



**Golder Trust
for Orphans**



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Name of the Project:
Bulembu Ministries

Type of Project:
Sustainable Equity Project

Location:
Bulembu, Swaziland

Number of Orphans Being Supported:
100+

Overview

Bulembu, a small town in Swaziland with heart and vision, is redefining and rebuilding itself. Abandoned in 2001 by the mining industry, the future looked bleak. The people of Bulembu were left with nothing. As AIDS ravaged the country, children and babies were abandoned daily. But a team of entrepreneurs and social developers saw the potential of Bulembu and the spirit of its people. Today Bulembu has a vision to create a totally self-sustaining community, restoring health and providing care for the orphans, education, commerce and hope.



Although the mine is still inactive, the town is beginning to grow; the population has increased from 100 to 1,000, with over 400 jobs created within the town. Several micro-enterprises have been established, and many of the buildings have been renovated and are now in full operation, occupied by town residents, businesses, ministries and tourists. However, while this is a viable start, the community realizes that real progress is only possible if the existing infrastructure continues to be revitalized.

Details and Recent News

Rebirth through joint objectives

The joint objectives of economic and community development in Bulembu is unconventional. The ultimate vision for Bulembu is to provide safety, dignity and hope to everyone in the community especially those suffering from AIDS, poverty, abuse and abandonment by:

- › Creating health services, orphan care, education, and spiritual nurturing.
- › Developing a thriving economic environment, creating employment, and generating income thus creating a wholly sustainable community.

Rebirth through economic development - The Bulembu Honey Project

Bulembu Ministries, with the help of the Golder Trust for Orphans, has developed a honey production facility to support a business that will help fund the orphans care project in our community. With the Trust's assistance, hives and a production facility have been built that will produce delicious honey that will be sold domestically and in South Africa. The profits from this business will be used to support orphans living in our care homes and attending a local school.



Rebirth through community development

Community development is created through delivery of health care, education, and orphan care.

Bulembu Hospital: The existing hospital requires upgrades to enable obstetric and pediatric services with a focus on the reduction of HIV/AIDS transmissions.

Bulembu Community Schools: To primary and secondary schools for community residents and orphaned children need to be upgraded and renovated.

Bulembu Leadership School: Bulembu believes that the development of a leadership school will result in strong leaders who will use their learned talents and training to become positive agents of change in their respective vocations. The school will train Swazi nationals and other African leaders. The leadership school will focus on social training, behavioral leadership skills, and business management.

Orphan Care: The objective is to renovate 400 of the residential homes to accommodate orphans, with multiple children in each home-like setting. The ultimate vision is to provide spiritual, physical and emotional care to over 2,000 orphans.

Where to Find More Information

<http://www.bulembu.org/>