



ENOCK MATHEBULA FOUNDATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

AND CHAIRMAN'S BRUNCH

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On 22 January 2026, the Enock Mathebula Foundation (EMF) successfully hosted its annual Back-to-School Campaign in Phalaborwa, reaffirming its commitment to restoring dignity, hope, and opportunity to learners through education support. In partnership with Foskor and Standard Bank, the Foundation visited three schools to hand over

much-needed school uniforms, stationery, and toiletries to learners from disadvantaged backgrounds.

SCHOOL VISITS AND HANDOVER

The campaign commenced at Mpondo Primary School, continued to Nkatekoto High

School, and concluded at Majenje High School. Nkatekoto High School is home to current EMF mentees, while Majenje High School accommodates EMF mentees who progressed to Grade 8 this year after completing primary school. At Majenje High School, the Foundation engaged with the school principal, who expressed



her appreciation for the initiative and her enthusiasm for continuing the journey with EMF in supporting learners holistically. At Nkatekoto High School, the Deputy Principal, Mr Langa, shared heartfelt words of gratitude, acknowledging the positive impact EMF and its partners continue to make in the lives of learners.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND LEARNER ENGAGEMENT

Learners were addressed by Diditle Tlhabanyane from Foskor and Tracey from Standard Bank, who inspired them to remain focused, disciplined, and hopeful about their futures. Esqunita Pretorius, EMF’s Head of

Beneficiary Support, also offered words of encouragement, reminding learners that they are supported and capable of achieving greatness despite their circumstances.

In a meaningful demonstration of care and dignity, the EMF team and partners personally assisted learners in fitting their school shoes to ensure comfort and proper sizing. EMF Director Katie Venter, Head of Beneficiary Support Esqunita Pretorius, Diditle Tlhabanyane (Foskor), Tracey (Standard Bank), and SG HR Fumani Miyeni worked hands-on with the learners, reinforcing the Foundation’s belief that impact lies not only in giving, but in showing care.

CHAIRMAN’S BRUNCH: CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Following the school handovers, the Foundation hosted the Chairman’s Brunch at Borwa Lifestyle Centre, dedicated to celebrating Grade 12 mentees who successfully completed their matric examinations in 2025.

Ten learners who performed exceptionally well were honoured during the brunch, with the top three achievers receiving university starter kits in preparation for their transition to residence life as they begin their higher education journeys.

Learners were encouraged by Bishop Chanza, who delivered an uplifting message centred on faith, perseverance, and purpose. Dr Enock Mathebula, Chairman

of the Foundation, congratulated all matriculants on their achievements and reminded them that they carry not only their own dreams, but also the hopes of their communities.

Once again, Esqunita Pretorius, Head of Beneficiary Support, shared motivational words, reinforcing EMF’s continued commitment to walking alongside beneficiaries beyond school completion.

ALUMNI GIVING BACK

Adding depth and inspiration to the day were two EMF alumni, Mbali Mathebula and Memory Mnisi, who participated in both the school handovers and the Chairman’s Brunch. Their presence stood as a powerful testament to the Foundation’s long-term impact, having once been mentees themselves and now giving back to the programme that helped shape their journeys.

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP

Ballanoto Radio partnered with the Foundation throughout the day, capturing content across all activities and amplifying the voices and stories of learners through their radio platform.

A COLLECTIVE EFFORT FOR LASTING IMPACT

The Enock Mathebula Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Foskor, Standard Bank, school leadership, media partners, and the EMF team for making the 2026 Back-to-School Campaign and Chairman’s Brunch a success. Together, we continue to build pathways of dignity, education, and opportunity for South Africa’s future leaders.

