

GREENBOX IMPACT REPORT



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1.Introduction

'Umntu, Ngumntu, Ngabantu' - I am because you are, this is a phrase that is often used in settings so much that it becomes meaningless. However, this is not the reality for other entities such as Greenbox and the LEAP Maths and Science School.

The Greenbox is a company in Vienna owned by Willy Vranovsky and Marcel Nicklis, it supports multiple projects in South Africa. LEAP Science and Maths School has been supported by Greenbox for the past 6 years.

The relationship started in 2016 when Greenbox partnered with LEAP for its annual Mandela day event. Since then, Greenbox has supported LEAP's Annual Mandela Day. Marcel and Willy sent LEAP branded merchandise as part of their first contribution as they were unable to join the school on that date. In 2017, Marcel visited the school and learned more about the LEAP and its social development. He was drawn into the Soup Kitchen initiative in Zone 17 and then later supported the LEAP Multi-purpose container too.

The LEAP Multipurpose container has a few activities that are held daily, namely;
The Kuyasa Soup Kitchen, Ithemba Lethu Learning Centre, The Senior Citizens Knitting
Club, and a few other projects that were founded in the year in 2021 such as the LEAP
Learning and Living Labs.





2. About LEAP Maths and Science School

LEAP's approach to education is multi-faceted with interventions staged at different levels. Through initiatives aimed at different target groups we have created an education alliance that brings sustainable change. From learners to teachers to community leaders and education stakeholders we have a broad network of partners that form the LEAP learning community.

LEAP vision: We strive for the positive transformation of communities through the meaningful education of children from those communities.

LEAP mission: LEAP schools student-centred, maths, and science-focused education to economically disadvantaged students from grades 8 to 12. We focus on enabling the self-awareness necessary for each student's growth to healthy adulthood, and to ensure optimal academic results which will allow for choices for lifelong learning and a fulfilling future.

LEAP has invested in a network of six under-resourced communities through the development and operation of schools of excellence. The schools deliver a variety of educational and developmental

services to students:

LEAP 1 Western Cape Langa, opened in 2004

LEAP 2 Western Cape Crossroads, Gugulethu, Delft, Crossroads, Philippi opened in 2007

LEAP 3 Gauteng Alexandra opened in 2008

LEAP 4 Gauteng Diepsloot opened in 2011

LEAP 5 Limpopo Jane Furse opened in 2012

LEAP 6 Gauteng Ga-Rankuwa opened in 2012

Academic: LEAP Schools have smaller classes (Grades 8-12) to encourage accountability and help build relationships. LEAP has an extended 9-hour school day offering a full curriculum of subjects. This extended school day is necessary to remedy primary school education deficits that our students are faced with when they enter LEAP in Grade 8 (average reading age of 8 and poor numeracy skills) .Extra academic support is given during Saturday classes and holiday programmes. All LEAP schools place heavy emphasis on Mathematics and Science. This combination of high-need subjects increases the choices learners have when accessing tertiary education.

Emotional: Emotional skills are as important for career success as good academic results. LEAP's life orientation (LO) is a unique values-based personal development programme. It focuses on empowering young people to become role models, leader,s and agents of change in their communities. The LO programme increases students' self-awareness as well as their capacity to reflect on their actions and make healthy life choices. It encourages the growth of personal resilience, integrity, open communication and confidence in any context.

Community: LEAP acts as an enabling hub for a number of community development programmes. All learners and staff are required to work with social development organisations in their school's community. In this way, learners become more conscious of social justice issues and learn about the importance of giving back. Many of our learners have gone on to become community leaders, starting and running non-profit and social enterprise initiatives.





3.Projects

3.1 Soup Kitchen

The Kuyasa Soup Kitchen is a community project located in the township of Langa in Cape Town, supported by LEAP Science and Maths School. This feeding programme grew from a small soup kitchen, that was run by a Langa pensioner – The late Mrs.

Khabane – and assisted by LEAP students, serving a small number of senior citizens and children three times a week. The project now provides one meal a day, five days a week for up to 150 people living in Langa. The feeding programme beneficiaries include senior citizens who are alone during the day, vulnerable children who don't have food security at home, and those considered street kids.



Two women permanently worked with LEAP, cooking the meals, washing the dishes, ordering and picking up the food, cleaning and all other aspects required to manage the soup kitchen. They also do the catering for most of the events held in the space where the soup kitchen is located.







3.2 Christmas Party

The LEAP Christmas Party has been happening for the past 17 years. This historical event is mainly an in-kind donation based event, where we ask LEAP donors, friends and staff to donate towards it.

The reason we have this amazing event is because we want to give back to the community, share what we have with those who are less fortunate than us. We have realised that not all the children know the meaning of Christmas and not all get a gift on the day, it is for this reason that we buy Christmas gifts and goodies to give to all Langa children by means of putting a big smile on their faces.

The event happens on the 25 December every year from 9am -1pm in Zone 17 in Langa Community. It is driven by LEAP students and staff, hosting more than 300 children ,with some senior citizens as beneficiaries of the event.





3.3 Easter Party

LEAP Science and Maths School have been hosting an Annual LEAP Easter Celebration for the past 17 years in the heart of Langa Township in Cape Town, South Africa.

The event takes place every year on Easter Monday in the LEAP multi-purpose containers in Zone 17, corner of Walter Sisulu Street and Makhasane Street.

A well-known event in Langa is for children from all over Langa Township. LEAP shares the Easter feeling and celebrates with them, as most don't even know what Easter is, and some in their homes don't even get the Easter eggs on the holiday.

The event exists by means of sharing the little we have with those who are less fortunate than us (Giving back to the community). We have been hosting more than 300 kids every year.

We plan exciting programmes for them that are always run by LEAP current and past students on the day. We serve all children with 2 hot cross buns, juice and Easter packs.







4. Conclusion

In a world where humanity is seen as a weakness, entities such as The Greenbox still pride themselves on investing in organisations that contribute to creating a brighter future for South Africa, the LEAP Science and Maths Schools. LEAP's approach to education is multi-faceted with interventions staged at different levels. Through initiatives aimed at different target groups, we have created an education alliance that brings sustainable change.

The relationship started in 2016 when Greenbox partnered with LEAP for its annual Mandela day event. Since then, Greenbox has supported LEAP's various projects such as the Soup Kitchen and the Multi-purpose container, Easter Party, Christmas Party, and many more. This partnership has changed the lives of many individuals and families over the past 6 years.

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