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**Corporate Social
Responsibility Projects**

An Overview

Rocklands Poultry was first founded in 1948 in Uitenhage, Eastern Cape. Rocklands went bankrupt in 1991 and for many years thereafter the company struggled to survive. The company was listed on the stock exchange as Sovereign Foods in 1995 and since 2002 has been a strong performer. Sovereign Foods is passionately committed to the normalisation of South African society and in ensuring great opportunities for all people from every people's group and community.

Out of a desire to plow back into the community we have looked for local organisations who are involved in uplifting and improving the standard of living, the quality of life and the access to opportunities for the most unprivileged of people. The organisations we have identified are all lead by fully committed individuals who are serving the community in a self-sacrificial manner, often without any formal salary or government support. We take tremendous pride in our involvement with these dedicated South African heroes who strive to make better tomorrows for people without the most basic support systems. For us to know that our contributions are helping orphans find homes, grandmothers be able to care for their grandchildren and people in deep poverty be given a basic meal is intensely gratifying and gives us a sense of hope for the generations to come.

To date Sovereign has invested R1 700 000 into the following projects since November 2005:

1. Isithembiso - an abandoned babies home which acts as a transition care facility for abandoned and abused babies.
2. Ilitha Day Care Centre - a township-based care centre for young children of working parents.
3. The Gogo Trust - a trust that provides aid to AIDS affected members of the community. The trust provides shelter, care and schooling for AIDS orphaned children in its preschool as well as additional support to widows affected by the virus.
4. Jesus is Lord Ministries - a ministry based in Kleinskool that provides basic survival supplies as well as life skills training and self-improvement opportunities to the community.
5. Siyakholwa Development Foundation - a programme focused on stimulating local agricultural development in Keiskammahoek with the aim of empowering the locals with a sustainable source of income.

In addition to supporting care centres, Sovereign is also involved in feeding schemes for the underprivileged community. Amongst the feeding schemes is 'Jesus is Lord Ministries', a ministry based in the northern areas of Port Elizabeth and focused on providing both food and life skills training to the region. Being a food supplier, Sovereign is

very passionate about meeting this most basic need of the community wherever possible. Sovereign also donates chicken products on a regular basis to various other worthy causes.

Another major area of focus for Sovereign Foods is the development of local agricultural practices in the Eastern Cape. The company is actively involved with empowering black farmers by assisting them with setting up agricultural infrastructure as well as empowering them with the necessary farming and enterprise skills and secures the yield from these farming operations in order to ensure long-term sustainability of the projects. These projects not only result in further job creation in the region but also in stimulating growth for the agricultural industry as a whole. Sovereign Foods, in conjunction with the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture, continues to identify agricultural development opportunities in the area as a means to utilize and develop the significant agricultural potential of the province.

In addition to its involvement in the community's social and economic upliftment, the company also places a major focus on not only fair employment practices but also the development of its staff. The company has an extensive human resources policy in place to cover all areas of employment, including harassment protection, arbitration facilitation, employee health and safety, anti-corruption, and the like. Sovereign regularly invests in its people by extending education grants to employees who are interested in furthering their education as well as through extensive group wide occupational training. The company also promotes healthy living through its onsite clinic and newly launched AIDS Awareness & Assistance Programme.

Documented as the poorest province in South Africa, the Eastern Cape's citizens at large remain in need of social and economic aid. Despite its current involvement in various community projects, Sovereign Foods recognizes this great need for social upliftment and continues to look for and identify suitable development opportunities in the region in an attempt to help improve the lives of the local citizens.

Projects that are currently under evaluation are significant improvements to the Rocklands Farm School that is located on one of the Sovereign Foods farms, a bursary programme for 5 matriculants annually at the local university and a programme of visiting inspirational speakers at local schools.

Siyakholwa Development Foundation

Project Overview

The Siyakholwa Development Foundation (SDF) was started in 1998 when Brian and Jeri Du Plessis felt called by God to ministry in the Keiskammahoek area. They subsequently discovered that the unemployment rate in the region was a staggering 87% and that the community was in desperate need of employment opportunities.

Recognising the need for job creation, the couple embarked on setting up agricultural projects in the area that would provide both employment and sustainable income to the local community.

Currently these agricultural projects include the successful growing of maize, soya and chillies, as well as a milling operation for the further processing of crop yields into food for the community.

The Foundation's adopted role in the community is to identify projects, secure markets and funding, facilitate the community involvement and oversee the implementation of the project.

Project Founders

Brian Du Plessis studied Business Administration at the University Of Oklahoma (USA) after which he did various management courses in Canada and South Africa. He worked for the Barlow Rand Group of companies (BarlowWorld) for 25 years in a number of divisions, initially in Information Technology and later moving through various management positions until finally appointed as Director of Information Technology. He took early retirement in 1995 when Renown /Fresh Meat (part of the Barlow group) closed down.

Jeri Du Plessis obtained a Diploma in Nursing from Addington Hospital, Durban, in 1964. She successfully completed the 19 required credits for a Diploma of Nature Conservation in 1991 at Technikon RSA, Roodepoort, Gauteng. She was previously employed at the CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research) in Pretoria as project coordinator for development projects.

The Impact

The Siyakholwe Development Foundation currently provides employment to 60 workers with 55 of them being directly involved in the farming operations. Over the years the Foundation has raised up local people into management and supervisory roles. Skills transfer has always been one of the project's main focus areas as most of the locals have no previous qualifications or experience.

As far as the members of the community are concerned, families generally consists of 1 bread winner who supports a household of 6 – 8 people. As some of the locals are land owners they are able to benefit from the Foundation by crops being planted on their land. Many of the beneficiaries are people employed by Siyakholwa in the nursery, planting team and hoeing team as well as tractor drivers. The staff have embraced this opportunity to improve themselves with great enthusiasm.

In addition to job creation, the project has created a successful mentoring leadership programme which can also be used for successful implementation in other rural areas in the future. The Siyakholwa Development Foundation has also attracted the attention of Anglo American Corporation who has funded 40 hectares towards the plantation for 2006/2007.

The SDF remains concerned of the well-being of the entire community and its impact continues to extend to various community upliftment projects, in particular those involving HIV/Aids orphans and primary school children.

The Sovereign Foods Contribution

Over the last two years Sovereign Foods has donated a sum total of R75 000 in working capital to the Siyakholwa Development Foundation Soya Bean Project. As part of the donation Sovereign Foods also provided the seeds for the plantations as well as 2 tons/ha of fertilizer which was also spread by the company. According to Jeri Du Plessis, without the bridging finances and the provision of fertilizer and seeds made available to the Project by Sovereign Foods the project would have been a non-starter. The finances received from Sovereign Foods are used to rip, plough, plant, disc, fertilize and harrow the crops as well as for regular farm visits and overseeing of the crops. Sovereign furthermore commits to the purchasing of the entire crop, an estimated 60-100tons for the upcoming harvest, thus ensuring the sustainability of the project.

Sovereign Foods continues to be involved with this exciting project and is looking into developing further markets for the assistance of the Keiskammahoek Community.

The Future

The various agricultural projects run by the SDF has sparked wide spread interest in the surrounding areas and many similar projects are springing up in the region, boasting well for the future of agriculture in Keiskammahoek. The Siyakholwa Development Foundation would eventually like the farmers to become self sufficient with the SDF adopting the role of a central buying organisation and marketing hub to the farmers until such time that they are able to establish themselves as successful independent commercial farmers.



Sisa inspecting the soya crop



Thrashing the soya by hand after harvesting



Checking the soya crop just before harvest time



Gearing up for planting



Inspecting the early stages of the crop



The Isithembiso Babies Home

Project Overview

Isithembiso Babies Home, situated in Albert Rd, Walmer, provides a place of safety for babies between birth and three and a half years of age who have been abandoned due to HIV/AIDS, abuse, poverty or neglect. The initiative was started in November 2005 by Oxygen Life Church after the church leader, Brad Verreyne felt stirred by God to provide care to the abandoned babies of the city.

There is a great need to help children who have been abandoned due to abuse, neglect or the death of a care-giver. Social services has expressed the need for a place of safety for the babies from the time they are found or removed from sinister situations, until the time they are placed in foster or adoptive families. To this end, Isithembiso operates as a baby transition home, where these precious children can be placed during this transition period, and receive love, care, shelter and food whilst growing up in a safe, healthy, family environment.

Project Founders

Born as a vision of Oxygenlife Church, the Isithembiso Babies Home continues to be supported by the church, amongst many other donors. The Home currently rents a property from the church until it is able to buy one of its own, and continues to receive support from volunteers from Oxygenlife Church as well as many other churches and individuals from the area. Isithembiso is a registered non-profit organisation and is solely dependent on donations and contributions from the community.

The Home co-ordinator, Angeline McLagan took over the reins of the home in mid March this year. Angeline has a background in sales and marketing and has traveled extensively through Eastern and Western Europe, the United States, New Zealand and Switzerland, but her heart remains in Africa. "I have a deep love and a passion for children and a desire to see them placed in good, loving homes, fulfilling the awesome destiny that God has for them," says Angeline.

The impact

Warm, sunny and most importantly filled with love, the home is looked after by fulltime house mother Arlette Claasens who, together with 4 staff members, oversees the children and the general household tasks.

The house is situated in a safe and secure residential area with 2 bathrooms, a large kitchen and lounge, dining area, entrance hall and outside laundry. Some of these rooms have been converted into bedrooms for the children, live-in quarters for Arlette and a playroom for the children.

The Home currently accommodates 7 children who thrive in the loving, caring and family-like atmosphere created by Isithembiso.

A number of the children are currently cared for by foster parents facilitated by the home and may well be adopted at a later stage. Many of the children come from abusive and underprivileged backgrounds such as three year old Odette who arrived at the Home after being found blind, starving and covered in lice a year ago. Having been sexually and physically abused she could not walk at all initially, but has since started to recover and now jumps with delight – a miraculous recovery.

The Sovereign Foods Contribution

Sovereign Food's involvement began shortly after Isithembiso was launched in early 2006 and continues to date with a monthly contribution of R10 000.

Being a non-profit organisation, Isithembiso relies purely on donations from the community and corporate sponsors such as Sovereign Foods.

"Without their financial support each month, we would never be able to provide enough food, formula or nappies for our children or even pay the rent of the property we are currently occupying. We are extremely grateful for their financial support and encouragement over the past year and a half" said Angeline.

Sovereign Foods is proud to be associated with such a worthwhile cause and stands in awe of the everyday miracles that take place at the Isithembiso Babies Home.

The Future

Isithembiso recognises the great need to care for abandoned babies in the Port Elizabeth area and will continue to impact the lives of these children, trusting for them to live wholesome, successful lives. Through active fund raising they are trusting for contributions that will enable them to expand their reach and impact in the local community and eradicate the consequences of abandonment of the city's children.



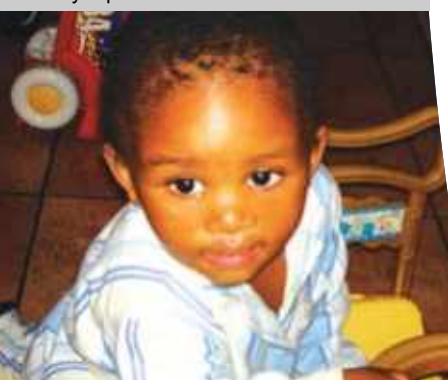
House mother Arlette Claasens with Home co-ordinator Angeline McLagan



The faithful women at Isithembiso: Cynthia, Milly & Arlette



Night shift care-giver Colleen with baby Mpho



Young Lihle at play in the Home



Arlette embracing all the little ones



Baby Odette after a miraculous recovery



Little Luke showing his delight with his favourite toy



Baby Veronica who was adopted by house mother Arlette

Jesus is Lord Ministries

Project Overview

Jesus is Lord Ministries was born out of a need to supply the local community of Gelvandale, one of Port Elizabeth's most dangerous areas, with basic survival supplies and skills. The project started in 1998 with five people meeting in a squatter house in the Kleinskool area, later growing to meetings of 600-800 people. With a population of over 40 000 people it is known as one of the poorest areas in the region, with no electricity or running water. The Ministry's impact has subsequently grown over the years beyond meeting basic survival needs into facilitating self-development projects that not only teach the community new skills but also provide a source of income for the locals.

Project Founders

In 1989 Pastors Boet & Annatjie Walker returned from the United States with a vision to make a difference in Port Elizabeth and its surrounding areas. After a two week fast, Pastor Boet knew that the vision God had given him was to minister in the northern areas of Port Elizabeth, where the unemployment rate is as high as 75 % - 85 %. Over the years the team of helpers to the project have grown to twenty, all of whom work full-time and voluntarily. Boet and Annatjie originally both hail from the North West, and met and got married in Johannesburg, where Boet was a missionary working in the South African Railway. Their two children are both married and currently live in Krugersdorp. Boet and Annatjie have been in Port Elizabeth for the last 20 years, 17 of which have been with Jesus is Lord Ministries in Kleinskool.

The impact

The ministry has initiated many community projects to help enhance the standard of living in the community. These projects include a feeding scheme that involves the handing out of food parcels on a weekly basis, as well as a clothing project that hands out donated clothing and household goods on a quarterly basis. In 1997 a hall was donated to the ministry by Pieter Kleinsmidt which provides a secure base for food and clothing distribution to destitute families. The team currently hands out 700 food parcels on a weekly basis.

A few years ago a need was recognized to help the people in the area regain their self-worth. A project was started to begin teaching the women of Gelvandale how to do needlework, fabric painting, card making, beadwork, and other crafts. The project has grown to such an extent that they now sell their goods to tourists. All the proceeds from the sales go back to the crafters and last year one of the ladies built her own house from the money she was able to raise.

The Ministry also facilitates a Tuesday morning church service attended every week by between 600 and 800 people. Many lives have been changed during these services with people being set free from drug and alcohol addictions. The Ministry has also seen the closure of 10 shebeens during its ministry time. Only one shebeen remains and with the efforts of Jesus is Lord Ministries should be closed by the end of the year.

The team also started a children's church where children between the ages of 1 and 13 attend meetings on Fridays. At this stage, between 400 and 600 children attend meetings weekly. The Ministry uses drama, dancing, clowning and puppets to bring the gospel message across. After the meetings, they are given fruit and sweets, as some of the children suffer from malnutrition.

Work on a care centre for sick people was also recently started and from next year this centre will be open on a daily basis where professional doctors and nurses will be available to tend to the sick.

6 Members of the Ministry team was trained in AIDS counseling during 2002 and they now visit over 40 houses where people have been diagnosed with AIDS. Many of these diagnosed people are babies who are fed by the Ministry and the team have seen dramatic improvement in the health of the babies.

Jesus is Lord Ministries also places a major focus on family restoration and through teaching on family values and the meaning of family life have seen 5 couples get married in the last year.

The Sovereign Foods Contribution

Sovereign Foods have been assisting the Jesus is Lord Ministry since November 2005 with various contributions. The company currently donates a cash contribution of R10 000 as well as 2tons of chicken products per month. Sovereign has also donated two 12m containers, used for storage currently but to be converted into craft workshops in the future, as well as provided a 3 phase generator power supply for the Ministry premises.

The Future

After all these years there is still much to be done in the Kleinskool area. Being a totally "faith-based" mission, the Ministry receives no income from the government and all the work done is made possible by donations from locals in the Port Elizabeth area. Jesus is Lord Ministries is planning to set up a training centre for disciples in their area. They are also working on a beadwork centre and on the establishing of Bee Hive industries in Kleinskool. Construction of a soccer field will also be completed by the end of the year and training workshops for men to learn skills such as woodworking, welding and upholstery is well under way. Through its various activities the Ministry is also hoping to promote tourism in the area.

Jesus is Lord Ministries brings hope to many members of the community who have experienced pain and suffering. Boet & Annatjie hope to take this vision of restoration beyond Kleinskool to other squatter camps and smaller towns. Sovereign Foods is proud to support such a worthy cause and is encouraged by the impact of the ministry on its local community.



Project founders Boet & Annatjie Walker



Tunnels being erected for the vegetable growing project



Children receiving food hampers after children's church meetings



The feeding programme makes food available to the community on Tuesdays



Annatjie handing out food parcels to the community



Children's Church meetings on Friday



The children receiving fruit after the children's church meeting



Boet & Annatjie with the ministry team



Dance performance by children from the children's church

GoGo Trust

Project Overview

The GoGo Trust is a non-profit organization that was established in 2003 to care for widows and orphans in Kwazakhele and neighbouring townships in Port Elizabeth. In Xhosa and Zulu 'GoGo' means 'granny', one of those wonderful, wise women who are the backbone of many African families. In Kwazakhele Township, which is situated outside Port Elizabeth, GoGo's (grannies) support the local children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. The GoGo Trust uses a Christian foundation to provide help and support for widows and orphans affected by this pandemic.

Project Founders

The GoGo Trust was founded on 24 October 2003 by Mr AW Nkelo, a member of the Kwazakhele Health and Welfare Forum and Miss Sharron Frood (a pediatric nursing sister from the UK, recently completing her Masters Degree at the NMMU). They have both been instrumental in establishing and guiding the Trust in its tremendous impact on the community.

The impact

Vukukhanye Pre-school is one of the projects supported by the GoGo Trust. The Pre-school opened in February 2005 and is located in Kwazakhele Township, Port Elizabeth. Vukukhanye in Xhosa means to 'stand up and shine'. The school currently has 20 children enrolled of which 6 are AIDS orphans.

Vukukhanye is also responsible for the safe-keeping of the children and ensures that they are well fed and educated. The pre-school is facilitated by Nthombikai Penkese who is currently studying one day a week at the Early Learning Centre in Port Elizabeth to increase her knowledge and skills to enable her to be a more effective pre-school teacher in the community.

The pre-school currently uses the 'Action-Child-Mobilisation' curriculum which is a comprehensive school-readiness programme based upon Christian principals. The aim of the curriculum is to prepare the children for Grade R. The programme includes weekly educational themes including colours, shapes, numbers, letters, 'my body', transport, etc. The curriculum aims to be creative and stimulating ensuring that all pupils are emotionally and mentally ready for the beginning of primary school.

Many of the children are from disadvantaged backgrounds and the pre-school gives the children a safe and accepting environment where they can grow and learn and enjoy their childhood. The venue is also used for children's church meetings which take place on a weekly basis, led by a young team from Harvest Christian Church.

Goals of the Trust include gathering women of Kwazakhele and neighbouring townships together for training and support in facilitating care for the orphans in their communities as well as to provide educational, personal and nutritional support to orphans living without an adult in the home.

Another project run by the GoGo Trust is the Sisonke Sophumela Orphan Care Programme which provides help and support to orphans and vulnerable children. The programme is run by a manager, assisted by four child care workers, and involves weekly home visits to families, support groups for children, taking the children on shopping trips for food and household items, after school teaching, counseling, youth camps, education grants and mentorship programmes.

The trust also facilitates 20 soup kitchens who in turn provide food to their immediate area of impact, thus giving the community the opportunity to care for their own. Facilities have also been set up to enable the operation of a sewing project which manufactures goods that are sold back to the community. Another craft project, a bead shop run by Mama Evelyn, sells its crafts to local and international buyers, providing another source of income for the community.

The Sovereign Foods contribution

Sovereign Foods started supporting the GoGo Trust with monthly contributions in November 2005 and is now contributing R15 000 a month which is predominantly used to support the Vukukhanye Pre-school. In addition to the monthly donation, the company also sponsors the salary of the orphan care-giver, Gibani Ntete.

The future

A large number of widows and orphans in Kwazakhele remain in need of support and care and the GoGo Trust will continue to try and meet the needs of this community. The Trust also aims to expand the income generation projects in the community and to provide the local and international communities with an opportunity to assist in the care and support of widows and orphans living in Port Elizabeth. GoGo Trust is in the process of upgrading the quality of their craft work to international standards to meet a demand shown by the UK market, a very exciting prospect for the local community.

Sovereign Foods is privileged to play a role in the future of the pre-school and will continue to assist in improving the lives of the young scholars and give them a head start in life.



Centre Manager Gimani Ntete with youth counselors Nthetheleli & Ayanda



The children of the Vukukhanye Pre-School with one of the care givers.



Ayanda with the youngsters from the pre-school



The Vukukhanye children hard at play during break time



Ilitha Community Project

Project Overview

The Ilitha Day Care Centre was started in Walmer Township in Port Elizabeth in 1994 to provide care for children of working parents. The centre started off in a single building in the township and has grown over the years to now accommodate 60 children in three buildings.

Project Founders

The Ilitha Trust was founded by two civil engineers operating a small business in Port Elizabeth. They went on an outreach to the Walmer Township with Iris Veto who fellowshiped at the same church. Iris was deeply moved by the plight of the small children wandering the streets during the day and realised that she could meet a tremendous need by running the care centre on a full time basis. Members of the New Covenant Church became trustees after the small business closed down and subsequently took over administration of the Trust.

Iris has selflessly worked at building up the care centre over the years and now has a team of care-givers and volunteers to help her look after the children while their parents are at work.

The impact

The need for the services of the day-care centre has grown tremendously. The crèche facilitates the care and well-being of children whose parents work full-time, also during school holidays, as well as under-privileged children in need of care and support. The centre is currently housed in two small houses with the third one operating as a kitchen area. The monthly support of Sovereign has aided in the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables which has improved the general health and resistance to illnesses of the children. Ilitha acts as a place of growth and safety for children ages 3-6 and provide them with learning, nourishment, fun and care in preparation for primary school.

Florence, a parent of one of the children, cannot speak highly enough of Iris and her teachers who are "absolutely wonderful and so caring". Florence's son, now in grade 9,

was taken care of by Iris and has grown into a boy who is a joy to his mother. Florence's 3 year old daughter is currently at the Ilitha Day Care Centre.

The Sovereign Foods Contribution

Sovereign Foods' involvement with the Ilitha Community Project began in March 2006. The company currently makes a monthly donation of R5000 to the Centre as well as fund the monthly salary of Iris Veto. In addition Sovereign Foods has donated an estimated R140 000 for the upgrading and improvements of the centre premises. This included the purchasing of additional premises as well as extensive additions and renovations to the existing buildings, with a fourth building soon to be acquired. Sovereign staff have also been actively involved with the Ilitha Day Care Centre. Last year the company facilitated an outing to Holmeleigh Farmyard for the children. Sovereign staff co-ordinated the event and the day proved to be extremely educational for all those involved, especially the children. In addition Sovereign Foods staff were responsible for the erection and completion of a boundary wall surrounding the centre premises as well as the laying of tiles and concrete flooring and the construction of the roof of the main school building.

The Future

Currently a comprehensive funding plan from Sovereign Foods is in place to expand the centre facilities, including additional ablution facilities and a safe play area with playground equipment for the children, as well as walling around all four buildings on the premises. This will take place once the transfer of the adjacent fourth property into the Trust has been finalised. The expanded facilities will enable Iris and her care givers to expand their service to the local community.



The 2006 outing to Holmeleigh Farm with the children and workers of Ilitha, facilitated by Sovereign staff.



Centre manager Iris Veto with the Day Care children



Sinovuyo, Funelwa, Anelisa & Sibabalo getting ready for their creative lesson



Fellow care workers Iris, Ntombise & Xoliswa



Young Sibabalo showing his delight at being one of the Ilitha children





Arno Loots presenting the award for 'Best Director' to Laura Besch on behalf of Sovereign Foods



Sabelo Silinga, Executive Manager, SABC Content Enterprises, presenting the award for 'Best Film'.



Project founder Bryoni Roughton

Nab'Ubomi Film Festival Awards

Project Overview

Nelson Mandela Bay's first Inter-Schools Short Film Festival, The Nab'Ubomi Film Festival, an initiative developed by Mandela Bay Pictures and supported by the Nelson Mandela Bay Arts & Culture Department & the Department of Education, culminated at an Awards Evening held at the Feather Market Centre during May this year. Ten Port Elizabeth High Schools participated in the competition.

Nab'Ubomi, which means 'This is Life' has given Port Elizabeth youth a taste of the film industry and allowed them the opportunity to tell their own stories through the medium of film. 'Nab'Ubomi 2007' was launched in the High Schools of Port Elizabeth in collaboration with the SABC. The entire project was documented and will be screened on SABC 2 during August 2007.

Project Founders

The festival is the brain child of Bryoni Roughton, director of Mandela Bay Pictures in Port Elizabeth. An awarded producer for her stage work, Bryoni, together with husband Mark, shifted their focus to film work in 2005, with the aim of developing the local film industry in the Eastern Cape. They recently also received an award for the 'Best Original Screenplay' at a US film festival for their locally produced feature film, 'Engagement', a film entirely shot in the Port Elizabeth area.

The impact

By discovering young talent, developing skills and furthering the dreams of young aspirant writers and filmmakers; the Nab'Ubomi Film Festival aims to stimulate growth in the Film and Television industry of the Eastern Cape, while increasing awareness of and loyalty to our local Film and Television productions.

Late last year, after a series of screen-writing workshops, winning scripts were selected from the participating schools. The student writers became the directors of their work and a cast was selected from each school. Students interested in the filmmaking process

worked alongside a small professional crew to shoot each film on location in just two days. Each film was required to have a crowd scene involving the larger student body thus exposing all scholars to the film making process.

The completed films have already been screened at the schools with the audiences voting for their favorite films. A panel of judges from the industry also awarded winners in all the other categories. Winning films will be submitted to national and international film festivals.

The Sovereign Foods contribution

Sovereign Foods supported the Festival by sponsoring an award for Best Director which was won by Laura Besch of Theodor Herzl High School for 'FEAR OR FIGHT'. Sovereign Foods aims to continue supporting local initiatives which develop talent and increase the knowledge and skills of our youth.

The future

The Nab'Ubomi Film Festival, the first of its kind in the country, was received with wide spread enthusiasm by the schools and the industry alike. The SABC has indicated their interest in launching the project on a national scale to help promote film-making to the population as a whole, thus ensuring the ongoing success of the project.