

# Residents speak out on their life challenges

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**RIGHT TO RISE:** The Rise young women's club with their coordinators at Palm Ridge, where they conducted a door-to-door campaign on Human Rights Day.

Katlehong Local Aids Council, in partnership with Soul City, conducted a door-to-door campaign in Palm Ridge Extension 1 to find out about the challenges of residents as part of celebrating Human Rights Day.

The main theme of the day was to highlight the plight of residents and educate them about their human rights. They managed to reach about 500 households and the challenges raised by the communities were unemployment, poverty, domestic violence and abuse.

Papi Papi, deputy chairperson of Katlehong Local Aids Council said, "We have launched two projects. The first one is 67 community dialogues around gender-based violence and xenophobia. The second project is 67 minutes – in that Rise young women's clubs

should assist 67 people from Human Rights Day to Mandela Day on 18 July on the issues that the community raised during the door-to-door campaign. We are teaching young people to be responsible and to assist their communities."

Solly Ngoveni, provincial coordinator of Soul City in Gauteng, said that last year they launched Rise young women's clubs to help deal with the challenges faced by the community. He said they will help the Rise young women clubs to start small businesses and cooperatives to reduce poverty and unemployment. Ngoveni added that they also conduct monthly visits to monitor the progress of the clubs. He said they partnered with the Katlehong Local Aids Council to help mobilise young women within the community.

# DA donates textbooks



# Airport Company of South Africa invests in education

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The Airport Company of South Africa (ACSA) recently donated back-to-school packs and solar lights to Grade R and Grade 1 pupils of Intokoza Primary School in Katlehong as part of their corporate social investment programme.

The company hosts a back-to-school campaign annually to give Grade R and Grade 1 pupils a good start in their school life by equipping them with the tools they need. The back-to-school pack consisted of a file, book covers, crayons, colouring books and plastic pockets.

Zenzele Mazibuko, principal of Intokoza Primary School said, "ACSA is bringing solutions to the education system, as pupils are experiencing difficult conditions and load shedding. Some of their parents cannot afford to buy them crayons. The solar lights will assist learners to do their homework when they are experiencing blackouts and some are staying in areas where there is no electricity. We are happy and grateful as a school that there are companies which are supporting the education of the black child and ploughing back into the community."



Intokoza Primary School pupils show off the solar lights donated to them by ACSA.