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ABERDEEN RECYCLING
PROGRESS REPORT



YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST
BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THE
FUTURE...BE THE CHANGE

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RECYCLING INITIATIVE

The Klipplaat and Aberdeen Recycling Project was borne out of a deep desire to help the community by providing a facility that would collect materials that were eligible for recycling and compensate those that collected and brought these materials in. Both communities have experienced a steep deterioration of municipal services including the lack of refuse collection. Refuse lies in the streets while most of the residents are unemployed.

Against this backdrop Five Loaves and Two Fish initiated the recycling project.

The first step by the Klipplaat Recycling project was to secure the use of a piece of ground behind a spaza shop in August 2021. A donor provided funds and materials and the area was fenced off to house the recycling facilities.

Similarly in Aberdeen a location was secured by a partner association in September 2021 and work started to renovate and make the facility ready for processing collected recycling materials.

Five Loaves and Two Fish were able to use the Funds donated by the Covenant Foundation to acquire a universal trailer and a number of skips, containers and recycling cages. These are kept in the recycling center below.



WHERE WE STARTED

AVOID POLLUTION, BE THE SOLUTION! RECYCLE.

Whilst the recycling bins were being off-loaded, quite a few people from the community showed interest in the project and wanted to know how they can start participating. A show of interest in lending a helping hand, to job opportunities, incentives, ideas and influencers (local rugby team) that already have the community's attention. Below is Dudus who was our first hire in Klipplaat. Here she stands in front of a scale that was donated for the project to weigh recycling materials brought in.



Below is plastic bottles that were collected in Klipplaat and transported to the facility in Aberdeen where they will be processed and pressed for sale to major recycling agents.



Above is a photo of youngsters helping to collect trash in the fields in Aberdeen. These two boys are earning credits towards buying bicycles that have been sponsored by residents in Aberdeen.

Our incentive with the Klipplaat community is a voucher system which is calculated once we have received the individual's recycled materials, weighed them and which will allow them to purchase from the local market via their voucher.

The collections, for now, vary from plastics, cartons, aluminum/steel cans, and glass. They are then carefully selected and sorted into their specific states before being pressed into bales, and loaded on a truck to be transported to Cape Town from Aberdeen.



WHERE WE WANT TO BE

There remains challenges to engage the whole community as they feel that we are not paying them enough for the materials brought in. We continue to work with those who are motivated to participate and benefit from this initiative.

Additionally as the roads are gravel the trailer transporting the skips with a light load takes a heavy pounding and we have already experienced break-downs. Our desire is to acquire a waste baler mounted on a trailer to press the collected recycling materials and significantly reduce the number of trips to be made from Klipplaat to Aberdeen & Graaff Reinet. Our 2022 budget includes a request to acquire such a mobile press to be able to press the materials wherever they have been collected to maximize transportation effectiveness.



In mid December, we received new recycling tricycles (above) and the intention is to use these to do recycling pick-ups from those households that are unable to transport their materials to the facility.

In 2022 we intend to increase the collections at the facility and to initiate a number of events to raise awareness and increase the flow of recycling to the centers.

"There will always be good and bad in every community, so find out what works and do more of that."

- Steve de Shazer

CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY

Kids are our future. And they need every possible opportunity to start their day with enthusiasm and encouragement. From experience, children in communities are always willing to participate because of their inquisitive and enthusiastic nature to be apart of something. They get to experience fulfillment and receive something for their efforts, as well as they get to have social interaction with people of great example and their friends. So putting emphasis on creating these opportunities for them by implementing our strategies in the school, will hopefully leave a hunger for change in even 1 of students.



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"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." - Margaret J. Wheatley

We would like to express our gratitude to the Foundation for the support of our Recycling Project.

These are the first steps in the Recycling Project to begin uplifting this community.

We believe that the project will further evolve to engage the younger generation to be the change in uplifting themselves and the community: By changing the children's mindset and creating an awareness that will change their behaviour and their future by being part of the solution to avoid pollution.