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Modjadji crèche gets some TLC

Itumeleng Motswalo, a sales consultant at African Bank's Polokwane Schoeman Street Branch, was raised in Sehlakong in Modjadji. She knows and loves the area and it was for this reason that she decided she needed to step up and help the only crèche in the area, Jack and Eilleen Krige Crèche. "They take in and care about our kids but the playground wasn't safe and there weren't enough toilets. The kids were also sleeping on old mattresses and sacks. So when I heard about African Bank's CSI commitments, I knew this would be a perfect initiative to support," says Motswalo.

Supported by her branch team, Motswalo arranged for African Bank to sponsor a new playground, toilets, scooters and mattresses for the 154 children at the crèche. On 1 December an official handover was done at the school. Regional and branch heads from African Bank attended as well as the school's principal, parents, the children and the school committee.

"Everyone was so happy and we gave the children goodie bags with cold drinks and snacks. It was also the school's graduation day so we got to celebrate with them and enjoy the children's dramas, dancing, poems and modelling," says Motswalo. "It was a lovely day but, more importantly, the crèche now has better and safer facilities for the children currently at the school and for those who will attend in the future. It is incredible to see how faithful and passionate the teachers are to making a future for these kids and how appreciative the parents are."

"Many thanks need to go to Rimash Printing for donating the board that displays the crèche's details and for providing the branded water and juices. Special thanks also need to go to all those at African Bank who have supported this project. Our slogan is 'We are you' and this is indeed the case for me and my connection to the crèche and the area. It has been wonderful to make a difference," concludes Motswalo.

Captions:

Pic <Toilets> The new toilet facilities sponsored by African Bank at Jack and Eilleen Krige Crèche

Pic<Playground> A safer and sturdier playground for the kids at Jack and Eilleen Krige Crèche sponsored by African Bank

Pic<Scooter handover> Much-needed new mattresses, bedding and scooters donated by African Bank to Jack and Eilleen Krige Crèche

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