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Foreword

From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

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A very warm welcome to the readers of the Road Fund Newsletter. This is the sixth issue, which comes after the five editions we have produced over the years, which I hope you enjoyed reading as they contained incredibly informative news.

Our intention remains to ensure that all our stakeholders are well informed on the pertinent activities happening in the Fund. This newsletter is meant to fully engage all our stakeholders, including the employees by providing news and updates to keep them informed by virtue of them having a stake in the Fund's operations. Through this publication we wish to maintain an ongoing connection and strong relations with our stakeholders including the public at large.

We have realised that communicating what we do and what we plan to do is assisting us to achieve our desire for you to know us, including the ability to interact with us fully on all our communication channels.

In this issue we are excited to inform you about my appointment as the Chairperson of the Road Funds Regional Association known as ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group (ASAFG) which I will be leading for the coming two years. This is a great opportunity for the Road Fund in Lesotho to lead the region into greater heights for next two years. As Lesotho, we are up for the challenge and we hope to achieve some milestones during our tenure of office.

Also in this newsletter there are highlights from African Roads Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) Annual General Assembly (AGA), hosted by the Road Fund in Mozambique, in April 2023. This meeting brought together all Road



Mr. Nkekeletse Malakia Makara Pr. Eng

Chief Executive Officer

Funds from the four regions of the continent for an annual meeting of great minds, to map way forward on keeping the Road Funds relevant amidst a myriad of challenges they have. In this meeting, a new Executive Board of ARMFA was also elected, the story which is also highlighted in this issue.

As we normally do, highlights on some of the projects we continued to sponsor, which are road works implemented by Road Implementing Agencies financed by the Road Fund. These range from improvement of road markings,

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rehabilitation of roads, to maintenance of existing ones and erosion protection works on selected bitumen and gravel roads.

In enhancing the road safety programmes in the country, we have, during this period, funded the speed, drinking and driving campaign initiated by the Road Safety Department with the view to address the increasing road crashes in the country, caused by amongst others, over speeding, drinking and driving.

We continued to plough back to the community through sponsorship of the vulnerable people that we identified under the theme of people with disability, through the assistance of the Ministry of Social Development in the two districts of Berea and Thaba- Tseka. The story of five people who benefitted is highlighted in this issue. Also as a response to the call by the Ministry of Education and Training for government Agencies to assist vulnerable children in schools, we picked Lesia Primary School, whereto forty vulnerable students were identified and assisted with their school uniform needs.

The development of a New Strategic Plan for the Road Fund is another milestone highlighted

in this issue. The three-year Strategic Plan of the Road Fund came to an end in March 2023, hence the need to develop a new Plan, this time covering five years from 2023/2024 to 2027/2028.

I invite you to enjoy this issue, as you did with the others. Some of the pertinent initiatives that are not highlighted on this issue can be found on our up to date online platforms, namely the Road Fund website www.roadfund.org.ls as well as the Fund's social media pages of Facebook and Instagram.

We still look forward to your feedback through engaging our Corporate Communications Department on this and our other platforms on the Fund's activities.

Warm regards



Mr. Nkekeletse Malakia Makara Pr. Eng
Chief Executive Officer



Road Fund CEO Elected Chairperson at Regional Level

Road Fund CEO Mr. Nkekeletse Makara delivering his acceptance speech as the new ASAFG Chairperson

The Road Fund Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr. Nkekeletse Makara has been elected as the new Chairperson of the Road Funds regional body known as the ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group (ASAFG), during the recent regional meeting held in Lusaka, Zambia.

This is a great achievement, yet again, for the Road Fund in Lesotho to be part of the Executive Committee of the regional body for another two years, as Mr. Makara served as the Vice Chairperson of ASAFG in the past two years.

Delivering his vote of thanks, Mr. Makara thanked the ASAFG members for entrusting him with the mammoth task, further expressing his commitment to perform to the best of his ability to lead for growth and betterment of ASAFG.

He said he has learnt a lot during his tenure as Vice Chairperson, adding that the Southern Africa Focal Group is one of the strongest in Africa, and this is due to the solidarity that reigns within the member countries.

“I believe that united we can achieve a lot through our consolidated efforts as the region to ensure value for money in undertaking our mandate to finance maintenance of roads within our various countries and within the region,” he concluded.

The Chairperson will serve for a period of two years. He succeeds the Road Fund Mozambique



Participants at the ASAFG Meeting hosted by Road Fund in Zambia

CEO Professor Angelo Macuacua. The ASAFG meeting was attended by Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia.

Meanwhile, this was the first ASAFG meeting in 2023 convened with the purpose to jointly prepare for the upcoming Annual General Assembly to be hosted in Maputo, Mozambique from April 03 to 06, 2023.

The Meeting is convened under the mother body

known as African Roads Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) through its Southern Africa arm known as ASAFG (ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group).

The ASAFG meeting is hosted at least twice a year and it rotates amongst members. It is a platform for collaboration and concerted efforts amongst members, the last ASAFG meeting was hosted by the Road Fund in Angola.



ASAFG Meeting in Session in Lusaka, Zambia

Roads remain highest Mode of Transport in Africa-Nyusi

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Delegates at the ARMFA General Assembly hosted by Mozambique Road Fund

Roads remain the highest mode of transport in Africa; they provide links for collaboration and movement of passengers and goods for business and leisure within the African continent; thereby generating great reliance for them to remain in good condition.

This was said by the President of the Republic of Mozambique His Excellency Eng. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi while delivering a keynote address during the opening ceremony of the African Roads Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) Annual General Assembly (AGA) hosted by the Road Fund in Mozambique.

He said Road Funds are entrusted to provide solutions in financing and maintenance of roads and to align themselves with new developments in the sector, adding that lack of good roads isolate people from access to basic services.

“Road Funds are best run independently so that they can perform their mandates to the best of their ability. They should therefore provide the needed competency to ensure that the roads are always in good conditions,” he reiterated.

The President indicated that governments are aware that Road Funds are faced with challenges ranging from Climate change, such as floods that destruct roads and bridges, further urging the AGA to come up with tangible solutions to these challenges.

Speaking at the occasion, the Minister of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources Eng. Carlos Alberto Fortes Mesquita acknowledged the AGA theme “Aligning Sustainable Financing to the Needs of the Road Sector in Africa”, adding that it is being discussed at an opportune time when Road Funds in Africa need to think outside the box and tackle today’s road maintenance problems, in order for them to remain relevant.

He said ARMFA has kept relations amongst Road Funds intact over the years, and has been a good platform for exchange of information and knowledge on best practices from across all the regions, which comes in handy as countries adopt strategies that would suit their own situations.

On his part, the President of ARMFA Mr. Ali Ipinge, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Namibia Road Fund Administration,

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The President of Mozambique while officially opening the ARMFA Annual General Assembly

introduced ARMFA to the participants, indicating that the Association was founded in Gabon in 2003, then by 18 members. He said today ARMFA has evolved and counts 36 members representing about 2/3 of Road Funds in Africa.

He underlined the fact that there is a gradual decrease of fuel levy with the emergence of more efficient and electric vehicles which represents a huge challenge to Road Funds, hence it is necessary that Road Funds get engaged in alternative ways of mobilizing financial resources such as inland tolling as an alternative for funding streams for Road Funds.

He said Africa has a network of about 2.9 million, saying that sadly only 30 percent of those are in good condition. He said more needs to be done to address the inconsistencies in the network,

coupled with high road user charges which hinder regional integration.

He concluded by indicating that the user pay principle has proved to be of general value for the benefit of road users, for in countries where the Road Funds have been closed down, the road infrastructure is suffering and has deteriorated into bad state.

ARMFA is a non-profit making and non-political association that was founded in the year 2003 in Libreville, Gabon. The aim is to provide a platform and establish a network for experience and information sharing on leading road maintenance practices in Africa; to discuss and find opportunities on funding options and to promote and strengthen links between members of African Road Funds.



Part of Participants at the ARMFA AGA in Maputo, Mozambique

Road Fund Board of Directors undergo Training



Board Members during the IoDSA Training

The Road Fund Board of Directors have undergone a one week, seven module Training on Being a Director offered by the Institute of Directors South Africa (IoDSA).

The aim is to develop the members and have them as certified Directors. The course looks at different roles of the Board, Governance of Compliance, Governance of Ethics and other essential elements of Governance.

The training follows appointment of four new Board Members towards the end of last year, thereby necessitating enhancement of skills they already possessed as they joined the Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, The Board and Executive Committee of the Road Fund subsequently met to jointly review the revised and newly developed Policies of the Road Fund Secretariat.

Officiating the four-day session, the Deputy Board Chairperson Mr. Khotso Moleleki said Policies are guiding tools of the organisation and would pave way for operational efficiency and enable the Secretariat to perform its mandate as expected.

He said Policies also set the standard that allows for well streamlined external and internal processes, they ensure compliance by employees

and provide guidance for informed decision making.

Let by the Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nkekeletse Makara; the members of Executive Management Team presented the various Policies to the Board of Directors, for validation prior to finalisation and implementation by the Secretariat.

Mr. Makara said once finalised, the Policies will be properly disseminated to employees to ensure smooth implementation of same, to ensure that the Fund's resources and time are utilised effectively as guided by the Policies.

He concluded by indicating that the Policies are not only for the betterment of the Road Fund but for the country at large as the Fund serves the nation as per its mandate which is executed hand in hand with Road Implementing Agencies and Revenue Collection Agencies alike.



Board and EXCO Members during the Policy Review Session



Road Fund Sponsors End of Year Road Safety Campaign

Minister of Public Works and Transport delivering a speech during the launch of the campaign

In a quest to fulfil part of its mandate, which is to promote road user safety programmes, Road Fund has sponsored the Road Safety Annual End of Year Campaign.

In his speech to officially launch the campaign, the Minister of Public Works and Transport, Mr. Matjato Moteane said the success of the campaign depends on all stakeholders coming together to join hands in dealing with safety on the roads, adding that government on its own would not succeed even if they tried.

He said road users need to take road safety seriously, as many lives are lost on the roads due to among others negligence, reckless driving and drunken driving. "This year we are focusing on drunk driving, use of seatbelt, over speeding and roadworthy vehicles, hence our theme of the campaign is "Don't drink and drive, speed kills", he added.

Mr. Moteane concluded by explaining that the

government of Lesotho has signed an agreement with global organisations to decrease road accidents by half in the year 2030, adding that statistics shows that 87% of the accidents are caused by reckless driving, further urging drivers and the nation to abide by the road traffic laws in order to decrease the number of deaths and accidents that are road related.

Speaking at the occasion, the Road Fund CEO Mr. Nkeketse Makara emphasised the need to support the Road Safety Department to educate road users and the nation at large about responsible driving and use of roads.

He further indicated that the campaigns need to be done regularly for more awareness and understanding by road users, adding that for as long as the campaigns prove to be useful, the Fund will continue to support them financially and otherwise.

The Director of Road Safety Department Dr.



Minister of Public Works and Transport orientated about the speed camera during campaign launch

Kinini Mathews urged government to put road safety high in its agenda, so that her Department can perform as expected to enhance road user education. She thanked the Road Fund for continued support for her Department's initiatives over the years.

“Our objective is to protect the lives of the people and their properties, and we will do everything in our power to achieve this, Police Officers will work with Road Safety through

and through in order to make this campaign a success”, stated the Assistant Commissioner of Police Operations Mr. Matete Lenea.

Other officials who spoke at the ceremony reiterated the importance of road safety and reduction of road accidents which result in increased fatalities and damage to property.

The campaign is held annually under different themes and Road Fund is its main sponsor.



Display of publicity banners by sponsors during the launch of the campaign

New ARMFA Executive Committee elected

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The ARMFA President delivering his speech at the ARMFA Annual General Meeting in Mozambique

The new African Roads Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) Executive Committee was elected during the recent ARMFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) hosted by the Road Fund in Mozambique.

The AGM followed the two-day Annual General Assembly, and was attended by ARMFA Members only, as opposed to the AGA which was attended by a range of stakeholders in the road sector.

Speaking at the AGM, the outgoing ARMFA President Mr. Ali Ipinge thanked members for

their support during his two-year tenure, also tabulating some of the achievements of the outgoing committee as well as the challenges they faced.

Among achievements he talked of included membership recruitment drive where two new members namely Angola and Gabon joined the Association. Revival of old members saw Chad, Uganda and Zimbabwe rejoining the Association as well, he said.

In terms of Finances he highlighted that transfer of funds from Ethiopia to Kenya was

successfully done, with Kenya being the new proposed Headquarters of ARMFA. He said audit of Annual Financial Statements 2021 and 2022 was done and completed and there was also an increase in membership fee income with more members showing commitment to pay their dues.

Some of the Challenges the President talked about included threat of dissolution or merging of Road Funds in some countries into government departments or other agencies, shrinking revenues especially the road maintenance levy/fuel levy, introduction of electric vehicles, impact of climate change as lack of Road Asset Management Systems within Road Funds.

The new members of the EXCO are as follows:

| NO | SURNAME | FIRST NAMES | TITLE | COUNTRY | DESIGNATION |
|----|---------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | Essaie | Moussa Aubin | Mr. | Cameroon | President |
| 2 | Naimanye | Andrew | Dr. | Uganda | 1st Vice-President |
| 3 | Kallon | Mohamed | Mr. | Sierra Leone | 2nd Vice-President |
| 4 | Ipinge | Ali | Mr. | Namibia | Immediate Past President |
| 5 | Macuacua | Angelo Antonio | Prof. | Mozambique | Treasurer |
| 6 | Makara | Nkekeletse | Mr. | Lesotho | Chairperson: Southern African Focal Group |
| 7 | Mohamed | Rashid | Mr. | Kenya | Chairperson: East Africa Focal Group |
| 8 | Abdel Djoubar | Fotor | Mr. | Central African Republic | Chairperson: Central African Focal Group |
| 9 | Alkassoum | Ali | Dr. | Niger | Chairperson: West African Focal Group |
| 10 | Gonteb | Rianus | Mr. | Namibia | Interim Executive Secretary |

They will serve the Association for the coming two years.



The Road Fund CEO, Heads of Finance and Corporate Communications during the ARMFA AGA in Mozambique

Road Works sponsored by Road Fund- Implementation by Roads Directorate



Routine Maintenance of Mafeteng to Thabana Morena Road

During the last Financial year, Road Fund has sponsored Roads Directorate to undertake Routine Maintenance of B26 Mafeteng-Thabana Morena paved road.

This maintenance is now complete and has cost the Fund around M1,6 Million.

Road Fund is also sponsoring Roads Directorate to undertake routine maintenance of B12 TY to Kubetu paved road.

The ongoing protection works have to date cost the Road Fund over M800,000.00.

Another project that is in progress and is being implemented by Roads Directorate is the Plant and Design repair of 2 Vented Fords and 2 Drifts crossing along Makhoroana to Tšabang road.

The work entails construction of 2 Vented Fords and two Drifts has cost the Fund around M3,6 Million.

Roads Directorate has also completed routine maintenance of Qhoali to Sekake paved road. The works consisted of edge protection works, clearing, grubbing and construction of gabions, stone pitching and pothole patching.

The works cost the Fund over M800,000.00.

The Road Fund is entrusted to collect revenue from various streams; the revenue is then disbursed to road implementing agencies namely Roads Directorate, Maseru City Council and Ministry of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads in the country. Road Safety Department also gets a share for road user safety Programmes.



Routine Maintenance of TY to Kubetu Road



Routine Maintenance of TY to Kubetu Road



Routine Maintenance of Qhoali to Sekake Road

Road Works sponsored by Road Fund -Implementation by Ministry of Local Government

In line with the Fund's mandate, which is to finance routine, emergency and periodic maintenance of roads, the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police has been sponsored to undertake periodic maintenance of a gravel road at Bongalla to Maoela.

The maintenance work entails maintenance of the gravel road including construction of a Vented Ford for improved access of Maoela area.

The project is now complete has cost Road Fund about M5,1 Million.



Routine Maintenance of Bongalla to Maoela Road - Construction of a Vented Ford



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Routine Maintenance of Bongalla to Maoela Road- Construction of a Vented Ford



Road Fund, Stakeholders reflect on quality of service

Road Fund Head of Engineering addressing participants at the Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

The Road Fund and its Stakeholders have reflected on the quality of service they offer to the customers, being the road users, during a Stakeholder Engagement Meeting organized by the Road Fund, at their offices in Maseru.

In his opening remarks, the Road Fund Head of Engineering Mr. Tšeliso Polaki reminded the Road Implementing Agencies that the road users expect quality roads in return to the road user charges they pay to the Road Fund, hence Road Fund cannot longer disassociate itself from the bad state of the roads.

“We are receiving negative feedback from our customers (road users) regarding the quality of the roads, the customers need to be satisfied with the services that we provide because we collect funds from them, and they have a right to complain if they are dissatisfied with our services,” Mr Polaki reiterated.

He also stated that there is more money that

is being lost due to poor construction or road maintenance, indicating that if the roads are constructed or maintained correctly, they last long thus saving funds.

He also encouraged the agencies to make sure that the contractors they engage understand and comply with all the requirements that are expected from them in order to assure quality of their work, further encouraging the agencies to also monitor the contractors.

Mr. Polaki concluded by urging the agencies to improve the quality of their work, mentioning that the agencies should strive hard to submit the reports needed by the Fund in time and communicate with the Fund if they are facing some challenges, have queries or questions.

The meeting was between the Road Fund as the financier and the Road Implementing Agencies representatives from Roads Directorate, Maseru City Council and Ministry of Local Government,



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Part of participants at the Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

Chieftainship, Home Affairs and Police.

The Stakeholder engagement meetings' sole purpose is to strengthen the working relationship and communication between Road Fund and its Stakeholders and to discuss challenges as well as possible solutions.

From the discussions, the participants acknowledged Road Fund's plea and promised to improve the quality of work in order to attain value for money and mostly to meet the expectations of the customers.

The Road Fund maintains relations with the Agencies both at Technical level and at high level led by the Principals.



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Part of participants at the Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

Road Funds convene to tackle innovative Models for Sustainable Financing of Road Infrastructure

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ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group CEOs met with Authorities in Luanda, Angola

Road Funds in the Southern African Region convened for a three day Southern Africa Focal Group meeting hosted, for the very first time, by the Road Fund in Luanda, Angola at the end of 2022.

The Road Fund Lesotho Team, led by the Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nkekeletse Makara, joined counterparts during this meeting which was convened under the mother body known as African Roads Maintenance Funds Association (ARMFA) through its Southern Africa arm known as ASAFG (ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group).

The purpose of the meeting was for members to keep abreast with developments in the funding of roads sector, and to jointly celebrate milestones as well as tackle challenges that Road Funds in the region encounter, including jointly devising possible solutions to the challenges.

At the meeting, all member countries (Angola, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe) presented on the pre-determined theme for the meeting namely “Innovative models for sustainable financing of road infrastructure”.

Other topics that were discussed at the ASAFG

meeting included the challenges of regional corridors mobility, integration and trade; transparency in procurement and funding of road infrastructure maintenance contracts as well as the importance of integrated public safety and technological support for the virtual toll system.

The ASAFG meeting is held at least twice a year and it rotates amongst members. It is a platform for collaboration and it also prepares for the Annual General Meeting where all Road Funds in Africa convene to share ideas on better ways of responding to the ever rising road maintenance needs. The last ASAFG meeting was hosted by the Road Fund Lesotho.



ARMFA Southern Africa Focal Group CEOs attended the Regional Meeting in Luanda, Angola



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Forty Students receive School Uniform from Road Fund

Lesia Primary School students welcoming Road Fund to their School

A total of forty (40) vulnerable students of Lesia Primary School in Maseru received full packages of School Uniform as per their individual needs, during the recent Corporate Social Responsibility event hosted by the School.

The beneficiaries received school shoes, uniforms, jerseys, shirts, and socks as a donation by the Road Fund, and as part of its commitment to be a responsible corporate citizen through giving back to the communities.

Speaking at the occasion, the Head of Corporate Communications Mrs. Phumla Moleko said that the Fund feels proud to help so many children with their school needs, “We know this is not enough, there are more children who are still in need but we are happy for the contribution we made and hope it will change the lives of the vulnerable children,” she added.

She expressed hope that the assistance will go a long way to ensure that vulnerable children are not discriminated against, because normally when the children are without school uniform, they tend to have low self-esteem and unable to perform well in the classroom.

When accepting the gifts, the Lesia Primary School Principal, Mrs. Ntšitile Manamolela said the school is proud and happy with the gifts, adding that no donor has ever given the children a complete uniform set, most donors usually give

shoes only, but Road Fund has met the school uniform needs of to each of the 40 children.

Mrs. Manamolela said the gifts were highly appreciated and wished that Road Fund would have the ability to donate more gifts to other children who are less fortunate and change their lives for the better.

“We are glad that you were responsive to the Minister’s request to help vulnerable children because lack of uniform remains a huge challenge in this school as most of the parents are not working while others work in factories and do not have enough money to buy uniform. You have indeed changed their lives and therefore may God grand you more,” said Sir Lebona Ramakabatane on behalf of the teachers.

The children were very happy as they welcomed Road Fund Officers with happy songs and thankful poems, they demonstrated a lot of appreciation for the what the Road Fund has done to improve their lives.

The donation was part of the Road Fund Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, and also as a response to the call by the Ministry of Education and Training’s Back to School Campaign, where they requested government agencies to contribute to the welfare of vulnerable children in schools.

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Part of Lesia Primary School students during the handing over of School uniform ceremony



Road Fund Staff Members during the handing over ceremony



Beneficiaries of school uniform showcasing their packages at the ceremony



Lesia Primary School Principal delivering her welcome remarks during the ceremony

Road Fund embarks on development of New Strategic Plan

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Part of Road Fund Staff during the development of the new Strategic Plan

The Road Fund Management gathered for a week long workshop to develop the new Strategic Plan for the Road Fund, which will come into effect in the new financial year of 2023/2024.

This is in a quest to maintain a sense of direction in the day to day as well as long term activities of the Fund, and to define the destination towards which the business of the Fund should move.

On the first day of the workshop, all Road Fund staff members were invited to take part in the development and improvement of the initial components of the Strategic Plan and what can be done to improve day to day running of the organisation.

When officially opening the meeting, Road Fund Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nkekeletse Makara said it is very important for staff to take part in the development and implementation of the Strategy in order to fulfil the Road Fund mandate.

He indicated that in the previous years the Road Fund had a Strategic Plan which was developed by Consultants and not easy to comprehend, hence the approach to now develop own plan as no one understands the Road Fund mandate more than its staff members.

The Road Fund Head of Human Resources and Administration, Ms. 'Mafako Lepholisa pointed out that without team effort, the Road Fund would not be able to achieve much in the implementation of the strategy, therefore urging everybody to participate in order to fully own the end product.

The current Strategic Plan for the Fund comes to an end on March 31, 2023. The new one will kick in and end on March 31, 2028.

Road Fund puts a smile on People with Disabilities



Road Fund Staff and Ministry of Social Development Berea Representative with beneficiary of a wheelchair

Christmas is the time of giving! It is for this reason that the Road Fund, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme, put a smile on people with disabilities during this time.

With the help of the Ministry of Social Development in the Berea and Thaba-Tseka districts, five people were identified, their needs assessed and Road Fund delivered in accordance to the needs just at an opportune time.

Speaking on behalf of the Road Fund CEO, The Road Fund Head of Corporate Communications, who is also a member of the CSR committee Mrs. Phumla Moleko congratulated those who were assisted and reiterated the Road Fund's happiness that the donations were delivered just before Christmas so that the beneficiaries can enjoy their Christmas holidays.

"You are the lucky ones, as Road Fund receives a number of requests for assistance every year, which surpass the budget set aside for CSR initiatives, please enjoy these gifts, use them wisely and sparingly and we hope they will indeed make your lives easier during this period", she concluded.

Speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Gender, Youth, Sports, Arts, Culture and Social Development in Berea Mrs. 'Mathabelo Phenethi thanked the Road Fund on behalf of the beneficiaries, saying



Road Fund Staff and Ministry of Social Development Thaba Tseka posing with the beneficiaries in Katse

that it was her Ministry's responsibility to take care of the disabled, but are mostly hindered by lack of funds to reach all beneficiaries at time.

The beneficiaries received equipment ranging from wheelchair and crutches to make their day to day lives easier; they also got summer and winter clothes as well as food packages.

The Road Fund gives back to the community every year, depending on the funds available and the theme for the year. This year Road Fund CSR Focused on people with disabilities.

The assistance was to a tune of M100,000.00.



One of the beneficiaries identified under the disability category in Berea posed for a picture

Road Fund Back to School Event



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