had sharp edges which was a serious threat to the users. The roofs of the old ablution block had leaks, and the poles supporting the roof were such a sight.

Focusing on the old ablution, the floors were rough and the plastering on the walls worn off .Some of the pipes had rusted and the toilet basins were very old thus difficult to clean. The ablution has now been transformed into a state of the art infrastructure and the envy of other girls whose bathrooms are not yet renovated.

From the donations made by Mr Nqobile Chitimbire and Mr Patrick Smally of the C.W.F.E Organization, we managed to improve the following areas: A new steel double door painted grey makes both the bathroom and toilet sections lockable to allow privacy to the users..The walls and floors now have beautiful tiles so that the toilet looks presentable, hygienic and easy to clean. Above all, new toilet cisterns and basins were put in place and the old one destroyed in all toilets. A new ceiling was fitted and it was painted in white colour which was seen as ideal for the ablution or ceiling .In addition, from the funding we managed to change the piping system was changed so that the students can have access to running water from the taps. New and better lighting system has been connected so that students can use the ablution facility freely at night.

Due to the renovations made, we as the Empandeni High school pupils are very grateful and we are happy for such a gesture of kindness made by C.W.F.E organisation. We trust and hope that you will continue to sponsor or donate to us kindly. May the good Lord shower his blessings on you? We as the pupils promise to keep the ablution hygienically clean and sparkling all the time.Thank you.....

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DATE: MAY 2015

FROM: KIMBERLY TSOKA -3 ARTS

So they say, “what catches the eye is the beauty of nature” and so I say , “what catches a student and the parents is the beauty of the school” .Yes, Empandeni Girls High school has been known to be one of the best schools in Zimbabwe but personally say, it was an eye –sore.

The infrastructure at our school has become something no one would wish to see but my main point is specifically based on the renovation of the ablution .Although it looked a bit stable, it was never proper, the toilet seats were broken and water piping system was not functional .Most of the drainage was blocked thereby causing most of the waste water to flow on the pavements and corridors causing bad smell.

The flushing system in toilets was also not working so most of the peoples have resorted to using buckets in the toilets .In our ablution; there was poor ventilation and lighting which made it difficult for most students to use the ablution as they wished. Most of the windows were broken and the doors had sharp edges which could be dangerous or harmful to the ablution users .The floors were very rough and had potholes making it difficult for us to clean .Both the toilets and bathing areas did not have lockable doors which would allow privacy and security to all students using the ablution facilities.

Due to the renovation made by Mr Nqobile Chitimbire of C.W.F.E organization we have managed to renovate our old ablution into a beautiful masterpiece .One can hardly tell that a school like Empandeni can have such a beautiful, state –of – the art ablution as it has brought a great improvement at our school. From the donation we managed to buy new toilet basins and cisterns, new shower roses, new doors, painting of the interior structure, connecting the water system and finally tiling of both the walls and floors .Looking at the appearance of the renovated ablution, it is now the envy of many people around and within our school premises.

We as the students at Empandeni High school give thanks to Mr Nqobile Chitimbire alongside Mr Patrick Smally and other individuals who made it possible for the project to be a success. We wish the same would happen to all the other remaining ablutions because the schools has tried for some years but had challenges .Above all , on behalf of my fellow stream mates , I thank the donor for the contribution that was made at our school .May the good Lord bless you forever and ever . Thank you

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REPORT ON : SCHIMDIT AND BEILER ABLUTION

DATE: MAY 2015

FROM: CHANTELE. M .NDLOVU – 3 ARTS

It was extremely beyond our thoughts that anyone could do such a wonderful job of renovating the old ablution block for our school. For the past two years we have learnt at Empandeni high school I have seen it all but above my imagination I have not seen anyone with such a kind heart of assisting the needy in Zimbabwe .the beauty of our new ablution has left many people grieving for more as it was transformed into a magical masterpiece . All the renovations and good works were as a result of the donation made by Mr Nqobile Chitimbi of the C.W.F.E organization and we are very grateful for his generosity. Now as we look inside the ablution we can see the beauty of the new and decorative tile on both the walls and floors of the ablution block which is adorable and admirable.

They say what surely catches a man's eye and pleases it is to be pumped and promised at .The interior appearance of our new toilet breathe taking /impressive making the infrastructure user friendly .What really shocked us most is the screwed up basins which are so attractive as compared to the old dump we were using previously revealing to us clearly that the great works of our donors brought a positive change in the lives of the pupils at Empandeni high school .

In addition, the roofing was also changed as a new white ceiling was put in place so that the ablution would look more presentable and up to standard .The doors and walls were painted in grey colour which matched well with the ceramic tiles making the interior appearance of the block very pleasing .The best of them all was that, water system was connected in all taps meaning that we can use water running out of taps as we wished. Most students were tired of using the bucket system so with the renovations made life was made easier for them.

However, as the Empandeni high school students would like to thank Mr Nqobile Chitimbi , Mr Patrick Smally and all those who contributed towards this project. We wish all the other ablutions could be renovated so that we can live a better life and use good standard ablutions. Thank you.....

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FROM: KYLLAH MUJATI- 3COMMZ

It is true when they say a bad beginning makes a good ending. First of all, I want to show my gratitude to all those who made it possible for our ablution to look as beautiful as ever. Indeed our stream is a lucky lot because from the whole school they decided to choose to renovate the form three Beiler and Schmidt ablution.

Our ablution was so old and it smelt gross even if we tried our best to clean it. The toilet basins that used to be as white as snow had turned brown in colour as they had become old. Plastering from the walls was falling off and paint was no longer visible. Doors had been corroded by rust and had sharp edges which could have resulted in deep cuts or injuring the ablution users. Focusing on some of the doors, they had no lock which meant that they were no longer serving their purpose of allowing privacy to the users.

The water system in some of the showers was not functional so most people had to use dishes and tins to carry water outside so that they could bath. Some of the sinks had no water systems making it difficult for the students to use the ablution effectively. In the ablution area, there was also the issue of poor lighting system which made it difficult for the majority of students to access the ablution facility at night. On the roof of the block there were a lot of cob webs and the condition was so pathetic.

Due to renovations which took place at our ablution, New basins and cisterns were installed, ceiling was erected and painted, new doors were put in place, tiles were put on both walls and floor, lighting system was improved and above all water system was connected in the ablution block.

We would like to give thanks to Mr Nqobile Chitimire, MR Patrick Smally and all the individuals who had a hand in the success of the project. As a request we kindly ask you to do the same for the remaining ablutions for Possenti and Prestage if funds permit. Thank you for your generosity and we appreciate everything you have done for our school.
THANK YOU

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REPORT ON: THE ABLUTION RENOVATIONS

FROM: ZELDAH MANGE - HEAD GIRL;

DATE: MAY 2015

If there is one thing that defines Empandeni High school, it is gratitude .As the head girl of the school, am very happy about the greatest work done by the C.W.F.E organisation on behalf of the students. The old ablution at our school had been abandoned due to its unpleasant appearance as it was built long ago .Our own man of God , Father Victor Dube usually say , “ Umuntu ongabongiyo ufana lomuntu odla esesulela phansi”, Thank you very much Mrs Chitimbire , Mr Nqobile Chitimbire and Mr Patrick Smally and all those who contributed towards this project .

From the renovations made, the old ablution was turned into a state-of –the art infrastructure which was an envy of some of my fellow schoolmates .From the funds donated, we managed to put new good looking tiles on both walls and floors, painting of the interior, bought new doors, put up new ceiling, connected the water system and finally installed new toilet basins/ cisterns.

However, the new ablution has been transformed and has attracted a number of pupils due to the excellent appearance .We are very grateful and we indeed promise to maintain the standards of health for our better education. From such a marvellous job , we will ensure that it is kept spotlessly clean at all times .

Thank you very much, siyabonga.....tatenda and God bless !