

Investing in the Merafong City Local Municipality

Harmony's operations in Gauteng, are driving meaningful socio-economic transformation through our Social and Labour Plan (SLP) commitments. Since 2018, we have invested approximately R70.8 million in mine community development, with projects designed in partnership with host municipalities and focused on agriculture, infrastructure, SMME support, education, sports development, and CSI initiatives. Beyond compliance, an additional R11.9 million in CSI initiatives over the last five years has benefitted more than 33,000 lives.



OUR IMPACT



Economic empowerment and enterprise development – Mogale City and Merafong City

The R3.5 million Broad-Based Livelihoods project provided:

- Community members, especially women and youth with support and skills to enter the informal economy.
- Training, skills development and infrastructure support for their businesses
- Training for 523 participants and 100 have received infrastructure for support their enterprises.
- The total project spend was R3.5 million.



Fochville business centres – Merafong City

- Aims to improve local trading conditions and create sustainable business spaces.
- Fully serviced trading centres constructed for informal traders and hawkers.
- Construction created 49 jobs and engaged four local companies as subcontractors.
- Project spend was R10.25 million for Doornkop and R3.5 million for Fochville.



Kokosi urban business hub – Merafong City

- Project converts and equips shipping containers to accommodate SMMEs.
- Provides affordable business spaces for emerging entrepreneurs.
- The total budget is R6 million, and the project is still in progress.





Agriculture and food security

Wedela agriculture project – Merafong City

- Project refurbished tunnels, irrigation systems, and supporting infrastructure.
- Enhances crop production, supports local farmers, and creates seasonal jobs during harvesting.
- Supports 26 farmers.
- Project spend was R5.83 million.

Ngqushwa honey processing plant – Eastern Cape (labour sending areas)

- Produces honey and value-added products such as candles, lip balms and crayons.
- Supports local bee-keeping cooperatives with equipment and technical training.
- Created 15 jobs and is fully operational.
- Total project spend was R5 million.



Youth development and education

Carletonville youth centre – Merafong City

- Project developed a multipurpose indoor sports and youth empowerment facility.
- Promotes skills development, recreation and youth engagement.
- Refurbishment created 20 jobs and engaged 10 local SMMEs.
- Project spend was R7.35 million.

Mabuvesa Senior Secondary School – Eastern Cape (labour sending areas)

- New school with an administration block, ablution facilities and eight classrooms.
- Reduces overcrowding and creates a more conducive learning environment.
- Created thirty local jobs during construction and permanent staff positions.
- The total project spend was R7.2 million, with a final cost of R8.9 million.



Education and skills development initiatives

Entrepreneurial skills project – Merafong Community

- Provided entrepreneurial skills training to Merafong community members.
- The target was to train 50 people per year from 2020 to 2024.
- Trained 303 participants, exceeding the target of 250.

Mobile libraries project (ECD)

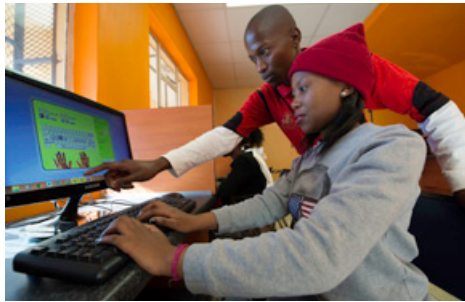
- This initiative introduced mobile libraries, books, and teacher training in nine Merafong schools.
- It uses the Teaching Handwriting, Reading And Spelling Skills (THRASS) literacy methodology to improve English literacy from Grades 1 to 7.
- Teachers received training to improve phonics and language teaching skills.
- Total spend for the project was R3.7million.

Disabled persons skills project – Merafong Community

- Provides carpentry and entrepreneurial training for people with disabilities.
- Training included catering, transport, venue hire, toolboxes, and a 20-day skills programme.
- 45 participants were trained.

4th industrial revolution schools project

- Equips primary and high schools with IT labs, online learning tools, and digital resources.
- It is implemented in partnership with the University of the Witwatersrand.
- The budget for the project is R8 million with R7 million spent to date.



Infrastructure and community facilities

Ablution facilities – Retlile Primary School, Merafong City

- Provided modern ablution facilities for learners.
- Improves hygiene, dignity, and safety at the school.
- 1,437 learners benefit from the facilities.
- Project spend was R2.5 million.
- Complete and ready for handover.



Beyond compliance: CSI impact in the past five years

- CSI spending in Gauteng over the past five years totals R11.9 million, in addition to regulated SLP investments.
- Over 33,000 lives have been positively impacted through these CSI initiatives.
- R1 million invested in social leases, providing NGOs with operating space.



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Harmony's investments in Gauteng communities aim to build sustainable livelihoods and empower future generations, from creating jobs and supporting small businesses, to improving education and sports facilities

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