



Christmas came early for the Kids of St. Cecelia Orphanage Home!

As part of the Letšeng Corporate Social Responsibility (CSRI) initiatives the company donated M20,000, Matekane Mining Group donated M16 000 while Morning Star contractors volunteered their services to refurbish the St. Cecelia Orphanage Home. The project arose from a football tournament organised by Kick4Life in which a winning school was allowed to nominate a charity of their choice. The winners, SOS Primary School, nominated St. Cecelia Orphanage Home at Ha Bua Sono to get the assistance from Letšeng Diamonds and their partners.

Letšeng Diamonds is currently implementing a three year CSRI investment strategy. The strategy is a long term commitment of Letšeng Diamonds to the community to assist in the implementation of key areas of need, as identified by the communities themselves. Identified projects include; support of a wool and mohair project, provision of ablution facilities for the village next to the mine; provision of educational scholarship; a livelihoods and food security project; and the running of Maloraneng Lodge and 'Mapoka Camp Site.

We took a quick liking for the project in the St. Cecelia Orphanage home because we realised that it is about helping children achieve independence and success from seemingly insurmountable difficulties. St. Cecelia Orphanage has about 36 children, between the ages of 4 and 18. They have approached their work with equal parts of caring, commitment and enthusiasm, and the success we had was possible through the dedication of our partners, staff and colleagues.

Apart from the money for refurbishment, other items including lockers, mattresses, duvet inners, blankets and toys were donated to the centre. The roofing for the centre was fixed, the rooms were painted and laundry was done by the volunteers.

Our Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Mazvi Manthethe Maharasoa, and members of senior management of Letseng were part of the team that dedicated their Saturday to help at the centre.