



# BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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## HELPING YOUTH OWNED BUSINESSES

Droogfontein Solar Power, in partnerships with the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) and National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) have launched a programme to help start-ups become thriving sustainable businesses, which can employ more staff, and help the local economic.

Each of the participating partners play a key role in this journey, from providing start-up funding in the induction phase to mentorship, development funding, loans and finally equity share.

One of the first beneficiaries, Bling Bling Pet Groomers, is receiving mentorship and has received a business vehicle from Droogfontein Solar Power, as well as initial working capital to help this small enterprise.



*"The vehicle, funding and mentorship, will help this youth-owned and run business grow as they can now service a larger area and are able to collect and deliver more pets."*



## COVID SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE CENTRES

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was funded to keep community based Tracer Teams safe. These frontline workers who serve a population of over 400 000 citizens are most at risk.

*"We are grateful to this essential services team, which does screening, testing, tracing and clinical management, in the four Local Municipal areas of Sol Plaatje, Dikgatlong, Magareng and Phokwane."*

This equipment includes 2000 N95 masks; 2000 surgical masks; 2000 disposable caps; 6000 surgical gloves; 1000 re-usable goggles; 1 000 units of 500ml sanitizers.



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## MOVING UP

'Move-On-Up' is a local Kimberley SMME that is receiving assistance, to ensure its survival during this tough COVID period, as part of the Droogfontein Solar Power's Economic Development.

This 100% black owned youth enterprise was negatively impacted by the early COVID lockdown restrictions, as regulations prohibited the transporting of recyclable goods, which is why funding has been provided to help pay salaries and the business cash flow.



## OLWETHU JACOBS

Olwethu Jacobs, is an Intern at Droogfontein Solar Power. He is studying towards a National Diploma, in Electrical Engineering.

Olwethu is also inspired by how technology has evolved through the years and sees hope for a future career in renewable energy, so that he can contribute towards development in his community.



## HELPING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LITERACY PROGRAMMES

Bantu Maqabuka, is a reading coach at Kim Kgolo Primary School, in Kimberley, funded by Droogfontein Solar Power's literacy programme.

"Being a reading coach has helped me to grow so much. I was initially scared to work with children and didn't think that I could make a difference, but now I actually feel like I have a purpose that is bigger than me, I can help so many people. I help my sister's children and sometimes I even help people I come across in the street," Bantu Maqabuka.

