

NWGB ASSISTS PRE-SCHOOL AS PART OF CSI PROJECTS



**NWGB STAFF WITH THE STAFF AND CHILDREN
OF THE PRE-SCHOOL**

The North West Gambling Board has through its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) and Socio-Economic Development (SED) fund committed to help the impoverished community of Makgokgwane village outside Mahikeng revamp their pre-school. The pre-school was built in 1983 by missionaries after the community was forcefully removed from their land in the late 1970's near Koster in Rustenburg. Since then the pre-school has never been renovated due to limited funds. Efforts by the community to source funding from private donors have not been successful over the years. Community leader, Mpho Scheepers says the pre-schools has an enrolment of only ten (10) children and many more could not be registered due a to a combination of socio-economic factors.

"The building is dilapidated, the toilets are not working properly, the yard is not fenced. As you can see we are a fairly impoverished community. The North-West Gambling Board became aware of the conditions of the pre-school during its Mandela Day initiatives. The Board has to date donated mattresses, blankets and toys for the children. The CEO of the Board, Mr Fortune Sekgaphane has promised communities members that the institution he leads will explore different avenues to help the community achieve their dream of creating an enabling environment for teaching and learning to thrive.

"We have seen how dire the situation is here at Masupologo. And over and above what we have donated here, we will speak to our licensees and come up with a wide range of intervention measures to help the community and the pre-school." The North-West Gambling Board has on previous occasions embarked on projects of a similar kind with the sole purpose of galvanising industry leaders to help in fighting the triple challenges

of poverty, unemployment and inequalities confronting the downtrodden and economically marginalised communities in the North-West province. The Department of Social Development in the province has promised to work hand in glove with the Board to see to the success of the Masupologo Pre-School project. The department has on previous occasions supported initiatives of the Board aimed at changing the lives of the impoverished for the better.

The Bafokeng Ba Makgokgwane Traditional Council has given some thumps to all the initiatives aimed at assisting the community in the dealing with many of the socio-economic challenges confronting residents. The council has also promised to avail community members to assist in the renovation of the pre-school once construction starts. This multi-faceted approach is centred on the North West government fifth administration philosophy of SAAMWERK-SAAMTREK.