

# Investing in the Ratlou Local Municipality



Harmony's work in the North West is shaped by the belief that mining must leave a meaningful legacy. Through our SLPs, we deliver real-world impact by working hand-in-hand with local municipalities and communities to implement development projects that uplift, empower, and enable lasting change. Our initiatives go beyond infrastructure – they're about restoring dignity, creating opportunity, and investing in people.



## Our impact framework



Our key focus areas:

Delivering essential infrastructure that enhances community life

Supporting small businesses and stimulating local economies

Creating employment and skills pathways for youth and women

Enabling access to digital tools, clean water, and sustainable food systems



These focus areas are guided by

Municipal IDPs and LED strategies

Provincial and national development plans

Harmony's socio-economic development commitments

Stakeholder engagement and collaborative structures

## 1<sup>st</sup> generation projects (Kraaipan)

### Tshwaraganang sewing cooperative

- R800,000 invested in sewing machines and infrastructure to launch the women-led cooperative.
- 10 women from the local community trained in garment-making, machine care, and small business management.
- Each member received certification, with the co-op now operating as an official Harmony vendor.
- A total of 10 sustainable jobs created for local women in Kraaipan.

### Reverse osmosis water treatment plant

- R3.6 million project delivering safe, drinkable water to the Kraaipan municipal precinct.
- Produces 10,000 litres/hour with Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) under 250 mg/litre, meeting clean water standards.
- 18 local community members employed during construction phase.
- Benefits more than 14,500 residents, with future phases set to expand household connections.

### Kraaipan computer laboratory

- R500,000 invested in a fully equipped digital learning space with 25 desktops, projectors, server equipment, and whiteboards.
- Provides learners and community members access to internet, research tools, and digital skills development.

### SMME skills development centre

- R7.7 million invested to establish a centre focused on local enterprise support and vocational skills training.
- 30 construction jobs created for locals; the centre now supports SMMEs across Ratlou municipality.
- Handed over during a formal event attended by Harmony leadership and North West's Premier.

### Setlagole traders hub & car wash

- R460,000 spent to develop facilities for informal hawkers and car wash operators.
- Enables micro-entrepreneurs to operate in a formalised, service-connected setting.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation projects

### Setlagole township formalisation

- R1.2 million project unlocking land ownership for RDP beneficiaries.
- Township register approved – paving the way for residents to receive formal title deeds.
- Long-term impact includes increased property security, asset value and access to services.

### Kraaipan bricks & aggregates manufacturing

- R1.3 million invested in production machinery for a local building materials cooperative.
- Initiative supports regional construction needs and has the potential to create at least 25 additional jobs.
- Six cooperative members trained and equipped to drive the project forward.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> generation projects

### Broad-based livelihoods programme

- R4.6 million invested to enhance household food security and income.
- 800 households trained in horticulture, chicken farming, permaculture and entry-level business skills.
- Promotes sustainable food production, poverty alleviation and local economic resilience.

### Aaron Letsapa Primary School – computer lab

- R1.5 million allocated to a mobile classroom fitted with 25 computers, desks, chairs and a server.
- Over 600 learners now have digital access for education and e-learning.
- 9 local jobs created during implementation; formal handover scheduled for May 2025.

### Youth mobile IT centre

- R1.7 million invested in a mobile computer centre fitted with cubicles, desks and printers.
- Provides young people, SMMEs and job seekers with access to ICT tools and online resources.
- Mobile unit reaches underserved areas throughout Ratlou Municipality.

### Madibogo Tyre Fitment Centre

- R435,000 invested in establishing a functional fitment and repair centre.
- 3 permanent jobs created and 5 small enterprise opportunities supported.

### Itireleng self-help co-op – fence project

- R4.5 million used to purchase equipment and build infrastructure for a disability-led cooperative.
- Project empowers marginalised individuals, though handover is pending machine repairs and commissioning.

### Kraaipan Bricks – Shelter infrastructure

- R1.5 million spent to complete a secure shelter structure for brick production.
- 4 general jobs and a community liaison officer position created.
- Ongoing repairs to production machinery are underway to bring the facility into full operation.

### Itekeng Bricks Co-operative (Mareetsane)

- R320,000 invested in borehole drilling and solar energy supply.
- Project provides critical infrastructure for sustainable production.
- 9 local construction jobs created; awaiting water tank replacement before official handover.

## 4<sup>th</sup> generation projects (in progress)

### Ratlou Multipurpose Development & Distribution Centre

- R5.7 million committed to the construction of a facility that will serve as a business support hub.
- Designed to empower youth and women entrepreneurs through shared infrastructure and services.
- The centre will be a key catalyst for local enterprise growth and job creation in the region.



## Our promise

Harmony's commitment to mine community development is built on a vision that goes beyond the mine gate. We invest not only in infrastructure and services, but also in people, equipping them with the tools, training and opportunities they need to thrive beyond the life of mine.

