

# Back-2-School Campaign Launched

**T**HE Al-Imdaad Foundation's Gauteng office launched its provincial Back-2-School Campaign on January 21, at the Igugulethu Primary School in Vlakfontein. This campaign saw 70 children receive sweaters, school bags and stationery packs, sponsored by White Star and EST Africa. Igugulethu Primary School's deputy principal, Nthabiseng Moloi, said, "Most of the children's parents are unemployed, and children come to school without schoolbags or uniforms. The Al-Imdaad Foundation makes it possible for these children to look like other school children, and is a big help." The Department of Education's Senior Education Specialist in Policy Planning, Mr Khaizeni Maswanganyi, said that "Igugulethu is one of those schools with many underprivileged learners." He hopes that

more organisations will come forward and join the Al-Imdaad Foundation. The Al-Imdaad Foundation will also be launching similar projects in other provinces through the various Al-Imdaad Foundation offices. The foundation's international project co-ordinator and trustee, Qari Ziyaad Patel, thanked the school, the Department of Education, and the sponsors. He added, "Education is very important and this is the reason we are committed to such campaigns. The Foundation believes in Mandela's words that education can change the future." The foundation is a non-profit organisation that is registered with the South African Revenue Service in terms of Section 18A, for tax exemption benefits. In total, 10 000 learners will benefit from this particular campaign countrywide.



Igugulethu Primary School's deputy principal, Nthabiseng Moloi, together with some dignitaries.

## INVITATION TO COMMENT AND REGISTER

### NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 129 OF THE FARM RIETFontein NO. 301 IQ, CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, that the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement (GDHS) is proposing to construct affordable housing on the Remaining Extent of Portion 129 of the Farm Rietfontein No. 301 IQ (Rietfontein hereafter). The site is located within Ward 8 of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. The proposed housing project is part of the Gauteng Rapid Land Release Programme (RLRP) which was launched in 2018. One of the key objectives of the RLRP is to address the housing backlog in the Gauteng Province while catering for social and economic development. The type and number of the housing units as well as the list of beneficiaries will be confirmed at a later stage of the project.

The Rietfontein site is located approximately 24km north west of the Johannesburg CBD. The co-ordinates of the approximate centre point are 26°20'51.58"S; 27° 51' 54.07 "E. The site is approximately 73Ha in size and the proposed project site is bounded by Lenasia Ext. 10 to the immediate north, the residential area of Lehale to the east, and the Klipspruit Valley Road (M10) road to the west. The Lenasia Muslim School is situated along the southern boundary of the site.

The development of the housing and associated infrastructure will require the clearance of indigenous vegetation on the proposed site. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the project based on Listing Notice 2, Activity 15 and Listing Notice 3, Activity 12(c)(ii). These pertain to the clearance of indigenous vegetation of 20 Hectares or more and of 300 square metres or more in a Critical Biodiversity Area respectively.

In terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) must be provided with an opportunity to participate in the Environmental Impact Assessment Process. All parties who wish to participate in the process by commenting, registering as I&APs or obtaining more information on the proposed project can contact **Ntsebo Mkhize** on: **Tel:** 011 312 2537, **Fax:** 011 805 1950, **E-mail:** environment@gaenvironment.com or ntsebo@gaenvironment.com or **Post:** P.O Box 6723 Halfway House 1685.

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