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Mandela Day Library Launch Report

Seroophata Primary School
Majakaneng, North West.



On the 17th October, 1 300 learners at Seroophata Primary School received a Mandela Day library. The school is situated in the North West province in the Majakaneng Village and was chosen by the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) from a list of school in need of a library. This list is compiled in collaboration with Soul City, who assists in identifying schools which are active in the development of their learners. This was hugely evident in the amount of planning that went into the launch and the level of involvement by learners, teachers, and the school governing body as well as learners who had graduated from Seroophata Primary.

Soul Buddyz (Soul City) is a strategic partner of Breadline Africa, working actively with learners in life-skills programmes in schools. At Seroophata Primary, it was the Soul Buddyz (Soul City) group of 2010 who had applied for a library through the ACT for Children Programme run by Soul Buddyz. They have since enrolled at the community high school, but were invited to the launch to see their goal realised. In this way, the partnerships we have developed are positively reinforced for us as an organisation. Another example of impact enhanced through partnership is that of the Public Investment Corporation.



Yesterday's launch was the second that they attended as this is the second year running that they have chosen to invest in the Mandela Day library Project.



Communications Manager, Ms. Nomzamo Petje, attended and spoke to the learners on behalf of the PIC. She reiterated the importance of reading to the pursuit of dreams and by communicating with them in their mother tongue, delivered an inspiring speech that connected with the learners.

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