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Nelson Mandela Museum, your gateway to the Wild Coast



President Cyril Ramaphosa officially unveiled the Nelson Mandela statue in Mthatha on Mandela Day. Pictures: LULAMILE FENI

Mthatha: In the heartland of the Eastern Cape province lies the small town of Mthatha - home to the beautiful Nelson Mandela Museum.

The museum is named after the first democratically elected President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Nelson Mandela. This Nelson Mandela Museum was a gift to the people of Eastern Cape and South Africa.

The town of Mthatha is in the King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality under O.R. Tambo District Municipality. The Nelson Mandela Museum repositioned itself as a

gateway to the Wild Coast region, which is blessed with a fabulously beautiful subtropical coast stretching from Coffee Bay to Port St Johns.

This museum serves as a springboard and a channel for visitors to follow in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela, a global icon and champion for human rights. A man whose long walk to freedom began in the foothills that rise from the banks of the Mbashe River in Mvezo where his umbilical cord is buried, to the rolling hills of Qunu. Mandela's second home was in Qunu where his parents relocated to after his father, Chief Gandla, was deposed as legitimate



President Cyril Ramaphosa unveiled another Nelson Mandela statue in Qunu on Mandela Day.

chief. And just after the death of his father, Mandela was moved to Mqhekezweni. It was at Mqhekezweni where Mandela had the privilege of listening to, and learning from, his elders about the battles that took place in defence of the motherland. He gained this knowledge under the guardianship of Regent Jongintaba of Mqhekezweni.

The Museum oversees two sites; Nelson Mandela Museum Youth and Heritage Centre and Nelson Mandela Museum Bhunga Building. The Museum at Bhunga Building operates in a building with layers of colonial and Bantustan history and made unique with outstanding Victorian architecture and marked with imposing public presence. The same building serves as Nelson Mandela Museum, keeping the gifts and collections of Mandela. This building serves as a national and international symbol of hope. It is now home to a priceless collection of gifts bestowed upon Nelson Mandela by various institutions, statesmen, kings, queens, and ordinary people from different parts of the world.

The second site is Nelson Mandela Youth and Heritage Centre which is at Qunu and serves as the youth's leadership and training development centre. The statue of Nelson Mandela as a traditional Thembu man is installed next to the main entrance of the centre. It has become a symbolic tourism attraction that tells a story about Mandela as a Xhosa man grounded in his cultural values and heritage.

The centre is now fully operational to welcome inbound and outbound tourists.

The recent installation of the two statues - one in Bhunga building in Mthatha and the

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other in Qunu - will help to serve as a catalyst for local economic development opportunities. The installation of the Statues is an enhancement of the Nelson Mandela Museum as a space of engagement and dialogue with compelling exhibitions that tell the life and times of Nelson Mandela. The two compelling life-size statues of Mandela will further encourage local, national and international tour operators to include Nelson Mandela Museum in their itinerary. At the same time, the addition of the two statues would help to anchor the local tourism economy that would contribute to the creation of job opportunities in the area.

The Museum's existence is steadied on the values of integrity, ubuntu, and stewardship as its anchor. For the past years, the Museum has managed to achieve unqualified audits and clean audit outcomes consecutively.



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“When our museums and monuments preserve the whole of our diverse heritage, when they are inviting to the public and interact with the changes all around them, then they will strengthen our attachment to human rights, mutual respect and democracy, and help prevent these ever again being violated.” Nelson Mandela

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Building hope, skills and a bright future for the youth



SPF has employed over 2,000 young people to assist in schools, health facilities and local CBOs while also being up-skilled to increase their employability Pictures: SUPPLIED

At 32,9% in the first quarter of 2023, South Africa's unemployment rate remains the highest in the world.

This is according to the latest numbers released by Stats SA in May.

While the statistics revealed that the Eastern Cape recorded the largest decrease of unemployment in the province remains alarmingly high.

In line with its holistic community development commitment, the Small Projects Foundation sought to address the Eastern Cape's unemployment crisis by becoming one of the nominated implementing partners for the Social Employment Fund (SEF) Programme, funded through the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES) initiative. Through the programme, SPF has employed over 2,000 young people to assist in schools, health facilities and local CBOs while also being up-skilled to increase their employability after exiting the programme.

The initiative is also part of the social economy strategy of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) targeting youth from vulnerable and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. These youth have been involved in community services such as delivering medication to chronically ill people who are unable to collect it, patient folder and queue management, conducting eye

screenings, home visits or assisting in schools through identifying dropouts.

The youngsters were also trained in empathetic care, mental health, COVID-19 management, and financial literacy among other skills while placed at over 100 schools and facilities across BCMM, OR Tambo, Chris Hani, NMBM, and Amathole districts.

For some of these ambassadors, participating in the programme marked the realisation of their dreams to make a difference in their own communities.

Middledrift's Eric Rase shared how, through the Social Employment Fund (SEF) Programme, he had found a fulfilling employment opportunity which allows him to be a changemaker in his community.

"There were bricklayers, painters and teachers among us as ambassadors and when we had to put our shoulder to the wheel and help Sakhli Primary School where we are stationed, we did not hesitate or hire anyone. We did the work and are proud to show our community what we have achieved together," Rase said.

The Sakhli Primary School-based team of ambassadors started a food garden to support the school's nutrition system.

At David Russel Primary School in

Dimbaza, the ambassadors were able to improve academic performance among learners through the introduction of homework clubs while, in Molteno and Sterkstroom, 311 learner dropouts from 7 schools were identified and assisted to return to school.

Acting Clinic Manager at Maqanyeni Clinic, Sr Babalwa Bashe, said the facility previously had a waiting time of over 3 hours but this all changed with the support of the ambassadors.

"Since joining us, the ambassadors have helped sort patients according to patient priority in the waiting room and queues. They also help assist the data capturer with patient file management which helps the service process flow smoothly, and much more," Bashe said.

Through the programme, critical constraints within communities have been identified and solution models implemented which can be replicated through other self-sustainable programmes such as the DG Murray Trust and KfW funded Bumb'INGOMSO Intervention where over 40 000 young women and girls are supported towards securing a brighter future.

To date, SPF has succeeded in providing over 5 000 youth with community work through both the

Social Employment Fund (SEF) and National Youth Service (NYS) programmes which ended in March 2023. These youths have served over 369 000 community members with health, education and social services in the last 12 months.

Nelson Mandela said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". In South Africa, about 10% of children dropout of school each year. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, up to 30% of children dropped out of school in our province.

These children cannot have the tools and skills to escape the intergenerational vicious cycle of poverty.

Reasons for such dropout include:

- Poor Eyesight: We have an eyecare project – 'Umbono' to get prescription spectacles to children.
- No food at home: We have an emergency project to help families register for SASSA grants.
- Bullying: We have an intervention to assist children and schools combat bullying.
- Teenage pregnancy: We have a project to assist getting learner moms back to school.
- Lack of school uniforms: We have a small project to assist with basic uniform needs.
- Gender-based violence: We have an emergency call centre with a toll-free line (0800 060 010) to assist survivors.

- Barriers to learning: We have a project to train School-Based Support Teams (SBSTs) to assist learners for assessment, remediation and referral.

- Substance and alcohol abuse: We have a small project working with SANCA CEC Alcohol & Drug Centre to identify and refer children and their parents for assistance.

- Lack of literacy: We have a project of reaching champions to support children and their carers to develop a love of and skills for reading.

These projects and programmes are done under the DG Murray Trust/KfW funded Bumb'INGOMSO Intervention for young women and girls as well as under the Social Employment Fund. The Bumb'INGOMSO Intervention aims to give young women a sense of hope, imminent possibilities, skills and personal mastery and clubs of peers for ongoing social support to complete school, remain HIV-free and have a bright future.

The Social Employment Fund provides funding for stipends for out-of-school, unemployed youth to render community services, gain skills and find opportunities for employment.

Fifty schools have had their children's eyes screened and all needing spectacles have been assisted. The youth have been helped to have a vision, skills, a voice and take action.



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MultiChoice's multifaceted commitment to nurturing the next generation of sports stars



It is undeniable that sports play a vital role in society, not just in terms of entertaining its spectators but also in promoting physical health, social integration and cohesion, and also community development. While professional sports may receive the most attention, grassroots sports are equally important, if not more so. Grassroots sports refer to sports activities that are recognised and run by local communities, typically at a non-professional level.

Investing in grassroots sports has many benefits, both for individuals and for society. For individuals, grassroots sports provide opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, better mental health and increased self-esteem. For children, involvement in sports can help develop teamwork and leadership skills, as well as a sense of belonging to a community.

For society as a whole, grassroots sports can have far-reaching effects. They can help to build stronger communities by bringing people together from different backgrounds and promoting social integration. Grassroots sports can also play a role in reducing crime and antisocial behaviour by providing positive outlets for young people. Moreover, investing in grassroots sports can have economic benefits, as it can create jobs and stimulate the local economy. MultiChoice Group has recognised that despite the numerous benefits of grassroots sports, they often

receive less funding and support than professional sports. This can lead to a lack of facilities, coaches, and equipment, which in turn can limit participation and prevent communities from fully recognising the benefits of sports. By investing in grassroots sports, we can help to ensure that everyone has access to the benefits of sports and promote stronger, healthier, and more vibrant communities.

Many communities in South Africa lack the necessary resources and infrastructure to support the development of grassroots sports. MultiChoice recognised this gap and has taken steps to bridge it through its investments in grassroots sports. The company's approach involves working closely with local sports organisations and governing bodies to identify areas where it can make the most significant impact.

SuperSport Let's Play gives young people the opportunity to participate in sports. This provides much needed social and physical stimulation, which positively impacts their overall wellness. In the past year, we built multipurpose sports fields at four schools in Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape.

These fields provide access to state-of-the-art sporting facilities for disadvantaged schools and communities. Let's Play's follow through in the construction of these courts is the implementation of structured sports

programmes that will ensure efficient use of the facilities.

The Let's Play-SA Hockey Modified Project is introducing hockey to the four schools. MultiChoice constructed over 10 multipurpose sports fields in 2022 alone. As a result, learners from disadvantaged backgrounds now have access to play five different sports: hockey, five-a-side soccer, tennis, volleyball, and netball. Over the past 17 years, Let's Play has reached more than 750 000 children in thousands of schools and communities and trained over 300 schoolteachers in new physical education methodologies.

In 2014, MultiChoice launched the DStv Diski Challenge, a tournament that has grown in popularity and importance, with many young players using it as a stepping stone to professional football careers. Fans and coaches alike are keeping a close eye on the tournament to identify the next generation of talented footballers.

The tournament has also helped to raise the profile of youth football in the country and provide young players with valuable opportunities to develop their skills and build their careers. The tournament is the PSL's Reserve League, with all 16 teams competing in the Premiership represented. The tournament has grown into a fully-fledged 30-match league from a two-group round-robin format at inception in 2014.



In the last year, over 30 players gained promotion to their respective Premiership teams. In total, over 300 players have made the leap from academy football to professional football through the DStv Diski Challenge. Regular and competitive football for the country's youth (14 – 21 years) offered by the Diski Challenge has resulted in stronger and competitive junior national teams which qualify for international events regularly.

Despite these encouraging figures, a holistic approach to investing in sports requires an approach that deliberately reaches out to schools, especially schools in rural communities.

The DStv Schools Netball Challenge is one such tournament by MultiChoice that deliberately targets school sports. Conceived in 2020 in a partnership with South Africa Schools Netball, the Under 19 High School girl's tournament aims to create a platform that will enable all school girls to participate whilst also creating an aspirational national schools netball competition, and ultimately creating a synergy between the various national teams and emerging talent. Over 3300 high schools have participated in the two editions of the tournament held to date.

It is also important to have foresight when it comes to investments and ensure that it is not merely a corporate tick-box exercise.

While we are proud of the futures we are creating within sports, it is important to highlight that sporting careers are well-known for having a short lifespan. In essence, what happens when the curtain closes on a sports star's career, what are the alternatives?

As a company that prides itself in sustainable empowerment, in 2022, MultiChoice and The Premier Soccer League (PSL) officially launched the Player Transition Programme (PTP) for professional footballers in South Africa. The programme is intended to equip and empower PSL players with the skills and know-how to be self-sufficient after retirement from football.

The company's investment in sports like rugby is also worth mentioning. In 2021, MultiChoice announced a partnership with Rugby Africa, the governing body for rugby on the continent. The partnership has seen MultiChoice provide financial and logistical support to Rugby Africa, which will enable it to expand the game's reach across the continent.

Apart from its direct investments in sports, MultiChoice has also used its platforms to promote grassroots sports development. The company's SuperSport channel provides extensive coverage of various sports across the continent, from football to cricket and athletics. SuperSport's coverage has helped to promote sports in

Africa and has enabled young people to see role models and examples of excellence in their chosen sports. The channel has also provided a platform for young athletes to showcase their talents, which has helped to attract the attention of professional clubs and national team selectors.

In conclusion, MultiChoice's investment in grassroots sports development in Africa is an essential contribution to the continent's development. Through its investments in football, athletics, rugby, and other sports, the company has helped to improve the quality of sports infrastructure, provided opportunities for young people to develop their talents, and promoted healthy lifestyles.

The company's SuperSport channel has also played a significant role in promoting sports and providing a platform for young athletes to showcase their talents. MultiChoice's investment in grassroots sports development is a testament to its commitment to building sustainable communities in Africa.





Nate's Car Sales Charity Drives

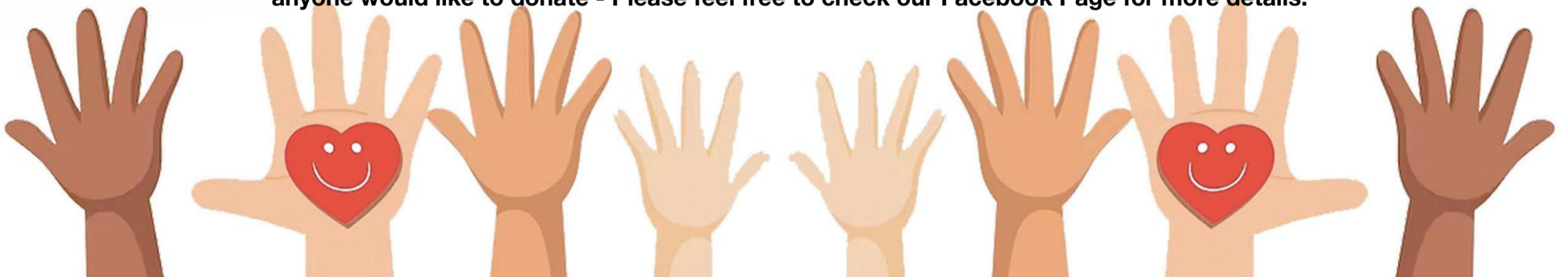


From a very young age , Nathanael "Nate" Padayachee has been involved in charity work, thus making one of Nate's Car Sales main objectives- Giving Back to the community.

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Success for youth, by youth

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Nemato Change a Life is but one of these organisations and we are proud to have partnered with them.

Nemato Change a Life offers a 'cradle to career' youth empowerment programme for disadvantaged youth in Nelson Mandela Township (Nemato) in Port Alfred. We help all the way from early childhood development to student and career support, all with success in life in mind.

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- Sports offered: rowing, trampoline gymnastics, handball, fencing and futsal. Our sportsmen travel to world championships.

- Be educated: we offer after-school numeracy and mathematics classes and financial and logistical support to study at college or university.

- Be skilled: coding, carpentry, photography, robotics, swimming, driving lessons, electrical wiring, building computers.

We as Royal St Andrews Hotel would like to extend a massive thank you to all our loyal supporters. Without you we would not be able to give back to our community. THANK YOU!

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