



HEMEL-EN-AARDE EDUCATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND

The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley in Hermanus is one of the most beautiful places in South Africa, with rolling mountains, big blue skies and rows of green vineyards. This unique valley is home to a special community of farm owners, farm workers and their families.

The Pebbles Hemel-en-Aarde Education Project was established in January 2017 and aims to ensure that the children and families living in and around the valley have access to high standard of education, health, social and recreational services – particularly focusing on the less-accessible Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge region.

The project is based on a non-working farm and has an ECD centre, which consists of First Thousand Days (FTD) and Early Childhood Development (ECD) classrooms catering for children ages 3 months - 5 years.

The project is also home to the very first Pebbles Academy - an independent primary school opened in 2019 after the neighbouring government school closed down due to a lack of funding. The Pebbles Academy provides quality education to children from Grade R to Grade 7.

The project opened a Youth Development Centre in 2023 providing unemployed young adults the opportunity to learn new skills, enroll for tertiary education, be exposed to a variety of career choices and grow their self confidence preparing them for the world of work.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Daily transportation to and from the project
- Daily nutritious breakfast, lunch and two provided by the Pebbles Nutrition Programme
- Annual dental and health check-ups provided by the Pebbles Health Clinic
- The project has a vegetable garden supported by Haygrove Heaven that forms part of the projects education curriculum.
- The Pebbles Academy offers extra-curricular activities such as computer literacy, athletics, netball, karate, sex education, and more.

BENEFICIARY NUMBERS

The Early Childhood Development Centre	32
The Pebbles Academy	78
The Pebbles Youth Development	18
Total:	**128**

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