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Breadline Africa Launches 70th Library in Mpumalanga Province with Wipro Technologies



Mbombela, 4 May 2016 –Zamani Primary School, which was established in 1988, is located in Manzini-A, Mbombela and is one of 16 primary school in the district, boasting the second largest enrollment at 1 071 learners from grades R to 7. However, with a total of 138 grade R learners split into only two classrooms, it is evident that this rural school is not an exception to the challenges of overcrowding that many public schools face.

What is different is the leadership. Zamani Primary was identified through Breadline Africa's partner, the Soul City Institute, who understands that the investment requires the principal and staff commitment to ensure that any resources provided are well utilised and sustained for generations to come. The principal, Mr David Sibiya, is enthusiastic about the project and excited to share the library and Internet café with the learners.

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This investment is part of Johannesburg-based IT company, Wipro Technology's SIYAPHA initiative, bringing to life its intention to create a hub of knowledge in communities that lack access. With Breadline Africa's help, the company has selected and trained a community member, and assisted in the process of registering an Internet café business. Wipro also supplied all of the capital equipment needed to run an Internet café from the library. The added benefit of this is that there is someone permanently stationed in the library to support its users.

Breadline Africa has delivered more than 1 000 books and will be training the librarian in systems and management to run the facility effectively. The organisation has also contributed to the aesthetic appeal for learners, making the library come alive with artwork wrapped around its exterior, which was undertaken by Cape Town-based artists, Martin Lund and Garth Wareley.

The keys were handed over by WIPRO's Corporate Social Responsibility Strategist, Ms. Princess Nondanyana and the launch was attended by officials from the Educational Circuit, Provincial Libraries Office, the school's governing body, educators and parents. Learners also played an important part of the celebrations, with three different dance groups, the choir and the Soul Buddyz Club's dramatic performances and poetry readings.

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