

Maths and Science Academy opens to uplift rural Limpopo

The SA Medical and Education Foundation (SAME) and corporate donors officially opened the Masia Maths and Science Academy (MMSA) in Ha-Masia, Limpopo on 6 March 2020. The new Maths and Science Academy will serve thousands of learners in the Vuwani region.



The MMSA – hosted at a school in the region – has state-of-the-art learning facilities, including five fully furnished and equipped classrooms, three science labs, and a computer centre. The Academy will take in learners from up to 20 surrounding schools, who will be tutored and taught skills in science and mathematics by the highly qualified educators of the MMSA.

Masia is a rural community situated south of the Luvuvhu river in Limpopo. The area and surrounding communities are characterised by undesirable conditions such as high illiteracy, poverty, as well as child-headed families. These shared resources, along with the MMSA tutoring programme, will greatly improve the quality of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education in the region.



Ramauba Science lab: before and after

At the opening ceremony, Chief (Vho-Thovhele) Nthumeni Masia noted the link between high crime levels and low education levels in our society, saying education is the only effective way to combat the scourge of crime and corruption in

our society.

The MMSA is set up as a standalone NPO and will offer education programmes to learners in Masia the region which will encourage them to stay in school and get an education. The MMSA will offer a Mathematics and Science Academy programme for seniors, a junior Mathematics Pioneers Programme and a homework assistance programme for primary school learners.



The project is a collaboration between SAME, the Masia Traditional Council, the Masia Development Agency, the Masia Maths and Science Academy, the National and Limpopo Departments of Education, as well as the following corporate donors who funded the project: Scania, Supra Healthcare, ThermoFisher Scientific, Distell Development Trust, Net1, and Toyota Industrial Equipment.

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