



PERDEKRAAL EAST WIND FARM | NEWSLETTER 2020



POWERING THOUSANDS OF HOMES IN SA



We are proud to announce that Perdekraal East Wind Farm started its official 20-year Commercial Operations, on 8 October 2020. Set in the picturesque Witzenberg area of the Western Cape, it generates enough energy to power over 110 000 homes, with clean renewable power.

Local employment was a vital aspect of the construction programme, alongside skills training, with the majority of the project's construction workforce coming from the local communities of Ceres, Nduli, Bella Vista and Prince Alfred Hamlet.

Local Ward Councillor, Dirk Swart: "As well as large numbers of local employment, many NGO's have received extensive support, especially for COVID-19 relief programmes. In addition, an Early Childhood Development facility has been built, in partnership with Bread Africa, to provide extra classrooms that can accommodate children with special needs."



NEW CLASSROOM FOR BETTER LEARNING

In a collaboration with Breadline Africa, Perdekraal East Wind Farm has co-funded a special-needs classroom, at Vrolike Vinkies ECD Centre, in Ceres.

This community crèche currently cares for twenty-four special-needs children, but with the additional classroom, they'll be able to increase their intake.

"This is a blessing for our school as children with disabilities are often neglected and cut out of the learning systems. Now they get the opportunity to be educated in a facility that can meet their needs." Ms Andeline Coetzee, Principal of Vrolike Vinkies ECD Centre.

One of the facilities added by Perdekraal East Wind Farm, in collaboration with Breadline Africa, is a disability ramp, to accommodate wheelchair bound children.





SUSTAINABLE FOOD GARDENS



Perdekraal East Wind Farm has funded ten sustainable food gardens, in support of the Department of Agriculture's drive to increase community food security.

The food gardens are set up in schools, homes, a community church and two small holdings, within our partner communities in the Witzenburg Municipality

The broader communities will benefit directly from this project too, as the harvested produce will be used for existing community soup kitchens and the crèche's daily meals. Surplus produce is earmarked to be sold in the community.

Seedlings, seeds and equipment are being provided, in addition to funding for two 'Food Garden Co-ordinators', to support and help sustain these eleven gardens.

The Department of Agriculture managed training with all the food garden beneficiaries and provided them with water tanks.



SOUP KITCHENS FEED COMMUNITY

As the bitterly cold weather swept across the Western Cape, 500 community members from Bella Vista, Nduli including Vredebes, Prince Alfred Hamlet and Ceres were fed a daily warm meal by local NGO's, with funding from the Perdekraal Wind Farm.

Witz Events Network were one of three local NGOs responsible for the programme, Feeding our Communities with Hope.

"With COVID-19, many lost focus of the hungry tummies and frustrated households in our communities, with grandmothers having to make a plan as to where the next meal will come from. So the funding is not only helping us feed our people with food, but also provides hope and dignity," Warrick Alexander.

