

# All brand new!



The newly built office block equipped with a staff room, reception office, general office, sick bays, kitchenette, principal and deputy principal offices, reception area, filing room and ablution facilities.

One of the newly built classrooms, equipped with new desks, and a white and green board.

The educational environment at Sedibelo Secondary School has been improved by the construction of new school buildings, thanks to the Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust (Dikuno), in partnership with Anglo American Platinum.

In essence, Sedibelo Secondary School, which serves Moruleng's Mabodisa section, is a whole new school! Twelve classrooms and a new admin block were officially handed over on 14 October 2022, and the fencing around the school has also been upgraded.

The new buildings came fully equipped. The classrooms contain new desks and white boards. The air-conditioned admin block includes a staffroom, a kitchenette with a microwave and fridge, ablution facilities, a filing room, a reception office, a general office, a built-in safe room and sick bays, as well as offices for the principal and deputy principal. All the necessary office furniture – desks, tables, chairs, filing cupboards and so on – has also been provided.

This came about because Dikuno heeded the call of the school's former principal,

Mekube Matshidiso, who went from pillar to post asking for help because the school had become uninhabitable, with major cracks in the walls and several leaks in the roof. It was so run down that it posed a safety risk to learners and the educators.

"During the presentation of the school's request, the former principal shed a tear and it touched our hearts," said Dikuno chairperson Harry Monye.

Before the construction of the new school buildings, lessons took place in cramped, poorly ventilated containers. The small staff room had hardly enough space to accommodate the filing and the principal's office was just as cramped.

This all changed because Dikuno delivered on its pledge to create a quality educational space that would

offer the community a place to come together in support of quality education.

Under the watchful eye of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela advisor to the chief, Mabodise Mabodisa, the school is currently one of the best performing schools in Moruleng.

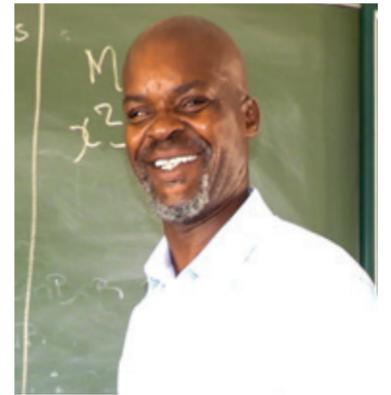
"This is our school – for all of us. It's the responsibility of every person to make sure it is well maintained," said Monye, after officially handing over the new buildings to the school principal, the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela, and the community.

Monye also spoke about the educational projects on which Dikuno is working and promised that the trust would continue to engage with the Department of Education to see how it could continue to help to meet the needs of learners in the community.

Sedibelo Secondary School principal Kefitlhile Kgwefane praised Dikuno's valuable contributions and said his mission is to produce learners who actively participate in their school environment. He also encouraged learners to value their education, saying: "Education is essential for survival; you can't go anywhere in life without it."

Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela representative Ntshadi Tsheole added: "We thank you for the boost you gave our community."

Lefa La Rona Trust chairperson Nana Magomola volunteered to be the ambassador for Sedibelo Secondary School and said: "The learners should appreciate this gift from the Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust. Our motto for success in life is: 'Be grateful, be resilient, and persevere!'"



We will always be there for our learners, and we will always be willing to share information that will enhance their knowledge.

**Kgamanyane Ramokoka,**  
ambassador of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela



Sedibelo Secondary School drum majorettes showcasing their work by entertaining the guests.



From left: Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust trustee Johnny Molokwane; Sedibelo Secondary School principal Kefitlhile Kgwefane; Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela representative Ntshadi Tsheole; Lefa La Rona Trust chairperson Nana Magomola; Sedibelo Secondary School deputy principal Mogoera Otshepeng; Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust chairperson Harry Monye; and Anglo American Platinum head, administration and operations, Vuyani Sifiniza.

The Anglo American Platinum community empowerment and development programme known as Alchemy was launched in 2011. It funds four independent community development trusts and a non-profit company through its community shareholding trust, Lefa La Rona. The Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust is the independent community trust that operates in the communities surrounding Amandelbult Complex's operations.