

JTG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY DONATES SANITARY TOWELS

The John Taolo Gaetsewe District municipality ended their Womens' month by donating sanitary towels to Grade 5 to Grade 7 learners of Vanzylsrus Intermediate School. The event took place on the 31st August in Vanzylsrus, as one of the Executive Mayor's outreach programmes.

The school just like many others experience high absenteeism of girls when they are on their monthly menstrual periods. Unfortunately many parents cannot afford to buy them sanitary towels as most of them are unemployed and the cost of these basic hygiene necessities is too high for them to afford. This continues to affect these young girls' schooling and their confidence. The donation will ensure that learners do not have to miss school when they are on their periods.

These sanitary towels are of a different kind as they are washable. They come in a pack of ten and a set of panties with buttons to make sure that they prevent leakages and that the sanitary towel stays in its place. What these young girls are supposed to do is to wash them in cold soapy water and leave them to dry thoroughly before using them again.



Officials from JTG, Ms. Dineo Leserwane and Ms. Thobeka Mthintelwa talking to learners of Vanzylsrus Intermediate School

One of the officials gave the learners a motivational talk which focused mostly on the importance of hygiene. The learners though surprised, promised that they will use them and will encourage others to do the same, they were also happy for the donation.

The school representative Ms. Poloko Segoje expressed their gratitude to the John Taolo Municipality for having identified the school out of many others. She also reiterated that many young girls do miss school because many parents cannot afford to buy the sanitary towels for their daughters. She said that they hoped that they would not experience the challenge again from now on.

The donation was made possible by the Khumani Mine in partnership with the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.



Learners of Vanzylsrus Intermediate School receiving sanitary towels