

# Building bridges with Sefikile



The rainy season no longer means being cut off from essential services for the Sefikile community, thanks to the two bridges and the footbridge that the Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust (Dikuno) has constructed.

A plaque was installed on the bridge to commemorate the investment of the Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust.

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.

Dikuno officially handed over a double-lane and a single-lane bridge as well as a footbridge to the Sefikile community on 13 October 2022.

In the rainy season, a stream divides Sefikile and there is a school on both sides of the fast-flowing water. During the dry season, a dilapidated bridge used to be the only way commuters or pedestrians could cross the dry riverbed.

The Sefikile community reached out to Dikuno, pleading for a sustainable and safe bridge so that community members could get to schools, work, clinics, and shops without endangering their lives in the rainy season. The project kicked off on 27 June 2022 and was completed on 30 September 2022.

Dikuno approached the land committee of the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela and the Sefikile community received even more than they had hoped for.

Bakgatla Ba Sefikile land committee coordinator Jomo Keromeng, said: "We used to cross on the old bridge, but it was washed away in the recent heavy rains. Dikuno's investment came at just the right time."

Dikuno chairperson Harry Monye officially handed the bridges over to the community and urged all stakeholders to be actively involved in maintaining them.

He said: "Not only did we deliver on time and within budget, we also exceeded the expectations of the community. We believe that

the community will greatly benefit from this."

In celebration, community members gathered and

crossed the new bridges to symbolise the challenge they had overcome.



We work for the community – it's not the first time and it won't be the last.

**Harry Monye, Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust chairperson**



Thank you to Dikuno Tša Sechaba Community Development Trust for these bridges that will greatly benefit our community.

**Kgosi Ramono Pilane Linchwe, chief of Bakgatla-ba-Kgafela**



The newly-constructed double-lane bridge.



Solomon Tuelo, a community member of Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela (left), and Sadibo Manyako, security manager of the Sefikile Land Committee.