



INSPIRING YOUTH

The Soutpan Solar Power Carpentry Graduate Programme that kicked off in January 2019, supports carpentry graduate interns that are provided with a monthly stipend and have a 12-month work contract, following which a new group of graduates will fill their shoes each year.

The programme was inspired by the need to help provide work opportunities for graduates and now, a year later, we can see that it has grown into so much more.

Thabo Modjadji (from Ga-Modjadji in Limpopo) a carpenter and programme graduate says: "This programme taught me the fundamentals about the daily running of a company, how to engage with clients and how to deal with dissatisfied clients. I am also pleased that I could help my family through the monthly stipend, whilst I have grown in terms of mental capacity".



"I am motivated to achieve, as most of the activities were hands-on exercises; and best of all, I received assistance to find employment at one of the largest producers of timber in Tzaneen where I am currently employed".
- Thabo Modjadji



BOOSTING MATRIC RESULTS



"We are so proud of our students - the programme has impacted positively on our learner's performance,"
Mr Tlhabolaa, a teacher at the Matric Centre.

The Matric Centre at Marumofase Community High School, in Bochum, helps learners improve their Maths, Science and English results. The centre also provides attending Matric students from Limpopo Province with study guides, resources and a proper programme to fill academic gaps.

Funded by Soutpan Solar Power, it includes a stipend for teachers' as well as equipment such as laptop computers, study guides and other administrative equipment.

"We also fund transport for learners to and from their schools to the centre to make sure that they don't miss out."



HELPING GIRLS ATTEND SCHOOL

Working with a trained nurse, who manages the programme's implementation, Soutpan Solar Power funds the distribution of sanitary towels through schools, as well as providing reproductive health education.

The programme kicked off in 2015, in the Bahananwa Circuit, an area situated in the Blouberg Local Municipality that is home to 28 primary and 19 secondary schools. So far, **this initiative has reached 8520 learners, supplying them with sanitary towels.**

In May this year, a total of 1 100 learners, comprising 50 learners at each of the 22 identified schools, within the Bochum East circuit will receive sanitary wear.



Mahlatse Seloane, Grade 9 learner at Marumofase High School, who is one of the many young girls that is being helped by this community project. "The distribution of pads at our school by Soutpan Solar Power has assisted me greatly. I am now able to go to school - always."

"We are happy to be helping to keep girls in school."



PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS



Soutpan Solar Power has been helping to support a local, 100% youth-women owned small business called Wozilex. The owner, **Mahlatse Matlakana**, has been receiving mentorship and business support since 2019, to help her further build a sustainable farming enterprise.

By partnering Mahlatse with **Mr Matthew Ledwaba** of Nsete Primary Co-Operative, an established and successful farmer based in Polokwane, she has learnt to improve her farming techniques and other key agricultural and sustainable business practices.

