

Philangethemba

Philangethemba (meaning “Living through Hope”) is a collaborative programme between the social outreach ministry of St. Agnes Anglican Church in Kloof, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and the neighbouring Molweni Valley community, to empower them to address their poverty related challenges. Philangethemba has a campus adjacent to the High School and its programmes target the young people of the valley and their education.



The organisation started in 2003 with an aim of enabling sustainable development through meeting material, spiritual and emotional needs amongst the previously marginalised community with the school's intervention.

Philangethemba is a social outreach programme which has been active for more than 10 years in the Molweni Valley, focusing on the lives of young people, giving them hope for a brighter future. They believe strongly in providing Early Childhood Development Training, with an education through Primary School and High School, teaching employable skills which are critical for life success ie: Mathematics, English and Computer Literacy, thereby producing “whole” young adults.

Their long-term objective is to increase the number of children who:

- Achieve a matric pass high enough to be accepted into tertiary education institutions.
- Have acquired skills which can lead to meaningful employment (not just unskilled labour).
- Have made life choices that exclude destructive behaviours such as substance abuse, premature pregnancy and violence.

How the GTO has helped this NGO

- Funded the Early Childhood Development Training Centre building, consisting of a training room, a toy library, an office, a storeroom, toilets and two lock-up garages.
- Funded a solar system to provide power to the campus, to reduce operating costs.
- Funded entrepreneur training courses.
- The construction of three ECD classrooms for the schools that Phelangethemba support.

