

**ROTARY CLUB OF MANZINI
SWAZILAND
BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROJECT
REPORT FOR 2016**



DISTRICT 9400

A. SUMMARY

The Rotary Club of Manzini in the year 2016 managed once again 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.

The books and furniture for the Book Distribution Centre are wholly funded by the Secondwind Foundation, a non profit organisation based in Texas, United States of America. 4 container loads were received in 2016.

B. OUR TEAM

The club has employed one assistant to 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 Administrative support is provided by Simphiwe Dlamini who has since been replaced by Senelisiwe Dlamini of Kobla Quashie and Associates. PDG Kobla Quashie and PDGA Koekie Makunyane-Quashie are the Rotarians in charge of the centre.

C. SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITTED FROM THE PROJECT

Ekuphileni Primary School

This school is situated on the way to Siteki in the Lubombo Region. It has a population of 600 pupils. The school has converted one classroom into a library and it is hoped this will encourage the pupils to to learn and read. This will improve their English vocabulary. Their only challenge is the need for more primary school books as most books at the centre are for high schools. This School also benefitted from the classroom furniture. The school has been selected for a container library and has recently completed the slab for the container. What is left now is to convert the container and transport it to the school.

MEET THE PUPILS BEFORE AND AFTER THE DONATION



Engwazini Primary School

This school is situated in the Manzini Region of Swaziland and has a population of 400 pupils. This school received teachers desk and books. They have an unused structure that they are preparing to use as a library for the higher grades.



Luyengo Anglican Primary School

This school is situated in the Manzini Region with a population of 600 pupils and has a lot of under privileged pupils from the informal settlements and the farms that make up Luyengo and Malkerns. Rotary donated furniture and books for the establishment of the school Library. To show appreciation the pupils held a ceremony at the school where they did traditional dances for the visitors.



Lavumisa National Library

This National Library is in the Shiselweni Region, this is the only Library in the southern part of the Region. The nearest ones are 100kms away in Nhlangano and 56 kms in Bigbend. This Library has since ceased functioning because of the dilapidated structure. Although Rotary has donated books, it can not be kept at the centre because of the damaged building. Government has undertaken to refurbish the Library Structure. Picture below is of the visit of the members of the Rotary Club of Manzini to the library.



Shewula High School

This school is situated in the Lubombo region and in a water challenged and poverty stricken area of Swaziland. The school population has doubled to 605 pupils. This is due to the good performance of the school as even in 2016 they were in the top 20 in the region. The Rotary Book Centre is now home to this school as they collect books monthly for the pupils. This is one school that benefitted from the Bicycles from Rotary. 32 bicycles were assembled and ready to be transported to the School since a lot of its pupils walk long distances to school.

The Rotary Club of Manzini has recently been approached by World Vision Swaziland to participate in a water project for the community costing USD2.7 million. The club is currently seeking a partner to apply for a global grant.

Khuphuka Primary School

This school has become the Child of the Rotary Club of Manzini solely because of their keenness to empower the children. It was the club's pilot project for water wells, furniture, books and Container Libraries. This school received teachers' desk, tables and chairs for learners, school sandals and plates for their school feeding scheme.

Mother Touch Pre School

This school received classroom furniture for the pre scholars who hitherto had no furniture in their school. The preschool is based in a light industrial area of the capital city, Mbabane and caters mainly for kids whose parents are working in the surrounding light industries.



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

1. Emphini Primary School
2. Ekuphileni Primary School
3. Masundwini Primary school

Other Schools that received books

1. Somjalose High School
2. Sigombeni High School
3. Emphini Primary School
4. Mshengu High School
5. Etjebovu Primary School
6. Nsukumbili Primary School
7. Nyakatfo High School
8. Ngwazini High School
9. Tsiyani Primary School
10. Inkhanyeti School
11. Mabhensane High School
12. Living Waters Primary School
13. Mhlabatsini Primary School
14. Njojane Primary School
15. Mafutseni Roman Catholic School
16. Zombodze High School
17. Maloyi High School
18. Maloyi Primary School
19. St Andrews Primary School
20. Mangweni High School
21. Usuthu Mission Primary School

