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## **Breadline Africa Launches 65th Library in Elliotdale, Eastern Cape**

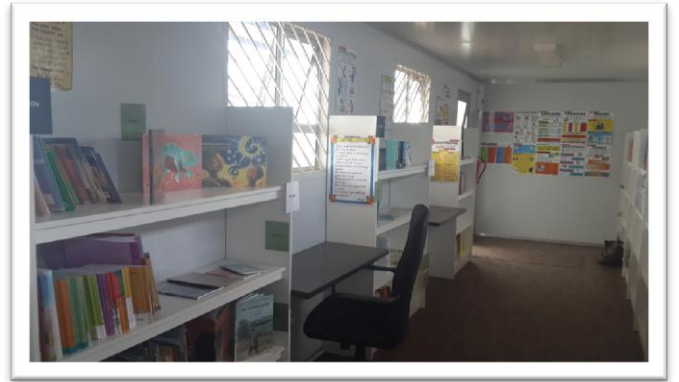


On Thursday 11th February 2016 Breadline Africa (BLA) celebrated the fifth library launched with the Public Investment Corporation (PIC), a long-standing partner of the organisation's Libraries Project, and the 65<sup>th</sup> library overall since the beginning of BLA. The BLA team was joined by Mr Sekgoela Sekgoela, Senior Specialist: Investor Relations at PIC and Ms Zubenathi Jizana, Graduate Communication Officer.

The selection of Putuma Junior Secondary School in Elliotdale as a beneficiary came about as a result of a partnership with Axiom Education. This literacy development organisation, based in the Eastern Cape, runs a reading programme with the school's foundation phase learners. Having previously operated out of a tent, the Axiom Education team was delighted to discover that in addition to the library providing a space for teachers and learners during the school day; it will also serve the literacy support group in the afternoon.

The principal, Mrs Babalwa Mtumtum, explained how important it is to work in partnership with government structures to ensure the sustainability of the facility and PIC's Mr Sekgoela Sekgoela emphasised the need for reading to be seen as a building block in the development of communities all over South Africa.

The great gift of a library for Putuma Junior Secondary School was celebrated in song, dance, poetry and drama. Librarian teacher, Mrs. Nosiselo Matandabuzo, who has a keen sense of partnership, was acknowledged for her tenacity as an educator, which has allowed the school to access the resources that it has done thus far. The Breadline Africa team wishes her and the staff and learners of Putuma Junior Secondary School all the strength to continue their great work.



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