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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Relebhone Rirhandzu Myambo, and I am the founder and executive director of The Masana Library Project. Our organisation focuses on literacy for South African schools which have limited or no resources. Our efforts in literacy and literature started around five years ago when we began collecting and cataloguing books. Throughout that time we were also building a relationship with our first school, Khesethwane High, and making plans to start a library there.

Khesethwane was chosen for its immense need, and because the principal, Principal Malatji, is a fierce and dedicated leader who was open to us assisting in her vision to better the lives of learners. When she first took over as principal in 2020, the school was marked by chronic underperformance. Over the past four years, the school has seen an increase in the matriculant pass rates. In 2020, the pass rate was **57,5%**. In 2021, it jumped to **65%**. Still in 2022 it improved, to a whopping **82,1%**. In 2023, it was **94,2%**, and just last year, the pass rate was **98%**! This is a remarkable improvement for a school with virtually no resources in a poor rural area.

We are seeking funding for a library at Khesethwane, where the learners can loan books and improve their literacy. There are huge gaps in the basic education system that the government is slow to address. As we push our leaders to do better, we also need to attend to the immediate needs of learners. Part of how we can do this is through making books accessible to them.

Funding for this project is essential because it enables us to make that happen. This financial support will allow us to convert an unused classroom into a library, put systems in place to operate it, buy books, and foster a culture of reading.

The Masana Library Project is passionate about addressing the problem of poor literacy – the future of this country depends on it!

We look forward to working with you to make lasting change possible.

Sincerely,

Relebhone Myambo

Founder and Chief Bookworm

OUR NEEDS

We are starting a library from scratch, as the school has not had a library since its inception. It is a humongous task, but with the collaboration of the school, our team, and you — it can be done.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The classroom has been unused for some years and is in disrepair. We will need to fix issues such as flooring, ceilings, lights, doors, and windows before we can give it a fresh coat of paint and transform it into a space learners will love.



SUPPORT

We are organising a team of volunteers, teachers, and learners who will run the library. This network is designed to be self-sufficient.



RESOURCES

The library will be stocked with literature, furniture, office equipment, and everything else needed to make the library fully functional.



TRAINING

Each member of the support network will be trained on how to manage the loan system, how to run a library, cataloguing, and more.



OUR NEEDS

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION
Furniture	Desks, shelves, chairs, bean bags, filing cabinets, lockers, step ladder, etc
Stationery	Paper, pens, staplers, notebooks, plastic covers, labels, stamps, folders, cardboard, returns boxes, plastic covers, cards, prestik, etc
Books	Books, special interest magazines (eg. National Geographic), reference, special collections, etc
Office equipment	Printer, label maker, computer/ tablet, scanners, ink, bookends, book trolleys, noticeboard etc
Infrastructure	Cement, paint, flooring, doors, windows, etc
Sundry	Signage, artwork, storage, security, carpets, cleaning supplies, safety (fire extinguishers), activity (Scrabble, puzzles), library cards and holders, software etc