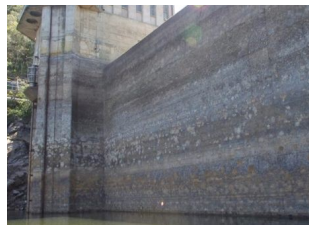


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Water crisis in Grahamstown

Grahamstown is suffering from an acute water shortage with people being asked to use less than 50 litres of water a day for all purposes. The threat of 2 days on and 2 days off is imminent as one of the dams supplying the city now has no usable water at all. Siyazama, a pre-school supported by FOGADD is doing its bit to help. It has installed waterless toilets (*top right*) and is using tanks to harvest rain water (*bottom right*) which has enabled

them to give out bottles of water to parents when they collect their children.



Settler's Dam– there is now no usable water in this dam



Gadra students graduate

At the recent Rhodes university graduation ceremony, we are delighted to report that 31 ex Gadra Matric students received degrees or post graduate qualifications. The Gadra Matric School enables school leavers to retake their final exams and improve their grades sufficiently to move into higher education. Eight of the graduates have BEd degrees so will be teaching in schools throughout the Eastern Cape. We trust they will be helping to raise standards in those

schools, having benefited from a second chance at the Matric School. One student obtained a BSc Hons in Water Resource Management, desperately needed, in the light of the current drought. The recent graduates attributed their success at Rhodes to GADRA. Siphosethu Balakisi who graduated with a BA degree said that her

experience at the school contributed to her success at Rhodes. This year FOGADD made a grant of over R100,000 (£6000) to Gadra to support their work.

We were also thrilled to hear that one of our FOGADD scholars, Jasmine Roberts, passed her matric last year and is going to study Education at Rhodes University.



Why FOGADD is needed

In Grahamstown, a deprived area of South Africa between Durban and Cape Town, many bright, young kids are let down by an inadequate education system.

Failure to achieve “matric” (the qualification at the end of secondary education, equivalent to ‘A’ levels) blights lives permanently. For anyone without matric, university is not an option, and job prospects are bleak in an economy where unemployment runs at 60%.

Frequently, students fail to achieve matric due to poor teaching, not lack of ability.

FOGADD transforms life chances by supporting students to achieve matric.

We do this in two ways:

- *we provide scholarships to enable bright pupils to go to better schools. These are not private schools, but state schools which charge “top up” fees to supplement state funding. The education is significantly better than in the no-fee schools, but it’s unaffordable for many.*
- *for those students who are relegated to a second-rate education at no-fee schools we help to fund a highly successful “matric school” for the year after they leave formal education. Matric school makes a life-*

changing difference for 200 students each year by supporting them to pass matric or improve their matric grades.

We also inspire and support students by helping to fund a number of other education projects – for example, a mobile science lab, after-school clubs, reading support in primary schools and courses to improve teaching standards.

How can you help?

We are very grateful to all our supporters whether they make one off or regular donations. It would be great if you could spread the word amongst your friends and like our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FOGADD/>

If you would like to organize a fund raising event and would like information or help with publicity please contact us by email to: dme-gone@hotmail.com



Annual review 2018

If you would like to read our review of funding it is available on our website [here](#). We were very pleased that our income increased to £21,725 for the year ended 31 March 2018 . This is around the minimum level we require to pay scholars’ school fees and maintain the level of support which we have been giving to our key projects.