

# Taking on the great outdoors for pupils

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A youth and SME-led fundraising hike at Bridle Drift Dam raised R5,400 for new school shoes for 25 pupils at Funulwazi Primary School.

The fundraising hike, held a few weeks ago, was organised by the Sanco BCM Youth Desk in partnership with Kasi Konversations, a network of young entrepreneurs and small business owners in Mdantsane.

The campaign, themed "A Step in My Shoes," was aimed at supporting pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Community members participated in the hike to raise funds for one of the most essential school needs: proper footwear for pupils facing financial barriers.

For many families, back-to-school expenses place significant strain on household budgets at the start of the academic year.

Access to proper school shoes not only improves physical comfort but also strengthens pupils' confidence and readiness to participate fully in school activities.

The hike was supported by Uncuthu Tours, which provided the hiking trail, a guide, and hiking sticks to ensure a safe and structured experience.

At the donation ceremony of the shoes on Friday, Funulwazi



Sanco's BCM Youth Desk and Kasi Konversations team up for a sponsored hike that raised more than R5,000 for school shoes for pupils at Funulwazi Junior Primary in NU2 in Mdantsane.

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Primary principal Nozie Mcilongo praised the initiative, saying it had uplifted and blessed the whole school community.

"It was a truly wonderful experience for us," Mcilongo said.

"We hope other community structures representing our people take inspiration for similar initiatives for the benefit of the African child."

"On behalf of the Funulwazi community, we feel deeply blessed by this gesture."

"We hope ward 42 will continue to serve and uplift disadvantaged communities. We sincerely appreciate the support."

Organisers commended the unity shown by young people

across Buffalo City Metro and confirmed that more community upliftment programmes were being planned for the year.

"The walk was so much fun, even though the weather started out not that great," said techpreneur Chuma Memela, who heads AI consultancy Genie-yus AI.

"The scenery was beautiful. I'll definitely be doing more of these."

"The initiative boosted everybody's mood, and it showed how collective effort, no matter how modest each contribution, creates a lasting impact on the lives of both givers and receivers and strengthens the broader community." - Daily Dispatch

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND WATER USE LICENSE**

**FOR THE PROPOSED 2 KM EFFLUENT PIPELINE FROM KING WILLIAMS TOWN PRIVATE HOSPITAL TO THE YELLOWWOODS STREAM AND A 1.5 KM PORTABLE WATER PIPELINE THAT CONNECTS FROM THE PUMPSTATION TO THE PROPOSED RESERVOIR WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:**

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act – NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998), a Basic Assessment Process will be followed to apply for an Environmental Authorisation (EA). The application will be submitted to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) for the proposed 2 km effluent Pipeline from King Williams Town Private Hospital to the Yellowwoods Stream and a 1.5 km Portable Water Pipeline connects from the Pump Station to the Proposed Reservoir that will be approximately 10m in height and with a 5m diameter, within the jurisdiction of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. Notification is hereby given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in terms of Section 19(1), 40 to 44 of EIA Regulations (2014) as amended. In terms of this regulation a Basic Assessment (BA) is required and would be submitted to the Competent Authority – DEDEAT.

**WATER USE LICENSE**

Furthermore, a Water Use License Application process for the said proposed development is also underway in terms of the Water Use License Application and Appeals Regulations, 2017 (amended) promulgated under the National Water Act – NWA (Act No. 36 of 1998) and will be submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) as the competent authority.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Trigeminal Investments (Pty) Ltd is the applicant for the proposed Pipelines and Reservoir development that is located in Bisho, King Williams Town. The study area can be accessed through the R63 in King Williams Town and the coordinates to the site are: **PORTABLE PIPELINE** (Start Point- 32°52'27.52"S 27°24'37.36"E, Middle Point- 32°52'15.65"S 27°24'57.32"E and End point (32°52'0.29"S 27°25'20.19"E), **RESERVOIR** (32°52'0.12"S 27°25'20.20"E) **AND EFFLUENT PIPELINE** (Start point- 32°52'5.80"S 27°25'17.78"E, Middle point- 32°52'22.92"S 27°25'30.19"E and Endpoint- 32°52'19.49"S, 27°25'53.51"E).

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

This notification is hereby given to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in terms of Section 41(1)(a) of the National Water Act, 1998, and Regulation 19(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), of Trigeminal Investments (Pty) Ltd intention to submit Water Use License (WULA) and Environmental Authorisation applications, to DWS and DEDEAT respectively, and the triggered activities are:

Environmental Authorisation	Water Use License
Government Notice No. 327 of 2017(as amended)	National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)
Listing Notice 1: Activities – 9,10,13, & 19	Section 21 (b), (c), (f) & (i)
Government Notice No. 324 of 2017(as amended)	
Listing Notice 3: Activity – 12 (a) & Activity – 14 (a)	

To register as an Interested and / or Affected Party (I&AP) and to obtain additional information regarding the proposed project, please contact **Selahle Consultancy and Projects (Pty) Ltd** on or before **Monday, 30 March 2026** by submitting your name, contact details and the interest which you have in the application in the details herein below:

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