

# Bulembu, Swaziland

Bulembu, a small town in Swaziland, has a vision to provide safety, dignity and hope to children suffering from HIV/AIDS, poverty, abuse, and abandonment. Aiming to create a sustainable community by providing health services, orphan care, education, spiritual nurturing, employment and developing income generating enterprises.

The Leadership School teaches over 300 children, ensuring good education and developing strong leaders.

Old mine residential homes have been renovated to accommodate multiple children in each home-like setting, provide spiritual, physical and emotional care to children.



Bulembu Baby home focuses specifically on the rescue and care of abandoned babies from infancy to adoption age, to be returned to a safe family home, or transferred to the children's home.

The Bakery employs community members and can produce over 2,400 loaves of bread per week as well as a selection of doughnuts, sticky buns and dinner rolls for the Orphan Care Programme and the rest of the community. The bakery was opened in 2009.



The Honey project started with 150 hives in 2007 and has produced 15 – 19 tons of honey annually from what is now 850 hives. Honey is harvested and bottled in Bulembu and sold to various stores in Swaziland.



The Country Lodge caters to volunteer groups and has conference facilities available. The Lodge opened in 2004 and all income goes directly to the Orphan Care programme.

### How the GTO has helped this NGO

- Funded part of the honey business.
- Funded the refurbishment of the Bakery, providing equipment and training of locals.
- Funded the refurbishment of the Babies Homes and monthly orphan care for the babies.
- Provided a loan for the Bottling plant expansion.
- Funded the solar heating systems for 30 homes.
- Provided a bursary for an engineering student.
- Funded a portion of the large solar system that generates power to a portion of the children's home and administration areas to reduce their monthly operating costs.