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BULLETIN

## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION SWAZILAND

PROVIDING A MEAL A DAY, EDUCATION AND LOVE AND CARE  
TO THE VULNERABLE CHILDREN OF MSUNDUZA, SWAZILAND

### PARTNERS IN EDUCATION SWAZILAND

is special because:

- We work directly with our partners SOS Children's Villages
- We encourage the community to get involved in our work and try to empower them to become self-supporting
- Every penny we raise goes to those who need it – there are no UK costs, salaries or expenses

Four Trustees have recently visited the project in Swaziland. An average of 100 children each day are being fed at the Msunduza Care Centre and 30+ pre-school children are receiving a breakfast and basic education. Children who are attending school come to the Centre around 1.30 pm for a meal and children who are really needy are given a food pack to take home. The Centre keeps a supply of clothing and shoes. A jungle gym was provided last year and this has proved to be an outstanding success. The children love playing on the equipment and tend to stay at the Centre longer which helps to keep them safe. The number of children who are being sponsored through PIES has increased from 29 to 34 during the last 12 months. This education opportunity gives these vulnerable children a great start in life.



A sewing project has been established with the purchase of 2 industrial sewing machines and training given to ladies from the community. It is already reaping benefits providing school uniforms and basic clothes for the local children. Whilst profits are being reinvested the project has already contributed towards the running of the Centre.

### NEW CENTRE AT MALAGWANE

For some time the Trustees have been aware of the need for a feeding centre at Malagwane, a small community outside the capital of Mbabane. Currently there are some 50+ vulnerable children at Malagwane in urgent need of regular food support. Government have donated a plot of land to build a centre and work has started to clear the land. Funds are being raised and it is hoped building can start very shortly. The community will volunteer to undertake as much work as practical.

On their recent visit the Trustees were concerned at the effect the drought is having on food availability and with the onset of the Swazi winter decided to fund a temporary feeding programme whilst the building work was being undertaken. The Community Leaders have undertaken to find some suitable temporary premises and will start the feeding programme which will then be carried on when the new premises are built.