



BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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HEALTHY MOMS & BABIES IN BRITSTOWN

Entrepreneurs and micro businesses are getting enterprise development support from a custom-designed Mobile Business Unit, funded De Aar Solar Power.

Community members attended the Think Twice workshop in Britstown, where they expressed their appreciation for awareness of the dangers around the use and abuse of alcohol, and especially during pregnancy.

This is one of the first steps in the launch of FARR's Healthy Mother Healthy Baby programme, which is being run in the remote town of Britstown, to provide pregnant, community women with information, and the necessary skills to make informed decisions regarding the health of both themselves and their unborn babies.

De Aar Solar Farm's funding also supports the FARR awareness programmes, which provide additional training to educators, social workers, health professionals and students.



The ultimate goal is to support them to have healthier pregnancies and healthier babies.



LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE EXTRA SUPPORT DURING COVID

AMOS REED, a Philipstown farmer, is one of a number of local entrepreneurs who has received extra support during the COVID-19 pandemic from De Aar Solar Power.

The assistance enabled him to drill a borehole, which is now providing a much needed water source to grow his crops and to keep on top of his expenses so that he can continue to plant even during this difficult economic climate.

The entrepreneurs are assessed on an individual basis so that the support provided can help ensure the sustainability of their businesses.



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BETTER MATHS RESULTS



"I love working with my mentor, a teacher, it has improved my confidence and I feel like I have a purpose in life. I wake up every morning knowing that I can teach a child something, that I can help them to leave school saying 'I learnt something new today.'"

Renalda Adolf, a Grade 4 maths coach at Kareeville Primary School in De Aar, is energised by the difference she makes in the lives of the young learners she teaches.

"The children and teachers really appreciate the extra help that we, as maths coaches, provide. I've been able to make a big difference to the children, in their marks and their behaviour as a result of the positive working relationship that I have with the teachers," said Renalda Adolf.

De Aar Solar Power's Numeracy Programme has been implemented in partnership with the Northern Cape Department of Education. The programme improves foundation phase numeracy, which is supported by trained maths assistants as well as school maths clubs.



JOBS AND RECYCLING GO HAND IN HAND

De Aar Solar Power's Enterprise Development Accelerator Programme is supporting a local community enterprise, which not only removes recyclable waste, but also creates compost as part of a yard cleaning service.

Branden Tier, owner of Pixley Yard Cleaning and Recycling Services is one of five entrepreneurs selected to receive funding and business support. The training and support helps to create viable small businesses in the rural towns of Britstown, Hanover, Philipstown and De Aar, and also boost local jobs.

"The funding gave me the opportunity to put down a deposit on a truck big enough to transport both waste and recycling in one go."

