



**Emgazini Crèche, Osizweni, Kwa-Zulu Natal  
Pre-school Kitchen Handover  
11 May 2017**

Few things can beat a hot meal on a cold day, and as South Africa heads into winter, there was great excitement when Breadline Africa launched a new kitchen for Emgazini Crèche in Osizweni on Thursday, 11 May 2017.

Osizweni is a township in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, situated 24 kilometres from Newcastle CBD. Osizweni is one of the largest townships in the province, with an estimated population of 80,000 people.

Winter is bitterly cold in this area, with overnight temperatures dropping into single figures (degrees celcius). Being able to offer a hot breakfast at a pre-school can make all the difference, and thanks to the donors of the UK Grange Park event and Breadline Africa's dedicated regular donors, Emgazini Crèche received a brand new converted container kitchen.

Emgazini Crèche opened in 2008, and operates from the home of Ms Makhosazana Ntshangase, the pre-school's principal. She started the crèche to originally help parents to look for work as more than 40% within the community are unemployed. Poverty levels are high with 20% of households in the municipality receiving no income and more than 50% of households surviving on less than R1,000 a month. The pre-school has a successful vegetable garden that provides much of the produce for their kitchen, and they are even able to assist members of the community with the excess vegetables.

The event was also attended by ward councillor, Mr Reuben Moleleko; a social worker from the KwaZulu Natal Department of Social Development, Ms Nomsa Shabangu; the Department of Basic Education's early childhood development subject advisor, Mr Xaba; and Mrs Mathebula, who represented the KwaZulu Natal Department of Health.

All agreed that the new kitchen was an asset to the pre-school and to the community and expressed a wish that many nutritious meals would be prepared by the facility's dedicated cook for more than 75 children.

