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## **1. INTRODUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND**

In response to a call made by the City of Johannesburg Environment, Infrastructure and Services Department to service providers to implement the Eco-Guides Project in regions A, B, C, D, E, F & G.

Tondanani Development Focus understands that this project is aligned with the City's GDS 2040 vision with special attention given to community development with a strong focus on addressing youth unemployment and environmental degradation. Tondanani Development Focus also understands that the Eco-guides project will serve as a supporting structure to implement the Bontle ke Botho (BkB) campaign.

This was submitted to address the scope of work, deliverables, methodology, scheduling and costs required to achieve the objectives of the Eco-Guide project. The Eco Guide project is an initiative of the City of Johannesburg Environment through the Expanded Public Works Programme EPWP with the intention of educating people more especially Youth in our communities about the issues and factors surrounding environmental care. This will be done through various and vigorous public awareness campaign which adopts various themes per month on issues related for that month. The programme operates in broader Joburg areas such as Soweto, Midrand, Eldorado Park, Orange Farm, Cosmo City Diepsloot and Alexandre townships.

## **2. SCOPE OF WORK AND OBJECTIVES**

Environmental Education & Awareness is crucial in the reduction of air pollution, mitigation against climate change impacts, management of waste, water management among other environmental challenges. The project is aimed at inspiring, supporting and empowering 350 unemployed youth of Johannesburg to take part in positive actions on issues related to environment and sustainable development. The main role of the Eco guides is to:

- Educate communities on how they can individually play a role in creating cleaner and healthier environment.
- Educate communities on waste management.
- Educate communities on water management and effective use of grey water and rain harvesting.
- Educate communities on climate change and its impacts on the environment.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

September month theme was Sustainable Transport: Whatever activities that were done during this month were in relation to transport.

#### *Monthly September Calendar*

#### **Activities done in this month**

- Promotions of public transports – taking to youth about benefits of using public transports
- Protection of Free Spaces – growing our vegetable gardens
- Johannesburg Road Agency unblock the culvert
- Buy back centre tour visit
- Separation at source
- Eco-cleaners find money at the Jukskei River
- Busy Corners performance
- Churches and Taxi ranks
- Schools

#### **Protection of Free Spaces – growing our vegetable gardens**



The department of Human Settlement together Gift of the Givers built houses which they gave to fellow Alexandrians at Setjwetla Settlement. A land was then given to Shomang to cultivate it to create food gardens which will then feed families which will be staying in the houses given by government. Shomang Eco-cleaners embraced the opportunity and created good gardens which will soon be coming to ripe.



#### **Promotions of public transports – taking to youth about benefits of using public transports**



The Eco-guides took to the public transport campaign to the street by taking to the taxi drivers and community members of about the benefits of the public transport on the environment.



## Johannesburg Road Agency unblock the culvert

Johannesburg Road Agency was contacted last month to come help us unblock one of the two culverts which got blocked. They managed to come with a TLB to unblock the culvert.



Eco guide with school learner educating them about safety in the roads.

## Buyback centre tour visit



Pikitup organized a tour to already operating buy back centres where we explored how the buyback centres operates. Diepsloot and Zondi Buyback (Soweto) where visited and explored.

Pikitup then further surprised Shomang by giving us land which we will also form our own buy back centre where the Eco-cleaners will sort and sell the waste they get thus make an extra income.



### ZONDI BUYBACK CENTRE

Crushed plastic will be used again to make chairs, plugs, etc.

## Separation at source – educational awareness campaign with Region E Director



The Eco-guides took part in the recycling match organized by Pikitup as it launched “Separation at Source” Region E.

The Eco-guides used the platform to communicate its objectives and the theme of the month to public that attended and other government officials.



### REGIONAL DIRECTOR DANCE

RD – Liziwe dances with the Eco-cleaners as she is happy about the launch of the Separation at Source programme.



#### PIKITUP EDUCATIONAL MANAGER

Mr. Smith Radingwana takes a moment to pose with the Eco-guides as they do door to door work/campaigns



#### INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC

Eco-cleaners and Eco-guides go door to door Separation at Source in Region E

### Eco-guides Project

What an interesting project it has been the past 4 months. The Eco-guide programme has feed 125 people of Alexandra which is the well worthy cause.



In Orange Farm, all the Eco Guide were busy with their monthly activities as per monthly themes. Some of the youth were engaged in the Taxi Ranks education the commuters about environment and the importance of not littering in the Taxi ranks. The activities were also taken to the Schools that were nearby, and they busy educating youth and learners about road safety and its importance. There was no one who spared in the communities. Even those who were using heavy duty truck and earth moving vehicles were also consulted and the information was given to them as well.





#### INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC

Eco-guides from Orange Farm meeting with Mr Neo Nyathi from EPWP infrastructure during their campaign

In Eldorado Park, the Eco Guide where more into school and parks where they were performing and dancing with the theme “Transport month” in their hearts. Most of the young school learners were reached through drama and poetry. There were lots of challenges in these groups as well, like for instance, in some of the schools, there could not perfume because the Eco Guide were told that the learners where busy preparing for Spot event and some where also busy with the preparations for the examinations.



Some schools gave the Eco Guide time to perform we only included a dance, poetry and giving speeches on climate change, how to take care of our land and air pollution the importance of using public transport and the effects of CO2 emissions.

**Community – waste management education awareness**

***School Programmes at EE Centres***

### *Conservation Education for the Nation*

CEFNE on waste management and Energy was implemented in crèches and schools in Region E & F reaching 599 beneficiaries. School programs enhance curriculum learning as programs are aligned to the curriculum. The crèches and schools that participated in the programs are:

<b>Name of school</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location of School</b>	<b>Theme/Topic</b>
Noddy Pre School	Noddy Pre School	02/10/2013	Malvern	Waste Management
Carter Primary School	Carter Primary School	03/10/2013	Alexandra	Energy
Kidio Kids Pre School	Kidio Kids Pre School	10/10/2013	Hillbrow	Waste
Down Town Pre School	Down Town Pre School	10/10/2013	Joubert	Waste
Help Us Day Care Centre	Help Us Day Care Centre	10/10/2013	Joubert	Waste
Sizani Pre School	Sizani Pre School	14/10/2013	Malvern	Waste
Mighty Day Care	Mighty Day Care	15/10/2013	Malvern	Waste
M.C Weiler	M.C Weiler	17/10/2013	Alexandra	Energy
M.C Weiler	M.C Weiler	17/10/2013	Alexandra	Energy
Kideo Kids Chrech	Kideo Kids Crèche	17/10/2013	Hillbrow	Waste
Thulani Sec. School	At school	02/10/2013	Cosmo city	Arbor
Mme Dimpho Hani Child Care	At school	03/10/2013	Cosmo City	Arbor
Bonamelo PS	At school	06/10/2013	Cosmo City	Arbor
Ebukhosini Bempilo ECD Day Care	At school	07/10/2013	Diepsloot	Arbor
Little Busy Bees	At school	14/10/2013	Emmarentia	Weather
LGS Dynamics	At school	15/10/2013	Emmarentia	Weather
Siyabonga Day Care	At school	15/10/2013	Ivory Park	Birds
Bottom PS	At school	17/10/2013	Cosmo City	Climate Change
Onkgopotsetiro PS	At school	18/10/2013	Diepsloot	Climate Change

### **Environmental awareness, food production and capacity building programs and projects**

7709 beneficiaries were reached through awareness raising, capacity building and food production initiatives. 1440 non-IDP beneficiaries were reached through waste and climate change house calls and walk the talk education programs.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Beneficiaries Reached</b>	<b>Regions Reached</b>	<b>Programme Theme</b>	<b>Impact</b>
Exhibitions	7509	B,CD,E,FG	Waste Management	Increased environmental literacy

Holiday Programmes	199	B,C,D,E,FG	Save My Park	Increased environmental literacy
Non IDP	1440	B,CE,F	Survey's and house calls on Waste Management and Litter and illegal dumping	Increased environmental literacy
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>9148</b>			

### **Quality and Outcome Based Projects and programmes**

Site visits were conducted in schools in Region D,E,F and G to monitor food gardens. The Schools that were visited are Realogile High School; Ithuthe Primary; Ikage Primary School; Alex High School; Qoqizizwe Primary, Seipone Primary and Vulindlela Primary schools all the gardens are doing well.

### **NON IDP - House-calls**

A total of 1440 beneficiaries were reached through 'walk the talk' in Joubert Park, End Street Park, Berea, Noord Street, Newtown, Attwell Garden Park, Ghandi Square, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Alexandra, Juiskei Park, Pan Africa Mall, Phase 3 Alexandra, Malvern, Rhodes Park, Kotze and Claim Street. The topics that were discussed with residents were climate change and waste management.

### **Exhibitions**

Exhibitions were conducted in Parks and at Sci-Bono in region D, F and G reaching a total of 7509 beneficiaries. The themes of the exhibitions were Waste Management, greening and Climate Change.

### **Capacity Building**

Fun educational Programmes were facilitated for children using parks during spring period holidays at Molapo Park, White City Park, Petrus Molefe Park and Mofolo Park. About 1030 beneficiaries were reached.



## **CONCLUSION**

This month was an interesting good month for both the Eco-Guide facilitators and Eco-Guide cleaners. With the monthly calendar and good partnerships with all departments that keeps supplying us with material we are making and breaking grounds in reaching the community because they understand what we tell them and also get to keep the flier with them to remind them of what we just talked about. If we continue in this way we will definitely achieve all set objectives every month.

This is a very exciting project that was done in a short space of time. Firstly, the recruited youth showed interest in the project that made it so interesting to be part. They also showed interest in working with the environment.