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## STAKEHOLDER DAY 2020

The 2020 Stakeholder Day which took place on 3 December 2020 was the biggest virtual event that has ever been undertaken by SIOC-CDT. Aimed at facilitating interaction between SIOC-CDT and its key stakeholders, the virtual Stakeholder Day also served as a platform from which to report on the performance of SIOC-CDT for the year.

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Welcome to our  
**STAKEHOLDER DAY  
PRESENTATION**

For SIOC-CDT, this annual event is one of the most important days on the calendar, bringing both the Trustees and Executives together with Provincial and Local Government, development partners, community groups and civil society. Using advanced events technology, the day allowed for interaction through comments and questions and also ensured that participants were able to engage with one another in their own language. The event was simultaneously broadcast on Waterberg Stereo and Kurara FM, allowing more individuals to tune in and listen.

To watch the full presentation, visit our Website YouTube channel or the Facebook watch link:



<https://www.sioc-cdt.co.za/videos/>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhNz5q0O8xg>



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**SOME OF THE GREAT  
FACEBOOK MESSAGES RECEIVED**

*Congratulations to SIOC CDT for the great work you are doing within our communities and a progressive stakeholder day. Thank you for the impact.*

- Kurara FM Station Manager

*So far, its only smiles one can give to the presentation.... for all hard work done thus far by SIOC-CDT. The presentation showcases action being defined and displayed. Keep up the good work!*

- Floyd Nick Mpolokeng

*I would like to congratulate SIOC-CDT for all the wonderful work that you went beyond the call of duty to perform. Specifically, in response to preventing Covid-19 from spreading by making sure that the communities you serve were protected. Credit must be given where it's due.*

- Legacy Mcjordan

*You're doing a great job SIOC-CDT we are grateful*

- Mabetsi Wa Azania Seleke

**OLIFANTSHOEK AND DIBENG**  
Infill Housing Project

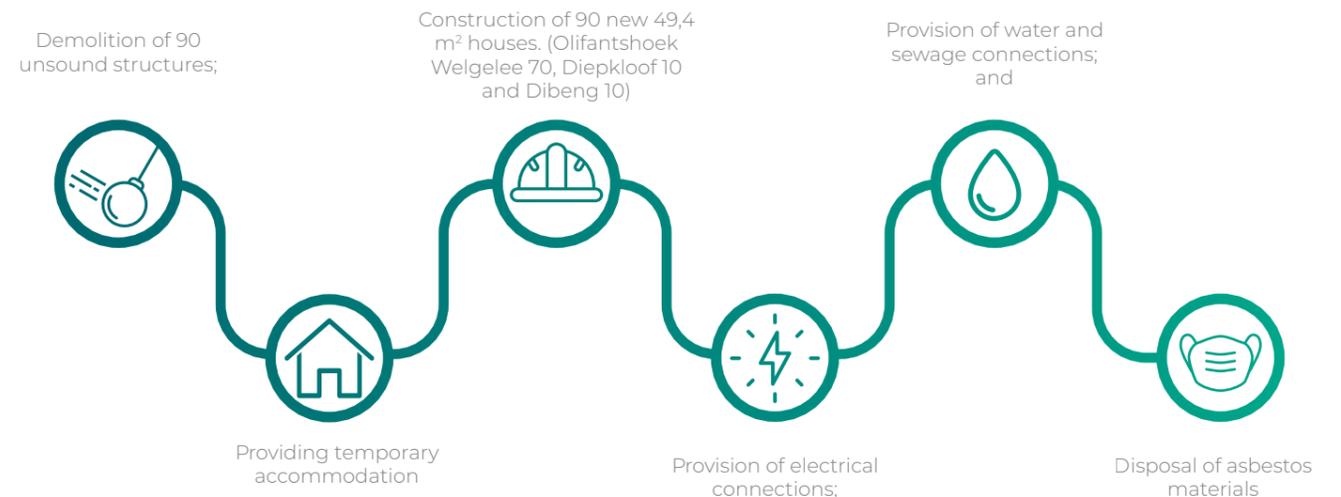
In Olifantshoek and parts of Dibeng, many senior citizens still occupy old dilapidated houses that were built many years ago. Unfortunately, many of these houses do not have sound structures; are conjoined into duplexes and some of them have now developed very wide cracks that threaten collapse, endangering the lives of the elderly

who occupy them. Given the sandy ground that these homes are situated on, it is evident that their foundations were not properly planned. Further, most of the houses in this area are covered in unprotected asbestos, which has the potential to cause diseases like asbestosis and cancer.



In an effort to address the identified needs, SIOC-CDT appointed a team of professional architects to lead a consortium of professional service providers to design and manage the implementation of the project.

**THE PROJECT SCOPE  
ENTAILS THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**



# OLIFANTSHOEK AND DIBENG

Infill Housing Project (Continued)

The project was initially delayed by stakeholder issues that resulted in a review of the procurement strategy in August 2020.

Subsequently, a few challenges arose through poor responsiveness from the market to the published main contractor tender – which restricted options for contractor appointment further.

Currently, the procurement services for the main contractor have been concluded. Nine local SMMEs from Olifantshoek and Dibeng have been selected through the procurement process to undergo formal contractor development. These SMMEs will receive accredited training as well as work packages from the project to implement.

This project is one of importance as many of the owners **survive on government grant income** and simply cannot afford to repair or upgrade their houses. Considering the construction of their homes, these individuals are sitting on a time bomb which **requires our urgent attention.**

The main contractor is obligated to spend a minimum of 60% of the construction works budget (R56 million inclusive of VAT) on local SMMEs (sub-contractors, material suppliers, plant hiring, etc).

The site handover and construction start date is set for the first quarter in 2021, with the construction to be completed in February or March 2022



# RE A FOLA MOBILE CLINIC

arrives in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District

Launched in 2018, the Re a Fola project, in conjunction with the Northern Cape's Department of Health (NCDoh), aims to provide essential healthcare services to three fixed healthcare establishments (weekly in Postmasburg - Boichoko, Postdene and Postmasburg) and five mobile points in rural Tsantsabane (fortnightly in Jenn Haven, Groenwater, Skeyfontein 1 & 2, Maremane and

Groenwater Station villages). During the launch of the second leg of the programme in August 2019, a dental chair was donated and subsequently installed at the Postmasburg Hospital.



In October 2020, the mobile clinic was launched at Penryn Clinic in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District. The aim was to provide the community with the services of a medical doctor, optometry services, audiology services, oral health care services and nursing services (e.g. pap smear, deworming and treatment of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and more). Some of the challenges that have been negotiated in this phase of the Re a Fola project are:

- In the John Taolo Gaetsewe District, optometry and audiology services were unavailable due to a lack of the skills within the province.

- In Tsantsabane, medical doctor and oral health care services were not rendered due to a lack of sessional doctors as well as a dental assistant. As one of the aims of the project is to recruit resources within the community beneficiary, this region will need to be serviced by personnel outside of the province.

- In both the John Taolo Gaetsewe District and Tsantsabane, the physiotherapy, occupational therapy and social worker services provided by the previous Re a Fola project (launched back in 2018), were not able to be provided due to a lack of the resources from the DoH as well as the effects of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

# RE A FOLA MOBILE CLINIC

arrives in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District (Continued)

## IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE, SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS CURRENTLY BEING EXPLORED INCLUDE:

- The appointment of an optometrist and audiologist from outside the province to render services (services rendered in Tsantsabane).
- SIOC-CDT undertaking the recruitment of both a dental assistant and a medical doctor within the province.



Re a Fola has been in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality since the 15th of February and will continue operations there until the 31st March 2021.

The roll out of the comprehensive eye care project in the ZF Ngcawu and Waterberg District Municipalities has seen 244 cataract surgeries take place and the issuance of 411 spectacles since March 2021. The project encompasses eye care testing and the treatment that patients require to prevent or rectify vision impairment.

The first tour successfully concluded at the end of March and the next surgeries are scheduled for September 2021.



The Re a Fola project aims per mobile clinic visit — shown below — can also be adjusted according to the encountered challenges. These aims include:

- the screening of at least 20 people for HIV and/or TB and 20 women for cervical cancer, with the enrolment of any positive cases in a treatment programme;
- the screening of at least 30 people for eyecare, the prescription of spectacles where needed and treatment of any further eye conditions discovered, particularly with regards to preventable blindness;
- dental screening and extraction of teeth and;
- health promotion activities.



Access to **regular and reliable healthcare** is paramount for a family and community's health and wellness. It's also incredibly important for **ongoing sustainability**. Our goal, through strengthening the community's health system effectiveness, is to provide the resources for, amongst other things, early detection of female cancers, disease prevention and treatment services. **We aim to increase life expectancy**, decrease mother and child mortality and play our part in helping to combat HIV/AIDS while also lessening the burden of TB on these communities. By doing so, we hope to aid our country as a whole.

# CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK

for the Mabogopedi Multipurpose Hall

Construction of the Mabogopedi Multipurpose Hall is one of the legacy projects inherited from the Thabazimbi Community Development Forum and which

SIOC-CDT is committed to completing. The incomplete structure poses a risk to both the school and community at large as it serves as a hideout for vagrants and unruly characters.



Mabogopedi Multipurpose Hall

In 2012, SIOC-CDT approved a budget for the construction of a school hall through the Thabazimbi Community Development Forum. This Forum was liquidated in 2013 and, in spite of some work having been done on the hall, this liquidation led to a complete halt of subsequent work, eventual separation with contractors and professionals, and, ultimately, the abandonment of the site.

To get the hall to a complete and functional state within the approved budget limit, the design team limited the scope of works but designed a beautiful building that will still serve its function.

The project consists of the construction of the hall adjacent to Mabogopedi High School in

Thabazimbi, Limpopo Province, and will also include complete electrical and mechanical installation.

The external works also comprise general covered parking and roads; sewer and water services; and a boundary fence.

The construction at the end of January 2021 is at 20%. The boundary has been set out; the site has been cleared; the surface bed has been concrete cast and upright steel columns installed. Brickwork is in progress. While there have been some challenges due to the prolonged inclement weather as well as the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns delaying the arrival of materials such as bricks, cement and steel, progress is ongoing.

The contractor appointed to execute the project has committed to spending a minimum of 30% of the construction budget on local SMMEs (small contractors, material suppliers, plant hiring companies, and more).

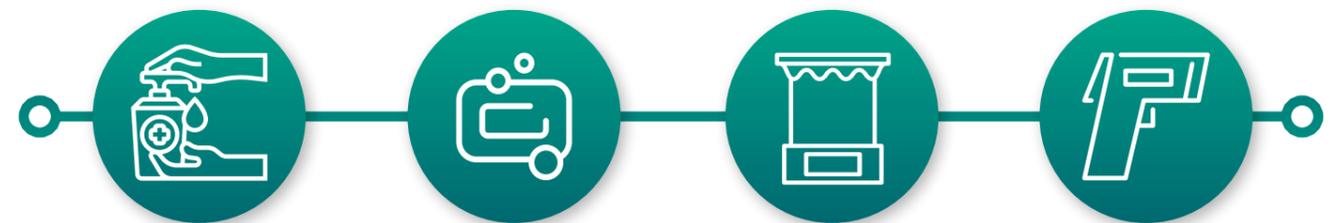
# PROVISION OF PPE TO KATHU AND KURUMAN

Rural TVET campuses

Under the auspices of the Kanako Social Responsibility programme, SIOC-CDT delivered PPE to the Kathu and Kuruman campuses in November 2020.



THE QUANTITIES THAT WERE NEEDED WERE DEFINED WITH CAMPUS DIRECTORS AND CONSISTED OF THE ITEMS BELOW THAT WERE SPLIT PER CAMPUS.



20 x 25 l sanitizers (with not less than 70% alcohol content)

1,000 x 150 g disinfectant soaps

4 x sanitiser stands

8 x digital non-contact infrared thermometers

# BURSARY PROJECT PROGRESS

**S**IIOC-CDT is a development organisation registered at the Master of the High Court to be the custodian of development initiatives on behalf of its beneficiary communities. These communities include Thabazimbi Local Municipality (Limpopo province); Tsantsabane Local Municipality (ZF Mgcawu District, Northern Cape) and the John Taolo Gaetsewe District (Northern Cape). One of the most important elements of this development strategy is education.

In 2020, SIOC-CDT had 116 bursary students registered in various institutions of higher

learning, with 16 students qualifying during the year.

The SIOC-CDT Board of Trustees approved funding for 60 additional students in 2021. The selection process for these candidates has been completed. The students are enrolled across 22 higher education institutions and their bursaries are across all fields of studies recognised by these higher learning institutions. The students come from various beneficiary communities in the Northern Cape including Thabazimbi (11), Tsantsabanbe (6), Gamagara (7), Gasegonyana (29) and Joe Morolong (7).

## The SIOC-CDT Bursary scheme makes provision for:

-  Full registration and tuition fees
-  Accommodation
-  Monthly stipend
-  Books
-  Laptops, backpacks and a Microsoft licence for each student
-  Assistive devices for any students with a disability

SIOC-CDT recognises that the **elimination of poverty and inequality**, as a path towards sustainable development, is a mammoth task involving careful and deliberate planning through community participation. A critical pillar in this journey is the investment in social infrastructure such as education, healthcare, and to create space for community enrichment. Since its inception, SIOC-CDT has been **offering bursaries to deserving young people** from its beneficiary communities to study at various higher education institutions across the country. The Bursary Scheme provides a full-value bursary that is paid directly to the academic institution and service providers of accommodation, books, and assistive devices. The students are given ongoing support by the bursary administrators to ensure their welfare and **quality academic performance**.

# An update on the **SCIMATHUS 2020 COHORT PROJECT**

**I**n 2015, it was reported that for every 100 South African pupils that started school in 2003, only 40 successfully progressed to Grade 12 in 2014; 28 passed; and a meagre 4 qualified for university. Of these, only one would go on to graduate. This means that a very high percentage of South Africa's out-of-school youth have no educational qualifications. The Fourth Industrial Revolution has made it abundantly clear that the jobs of the future are largely concentrated in STEM-related subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Sadly, these are subjects which are generally shunned by learners.

The SciMathUS programme was developed with the Stellenbosch University to create a second opportunity for educationally disadvantaged learners to enter higher education studies in Mathematics, Science and Commerce-related fields.

This year-long programme allows students to improve their NSC marks, allowing them to

be able to reapply for admission into higher education institutions. It also provides academic literacy support, mentoring and psychosocial support to help bridge the gap between school and university, ultimately preparing them for study success. The SciMathUS programme encompasses a holistic, intensive academic curriculum and even includes a mentorship component.

Aimed at increasing the chances of participating students entering science-based higher education, the SciMathUS programme will help to form a critical mass of highly skilled, black professionals able to add value to any science-, engineering- and technology-based human capital endeavour.

In 2020, SIOC-CDT assisted with the selection of 21 candidates from the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality and Tsantsabane local municipality in the Northern Cape. This selection included 4 post-matric learners from Thabazimbi in the Limpopo province.

### THE PROJECT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Accommodation to all students according to availability.
2. Two meals per day.
3. Provision of learning materials and necessary resources.
4. The curricula for all subjects.
5. The provision of psychosocial support to the students through counselling and access to the student counselling centre.
6. An opportunity for 100 students to write psychometric tests.
7. The provision to students of information regarding applications to tertiary education and bursaries.

SciMathUS complements the National Development Plan's intention of increasing the number of students eligible to study towards mathematics- and science-based degrees **to 450,000 by 2030**. SIOC-CDT is committed to the sustainable development of youth within the beneficiary communities and this project follows an active learning approach with the Stellenbosch University. Subjects are taught in an integrated manner and the focus is on learning more than teaching, in the traditional sense of the word. The SciMathUS staff manage all facilitation (lecturing Mathematics, Physical Science, Academic Literacy, Computer Literacy and Accounting), except Economics where the students attend lectures at the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. **There is no co-funding of this project.** The entire budget is provided and managed by SIOC-CDT.



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