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Preschool Building Project for the Village of Mboumba:

The Guijirabes Association consists of a group of friends who grew up together in the Senegalese village of Mboumba and who share a common vision for both the village and its surrounding areas. In order to develop Mboumba, The Guijirabes Association is pursuing strategies, input, and funding for this project. Their goal is to lift their youth out of poverty and into enriching environments by nurturing, educating, and advancing them. This new environment will incorporate social, economic, cultural, and political aspects of everyday living. They are confident that the lives of their children will be enriched, and that this will have a significant impact on them, their families, and most importantly, the village of Mboumba.

The structure that housed the preschool deteriorated and posed a serious risk of collapsing. The preschoolers were moved to a primary school for security reasons, where they were given two classrooms to use while construction was going on. The Guijirabe Association approached the GTO Trust to request funding to construct a new preschool. The GTO Trust donated the financial resources necessary to construct a brand-new preschool for Mboumba after visiting the village and the old school.

The construction started in March 2021 and was completed on the 5th of November 2022. The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the realisation of the project. The difficulties encountered in sending and receiving

the funds on time often caused construction to be halted at times, leading to lengthy delays lasting months on occasions.

The increased cost of materials due to shortage of supplies and the cost of transportation due to gas price increases were also felt during the implementation of the project. On top of that, all materials had to be purchased in big cities and transported to Mboumba.

During a ceremony, organised on the 6th of November 2022, the Guijirabe Association handed over the keys to the representative of the mayor of Mboumba.

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The principal and her staff moved in the same day, while the children started at their new school the following day. Three classrooms, the principal's office, two separate sets of toilets for boys and girls, a kitchen, a computer room, and a storage room make up the new preschool.



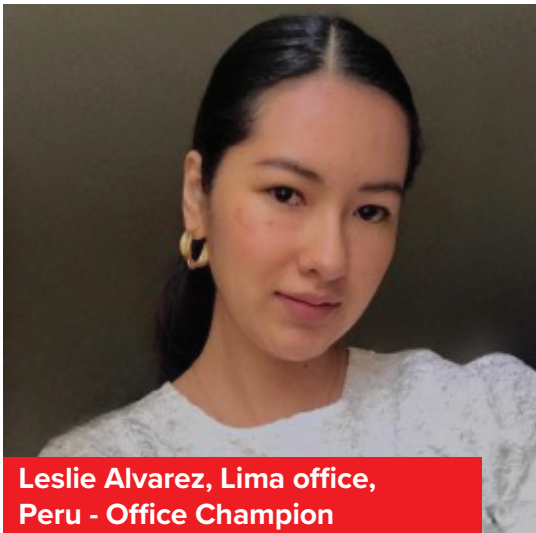
Originally, 150 students were supposed to attend the school. Within the first month of the preschool's operation, enrolment rose from 75 to 186 students, exceeding the project's original projection of 150. The school's attractive new facilities offer optimal functionality, security and a welcoming learning environment which contributes to the high demand from parents to enrol their children.

The Guijirabe Association is truly thankful to the GTO and its team, especially to Jon Howcroft (Trust Manager) who guided them through this journey.

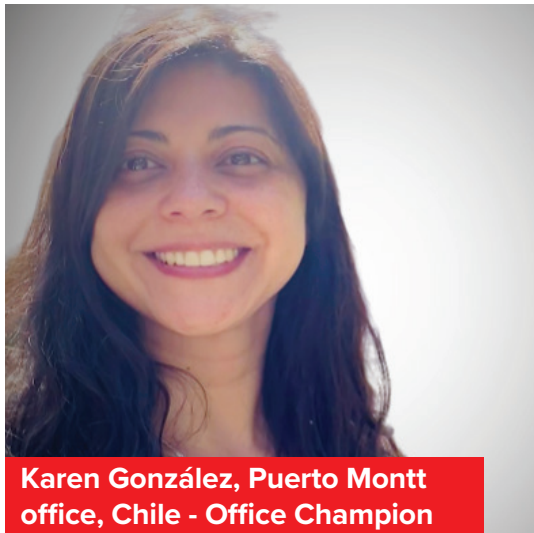
GTO Trust Welcomes New Office Champions

Running a global charity can be hard work, but with the help of our volunteers and Office Champions, nothing is impossible. Help us welcome two of our newest champions.

Welcome to the team, Leslie and Karen. We are excited to have you as part of the GTO!



**Leslie Alvarez, Lima office,
Peru - Office Champion**



**Karen González, Puerto Montt
office, Chile - Office Champion**

Bulembu - (Eswatini) May was an exceptional month for the Bulembu Church

A team from the Taiwan Technical Mission came to Bulembu to train the caregivers of the Children's Home on how to make their own liquid soap, fabric softener and floor polish. One of their focuses is empowering and training women in Eswatini to develop skills in areas where they can start their own businesses. Knowledge is valuable, builds up and creates opportunities; this is what we want for every employee.

May was an exceptional month for Bulembu Church. We celebrated our amazing caregivers and community mothers on Mother's Day, with the added joy of blessing them with the gift of a beautiful necklace, thoughtfully provided by a long-standing friend of the ministry and so much appreciated by all.



Calling all Canadian donors - Tax Receipts Available in Canada now for your GTO donations!

After many years, we are happy to finally announce that the GTO is a registered charity in Canada, meaning donations from Canadian donors who meet the requirements will be able to receive a tax receipt. This is a crucial step for the GTO as we start to establish regular monthly donors. Regular monthly contributions, in addition to local office fundraisers, play a significant role in sustaining the GTO.



Meet Alana Arcand (middle), who shares why she donates monthly:

"Having seen first-hand the impact the GTO is making in the lives of vulnerable children, I know how important it is for there to be some level of regular income for the organisation. Regular monthly donations gives the GTO the ability to plan and commit to supporting specific projects and helps give confidence and predictability in funding between office events".

Consider becoming a monthly donor and help further the GTO's goals. Please contact canada@gtotrust.co.za for more information and instructions on how to sign up!

WSP Brisbane Black Tie Gala Celebrated GTO Trust 20th Anniversary



The WSP Brisbane Social Club held an enchanting and magical Black Tie Gala Night on the 2nd of June 2023 at the esteemed Victoria Park Golf Club. Over 100 WSP staff members dressed to the nines as the evening boasted elegance and purpose. The night included Kat Stewart and Romney Rayner taking the stage to unveil the remarkable accomplishments of the GTO over the past 20 years. By the end of the event, an impressive \$320 AUD was raised.

Thank you to the Brisbane Social Committee for organising such a great event and supporting the transformative movement of the GTO.

And in the spirit of celebrating 20 years of the GTO's strides towards creating a better tomorrow for children globally, please join us in viewing the groundbreaking work we've done and the journey we've taken to launch our 20/20 Campaign!

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqsWiUyiKdM>

It's amazing to see how far we've come and the impact we've made in communities around the world. Let's continue to work together to make a difference.

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