

**ROTARY CLUB OF MANZINI  
SWAZILAND  
BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROJECT  
REPORT FOR 2015**



**DISTRICT 9400**

**MARCH 2016**

## A. SUMMARY

The Rotary Club of Manzini in the year 2015 managed to inspire and motivate the Swazi child to read. This was done through the distribution of books to schools that requested them from the Book Centre after such information was made available to the nation. This saw a number of Schools flocking to the centre to collect books for their schools. Teachers from these schools visit the centre to select the books they want and transport the books to their schools using own transport. The centre also provided the Swaziland national Library with books for their mobile school library project.

In order to further promote the use of libraries in schools the club partnered with the Secondwind foundation and the Rotary clubs in Seabrook, USA to sponsor Ms Penelope Lulane on a month's attachment with schools in the Seabrook area in the United States of America. Ms Lulane is a teacher at Kuphuka Primary School and was in the United States in October/November 2015.

The books and furniture for the Book Distribution Centre is wholly funded by the Secondwind Foundation, a non profit organisation based in Texas, United States of America.

## B. ASSISTING TEAM

Two assistants work at the book centre to assist the interested schools in the selection and packing of the books. Administrative support is provided by Simphiwe Dlamini of Kobla Quashie and Associates.

## C. SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITTED FROM THE PROJECT

### St Pauls Catholic Primary School

This school is situated on the way to Siteki in the Lubombo. It has a population of 484 pupils. The school has converted one classroom into a library. This has encouraged the pupils to be eager to learn and also read. This has improved their English vocabulary. Their only challenge is the need for more primary school books. As most books at the centre are for high schools.

### Mbita Primary School

This school is situated in the Shiselweni Region, in the rural areas and very difficult to reach by road. It has a population of 381 pupils mostly under privileged children. Though there is no road to the school, they still came forward to collect the books and ferried them on their heads to school. This was done in an effort to better the education of the learners.

### Mlindzini Primary School

This school is situated in the Shiselweni Region, with a population of 150 pupils. The books that were received have been of great help to the school. A classroom has been converted into library and the pupils are enjoying every Library time. They would appreciate to receive more learning aids.

### Nhlambeni High School

This school is situated in the Manzini region with a population of 351 pupils. Although this is a high school they donot have a library and are currently using a classroom to store the books which can also be a disadvantage since they cannot arrange the books in a way for all books to be displayed. They are very keen to receive more books.

### Shewula High School

This school is situated in the Lubombo region. It has a population of about 300 pupils. The books they collected from the centre assisted them in attaining position 28 in the country's Form V examinations

and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Lubombo Region. This was the first since the Form five class was started in 2006. Thanks to Rotary. They wish to have more reading material.

## Mbalenhle Christian Academy

This is a privately owned school. It is a school that is committed to quality education. The school has seen rising figures in pupils visiting the library. They believe it is because of the wide range of reading material they now have courtesy of Rotary.

## Ntabinezimpisi Primary School

This school is situated in the Shiselweni Region and very needy. They have no library and use a staffroom to store the books. This is a challenge as the books are not well displayed and pupils cannot have easy access to them as this classroom is at times locked as there is no one to manage it.

## Moya Centre

The Moya Centre is an organization which aims to strengthen the future of Swaziland through the nurture of children by assisting with educational and psychosocial support programmes for orphaned and vulnerable children. Founded in 1999, the Moya Centre has transformed and evolved through creating appropriate responses to community needs. They work within a development framework, seeking to achieve long-term sustainable change. It is now a well established safe space for orphaned and vulnerable children in the Mahlanya community.

## SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVED BOOKS AND CONTAINERS TO BE CONVERTED TO LIBRARIES

Listed below are schools that not only received books but also containers to be converted into libraries. As the schools did not have the funds to transport the containers the club arranged their delivery with the agreement that they schools will convert the containers into libraries. This is ongoing and the schools will contact the Rotary Club once they are done with partitioning the container..

1. Sibovu High School
2. Siphumelele Primary School

## SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVED BOOKS, FURNITURE AND CONTAINERS TO BE CONVERTED TO LIBRARIES

1. Masundvwini Primary School
2. Dvumani Primary School

## Other Schools that received books

1. Bethany Primary School
2. Siteki Nazerne High School
3. Empini Primary School
4. Mliba High School
5. Sobokazane Primary School
6. Mbokojweni High School
7. St John's Primary School
8. Mbeka High School
9. Zombodze High School

## CAPTURED MOMENTS



