



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAMME EMPOWERS LEARNERS



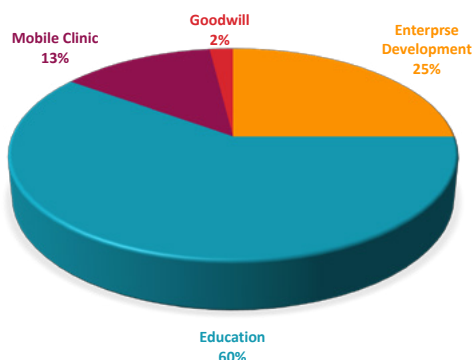
As part of our back-to-school initiative, more than 1,000 Grade 1 and Grade 4 learners across six local primary schools in the Siyancuma Local Municipality received essential school items to start the year.

Now in its fourth year, the programme provided new school bags and stationery packs, ensuring learners are equipped to succeed in the classroom.

Additionally, the initiative stimulated two local black woman-owned SMMEs, which created temporary employment opportunities for two youths.

The beneficiary schools include: Bucklands Primary School, Ikageng Intermediate School, Vallus Primary School, Douglas Primary School, Bongani Primary School, and Vaal-Oranje Primary School.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPEND - Q1: 2025



## DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE SMMEs

We are pleased to introduce Montesha Badenoos, the proud owner of Salon Monique, based in Douglas, and a beneficiary of the Boikanyo Solar All-Women-in-Business Empowerment Initiative.

After joining the programme in 2023 and completing both phases of the business development process, Montesha qualified for grant funding in the form of essential capital goods. These included salon chairs, a massage bed, manicure kits, signage, and more, allowing her to expand from basic beauty services to a full spa offering.

*"My spa is complete thanks to Boikanyo Solar. I can now offer massages, facials, and more, broadening my reach and income." - Montesha Badenoos.*

