



Fact sheet Project Build Kwazulu - Natal South Africa

Land and region/town or city

South Africa – Kwazulu Natal

Project name

Project Build – Schools in Kwazulu Natal

Partner(s)

Project Build - Durban South Africa – project partner
African Exposure – logistics partner

Description

The second project in South Africa is also located in Kwazulu Natal and is geared towards the schools in this area. Between 2010 and 2013, the Vebe Foundation contributed to the renovation of the schools. The schools were initially built by the government, however, as the number of pupils increased and as the circumstances changed, the government no longer plays a role and the school is forced to 'go it alone'. On top of that, the schools must also provide meals for the pupils, for which it receives compensation from the government, however the government does not provide a kitchen for preparing these meals.

De Vebe Foundation focused on improving, building and renovating classrooms and building kitchens at five schools in Kwazulu Natal. These schools are all located in the High Flats Area. The Vebe Foundation made the conscious decision to help one area. Because the Ministry of Education has seen that there is international interest in this area, the ministry is now also investing in these schools.

From 2010 to 2013 the Vebe Foundation built the following schools:

2010 - Mazongo School – 2 classrooms and a kitchen
2010 - Springvale School - 2 classrooms and a kitchen
2011 - Ntabane School - 2 classrooms and a kitchen
2012 - Dowdle School - 1 classroom and a kitchen
2013 - Kintail School - 1 classroom and a kitchen
In total, 8 classrooms and 5 kitchens have been built.

The VebeGo employees worked together with local builders and apprentice builders on the construction. Project Build stimulates the craftsmanship among young men to prevent them from falling into poverty. In this way we also contribute to the development of workmanship.

Period

2010 – 2013

Number of building trips

Year 2010 – 1 building trip/2 projects

Year 2011 – 1 building trip

Year 2012 – 1 building trip

Year 2013 – 1 building trip

Total of 4 building trips

Number of ambassadors

64 employees actively participated in this project during building trips in 2010 – 2013.

Investment in € and time

Donation: total €220,000

64 participants x 40 hours = 2,560 hours of volunteer work

Where do we go from here...?

After 4 successful building trips to various schools in Kwazulu Natal, we can look back with deserved pride. The schools use the complete classrooms and kitchens and the quality of education and the meals have improved as a result. The schools can continue independently and have the attention of the government when it comes to the needs in the area of instruction materials and staff.

What have we learned?

During this project, we learned that we can work together successfully and remotely with local, small-scale NGOs. Project Build turned out to be a sound and reliable partner that respects the agreements and communicates in a pleasant and clear manner. It taught us that staying small-scale is important to success.

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about this project, visit the website: www.vebegofoundation.nl, or www.projectbuild.org.za. You can also send an e-mail to Annette van Waning: a.vanwaning@vebeGo.com

1 Due to the dust cloud resulting from a volcanic eruption, the building trip in the spring of 2010 was cancelled. However, the construction had already started and the Foundation had already committed to the project. The Foundation did complete this project in conformance with the agreements.

