

Helping to restore dignity in education



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The ASIDI programme has been running since late 2011 and is still continuing to deliver schools. There are currently 49 schools under construction in the Free State and the Eastern Cape.

Diamanthoogte - Free State









Qalabotcha - Free State









THE TRANSFORMATION PICTURE

he attention that the DBE and implementing agents have paid to equity and transformation paint more than an interesting picture. More than a fictional painting, ASIDI contracts demonstrate a concrete reality of inclusiveness that is worthy of a democratic society that is paying dividends to players across the built environment.

ASIDI is first and foremost about delivering state of the art facilities for our children to enjoy the same or better schools as those in towns and cities across South Africa. It is also about restoring dignity to people in rural education. No more leaking roofs, cold winter days, unsafe toilets but buildings that communities can be proud of in villages from Mount Ayliff to Mountain Zebra, Coffee Bay to Jeffrey's Bay.

ASIDI is a national project. Every single ASIDI project creates jobs and wealth for local people, contractors and professional service providers. Since programme inception, in the Eatsern Cape for example, the following share of contracts has been allocated to previously disadvantaged professional service providers:

- 46% to architects
- 82% to quantity surveyors
- 76% to engineers
- 51% to structural engineers
- 71% to electrical engineers
- 76% to mechanical engineers

All 136 schools completed to date in the Eastern Cape have been built by black contractors with just over 16 000 project cycle jobs created for locals. ASIDI is paying a dividend of democracy to local communities and helping to redress historical imbalances

The journey in numbers

Province	Inappropriate Structures	Water	Sanitation	Electrification
Eastern Cape	136	248	171	192
Free State	12	49	12	23
Gauteng	0	0	14	2
KwaZulu Natal		201	101	58
Limpopo	3	95	75	5
Mpumalanga	5	36	38	45
North West	2	3	10	2
Northern Cape	1		10	0
Western Cape	25	3	19	8
Total	184	635	450	335

INTERN PROFILE

shalana Maisxole is 23 years old and currently studying Building Engineering at Walter Sisulu University. He was born and grew up in Mount Frere in the Eastern Cape. He never dreamt he could be an architect even when he liked designing his own houses using cardboards and moulding clay soil. He only got convinced in his mind this was the way to go when he attended a career exhibition and heard a speaker describing quantity surveying and construction management.

Thanks to ASIDI, he has gained valuable on the job experience working at Sulenkama JSS. His tasks included:

- writing site diary
- reading drawings
- assisting Foreman and QS
- calculating stock

An excited Tshalana said, "The experience enriches my mind. The experience I get right now is brightening up my future". His long term ambition is to become a Professor in both Charted Quantity Surveying and Project Construction Management.



COMING SOON

The Western Cape has received its full complement of 25 schools with all of them completed and two yet to be officially opened. The official opening of Scottsdene Secondary school and Delft South Primary school in economically marginalised areas will go a long way in keeping learners in the classroom and off the streets.





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