

# School principal jubilant, after her school was painted

**Members of Best Med, in conjunction with Partners for Possibility (PfP), painted Esikhisini Primary School, on July 19, as part of their '67 minutes for Mandela', to do something positive for the community in honour of Mandela Day.**

Shireesh Ramdeen, manager of Best Med, told the *Tshwane Sun*, "We selected this school because we wanted to make a difference in the community, as well as transform the school building, bringing joy to the learners, by painting it."

He said, "We chose this school to give our '67 minutes for Mandela', in celebration of Mandela Month, because we wanted to surprise learners on their return to school, for the second term."

The principal of the school, Maud Langa said, she was excited that members of Best Med were making a difference in the lives of others. They were doing this for learners to return to

school on Monday, to a renovated, and clean school.

Marketing and Communications Manager, Dorcus Dube stated; "Partners for Possibility is a creative solution to South Africa's education crisis, it is a co-action, co-learning partnership between school principals and business leaders, enabling social cohesion through partnerships, and empowering principals to become change leaders in their schools and communities. The Partners for Possibility Programme facilitates cross-sectoral reciprocal partnerships between Business, Government and the Social Sector. The PfP Programme was founded in 2010, when Louise van Rhyn (Director and Founder), became the first Business Leader to partner with a principal, in an effort to improve a school's education outcome. The PfP initiative, speaks to the idea that enhancing the quality of education, improving the school environment and encouraging engagement between parents and

teachers is meaningful, as well as attainable goals that would provide an upward spiral of real change in society." She continued, "By placing the school at the centre of the community, radical transformation can be achieved in the education sector. Thus far, Partners for Possibility has impacted 437 schools across South Africa and Esikhisini

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*'Partners for Possibility' painting the school.*