



Sibona Ilanga TRUST 2024



What is the Sibona Ilanga Trust?

The Trust was established by De Aar Solar Power (also known as the De Aar plant or the De Aar project company) as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer (REIPP) programme implemented by the government to assist in alleviating South Africa's electricity shortage.

The Trust owns 8% of the De Aar plant. The Trust owns this share through its 'trust company'. This means that when profits are made by the De Aar plant the trust receives 8% of it. This is paid in 'dividends' to the trust company and then on to the trust.

However, the trust had to take loans to buy its 8% share in the De Aar plant. For several years from the time the trust was established, this debt had to first be paid with almost all the funds received by the trust. In 2019 the loans were finally settled and the trust was able to fund more community development projects.

The Trust is an independent entity that is governed by trustees who have been appointed to ensure that it is run in an effective, efficient, responsible, and accountable way.

What does the Sibona Ilanga Trust do?

The Sibona Ilanga Trust supports social and economic advancement within a 50 kilometer radius from the De Aar Solar Power plant. The Trust does this by partnering with local people and their organisations to build strong, vibrant, safe and prosperous communities that have more social and economic equality than in the past. It supports community-driven initiatives through grantmaking, capacity building and other activities.

After consultation with communities, a review of grant applications that it has received in the past, and analysis of needs, gaps and opportunities in the places where it works, the trust has decided to give priority to community organisations that focus on the following activities for now:

- Market and enterprise development: The development of small businesses with a particular focus on Britstown, Philipstown and Hanover.
- Youth education and life skills: Initiatives that support young people to break out of the inter-generational cycle of poverty, with a particular focus on peer support and social re-investment by beneficiaries.
- Food: Community-based nutrition initiatives that support vulnerable people including children and elderly people, with priority given to initiatives that produce food locally and/or source their food supplies from small local suppliers.

The Trust provides grants to organisations who apply for support to run these activities. Grants are given through a competitive process where many groups apply and their applications are assessed in comparison to each other, normally through an open call for grant applications.

The Trust also runs its own programmes including programmes to support young people in school and out of school develop life skills that prepare them to be job-ready or ready to participate in further education and skills development opportunities, giving educational and skills development bursaries to young people, and a capacity building programme to link small local businesses into the food supply chains of community based food distribution projects.

In addition, the trust has set up a standing disaster relief fund to be able to respond to unexpected emergencies that affect communities as they arise, which it has used to respond to urgent community needs such as during the COVID-19 crisis, for example. It was able to provide food and blankets to those who were not able to benefit from feeding schemes which had to close, and provide protective equipment to enable feeding schemes to resume their activities.

Grantmaking Process

Below is a guideline as to how the grantmaking process works. Should you require any additional information, please send an email to: ntombizanele@sibonailangatrust.co.za



Special Projects: Philipstown Town Hall Renovation Update

During the 2022 community consultation forum of the Trust which took place on 10 October 2022, it was noted that the Philipstown town hall needed repairs, a facelift, fixing, and better accessibility for all people in the community. Accessibility to the hall was an issue for people using wheelchairs. The ablution facility was also not functional. Most of the windows were broken, making the hall unpleasant to use, especially in bad weather conditions.

The Trust has committed to building a ramp at the main entrance of the hall, fixing the windows, and ensuring that the electricity and ablution facilities are restored. The Trust has also committed to repainting the facility, which has not been done for many years.

Before renovations



The Trust has and continues to make significant progress, providing a fresh look to the once dilapidated building. The Trust will be celebrating this significant achievement with an official handover ceremony to the Renosterberg Local Municipality once completed.

Progress of renovations



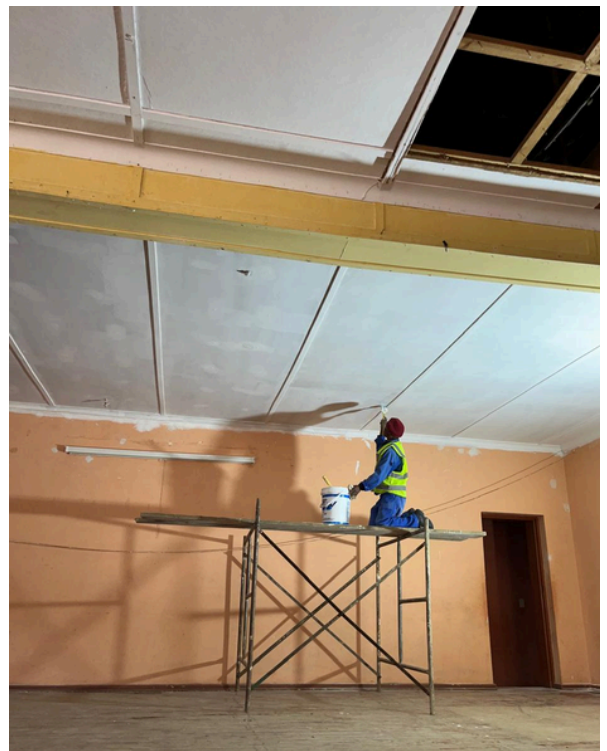
The building received a fresh coat of paint with a new staircase and ramp.



A safety rail being installed to provide assistance for people with wheelchairs.



Ablution facility completely revamped with new tiles installed.



Ceilings being replaced, accompanied by a fresh coat of paint.

Call for 2025 Bursary Applications

At the end of the 2024 financial year, the Trust has invested R9.1 million in academic and skills development bursaries. A further R1.5 million has been invested since the beginning of the 2024/2025 financial year. This gave recipients an opportunity to study further at South African tertiary education or training institutions including public or private TVET colleges, universities of technology or academic universities. The Trust's bursary programme has already provided 86 bursaries at the end of the 2024 financial year with a further 22 bursaries aligned for the 2025 financial year. The Trust has committed a further R2.5 million in bursaries for 2025/2026 financial year:

Individuals over the age of 35 years old intending to or currently studying towards skills training (plumbing, bricklaying etc.) are encouraged to apply as well. The closing date for bursary applications is **31 October 2024**.

For any bursary related enquiries, please email Busi Ndlovu: b.ndlovu@studytrust.org.za

****Our financial year runs from the 1 March to the end of February each year.***



MEET ONE OF OUR BURSARY BENEFICIARIES

Sinovuyo Sesman
B Sc - Biotechnology
Second Year, University of Western Cape

CALL FOR 2025 BURSARY APPLICATIONS

The Sibona Ilanga Trust is a community trust that owns shares in the De Aar Solar Power plant for the benefit of communities within a 50 kilometre radius of the plant. It believes that everyone in its communities should have an opportunity to reach their dreams. One way that the Trust expresses this, is by empowering individuals to advance.

The Sibona Ilanga Trust is offering individuals out of school an opportunity to study further at South African tertiary education or training institutions including public or private TVET colleges, universities of technology or academic universities.

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Individuals intending to or currently studying towards a NQF level 6 in technical, skills training (plumbing, bricklaying etc.) and training programmes, or for national diploma and degree programmes are invited to apply for a bursary. Those who completed their NSC or NTC previously but are not currently studying can also apply.

Criteria for Applicants

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Must be a South African Citizen✓ Not older than 35 years✓ Must reside within 50km radius of the De Aar Solar plant✓ Must be accepted to study at any recognised public or private South African tertiary education or training institution✓ Matriculation is a requirement	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>SKILLS TRAINING</th><th>ACADEMIC EDUCATION</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>✗</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>✗</td><td>✗</td></tr></tbody></table>	SKILLS TRAINING	ACADEMIC EDUCATION	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
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Documents Required

Copy of I.D | Proof of household income | Proof of acceptance at a tertiary institution | Proof of residence

Bursaries can include full tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses and study materials.



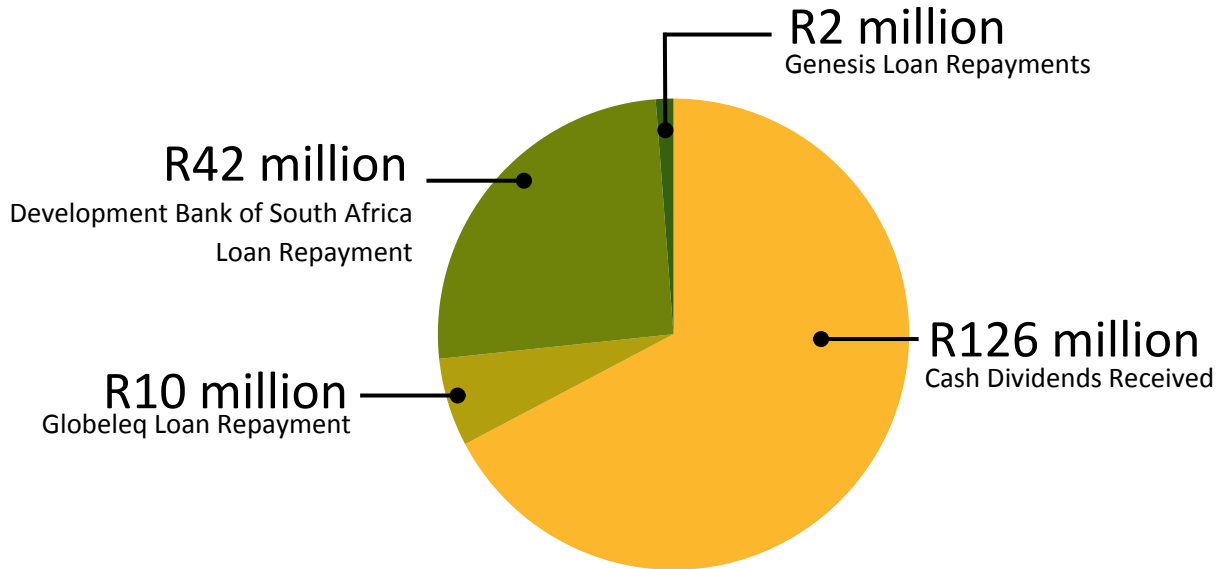
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FINAL CLOSING DATE
31 October 2024
NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

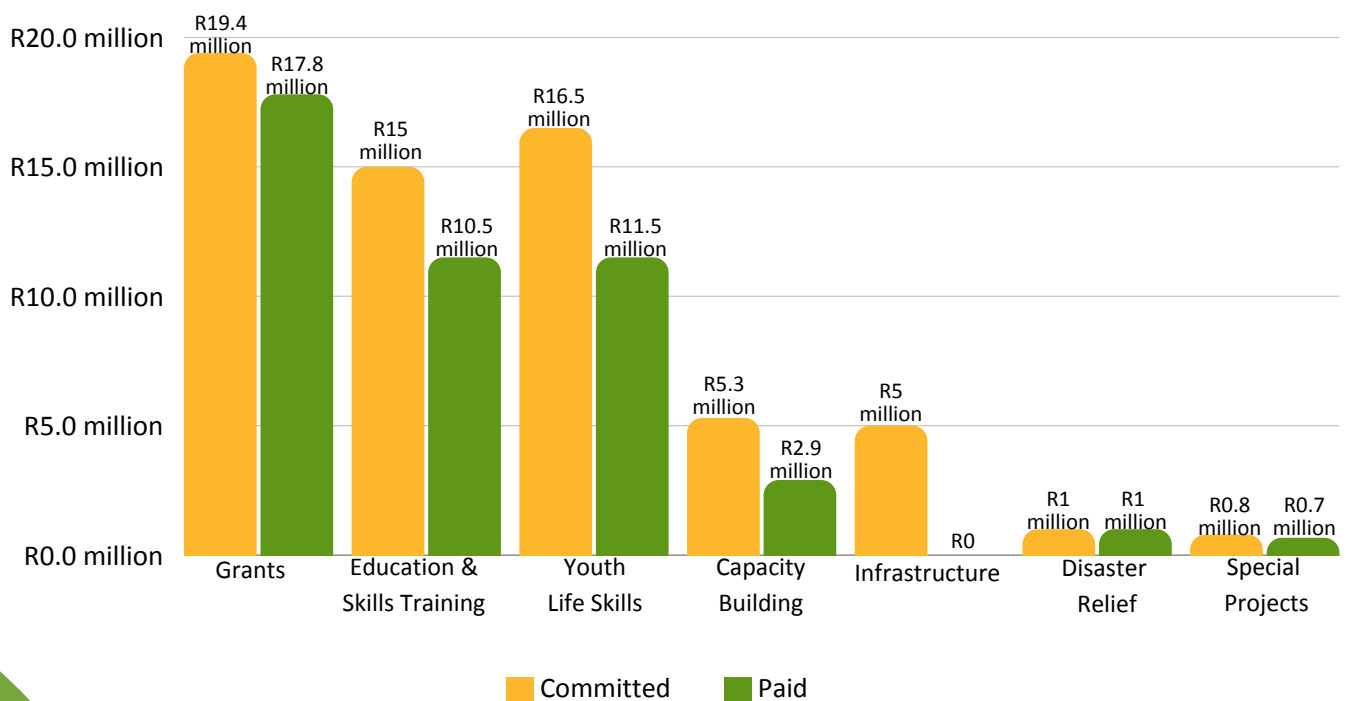
What has the Sibona Ilanga Trust been spending on?

Since 2014 when the De Aar Solar Power plant started operating, the Trust has received R180 million. The total amount paid to settle loans was R54 million, leaving R126 million to be spent on community development projects, setting up the Trust, and the operational programmes of the Trust. The table and chart below illustrate how dividends were used to pay the debt. All debt was paid up in December 2019.



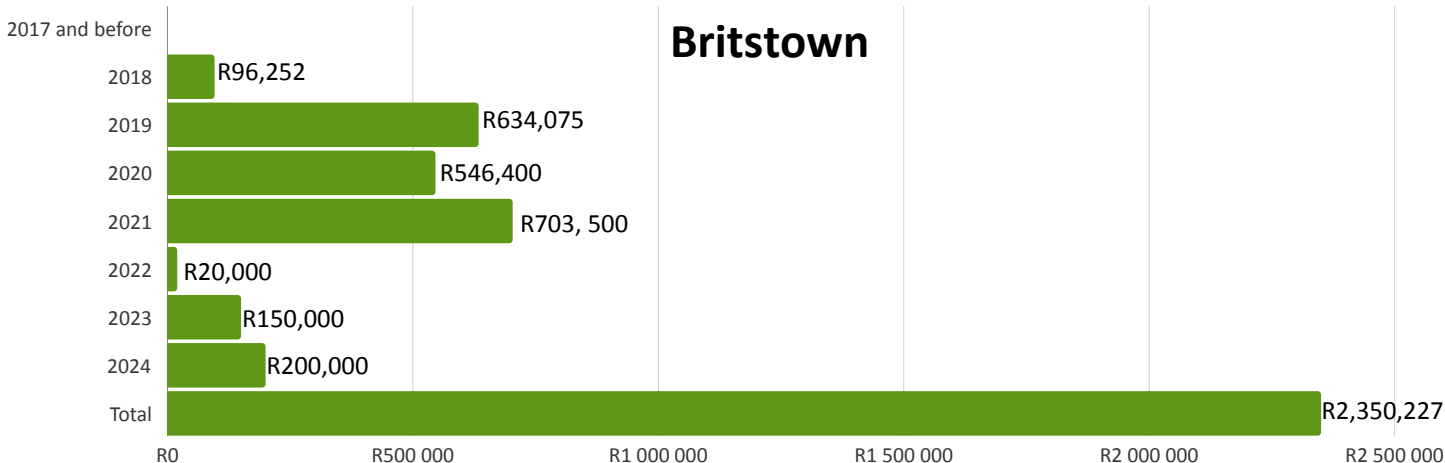
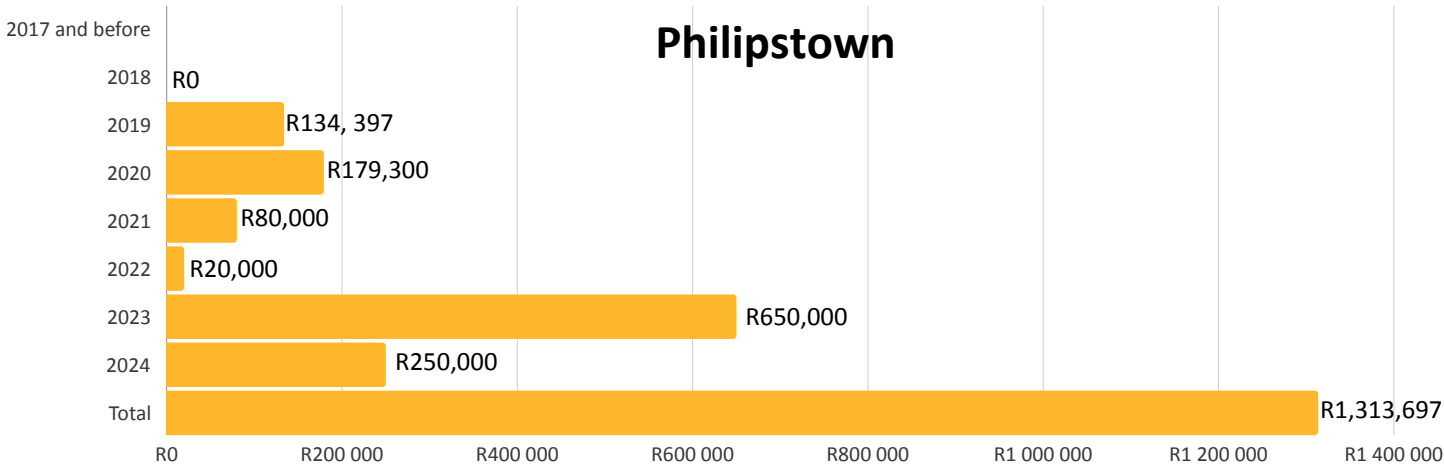
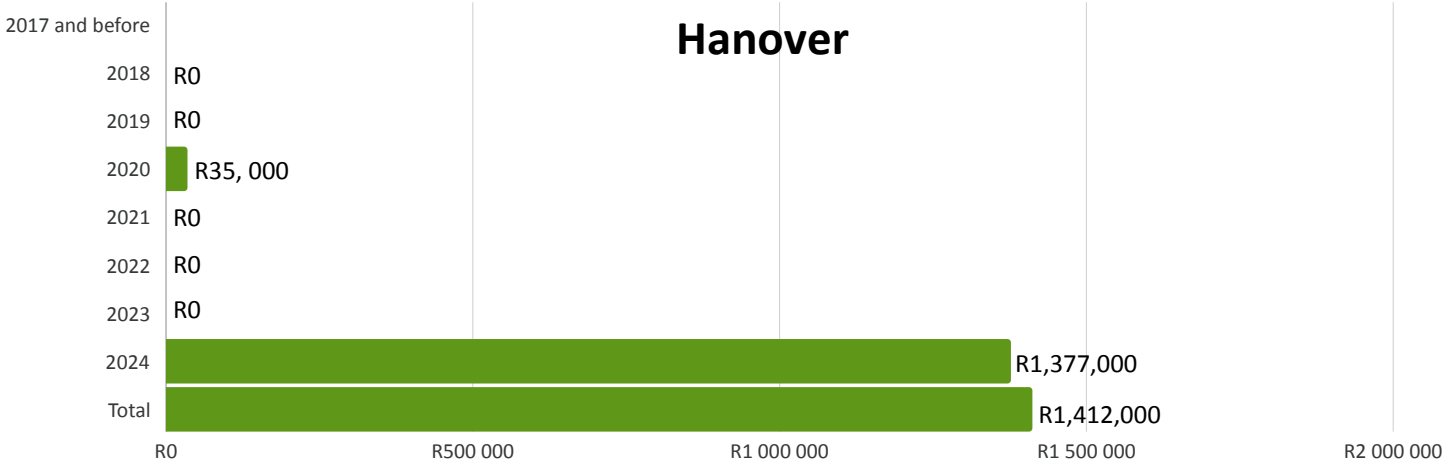
The Trust wants to manage its funds responsibly and invest in long term community development initiatives over several years as well as respond to more immediate needs. It therefore gives grants each year but also sets aside money for initiatives that will run over a few years, such as youth development, capacity building initiatives or bursaries for education and skills development.

The graph below shows the total amount of money the trust has already committed (set aside) to the various initiatives that it focuses on. The graph also shows the total amount of money paid to beneficiaries so far.



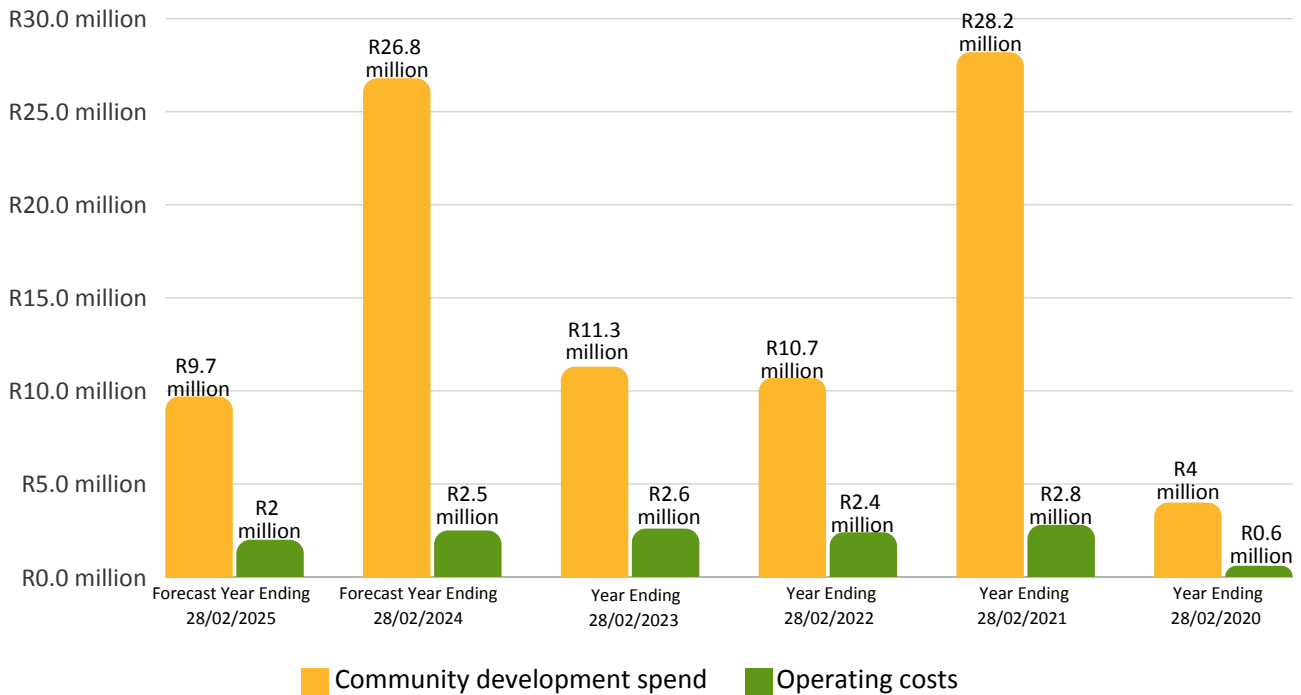
The graph below shows the amount of money that the Trust has committed to programmes in communities since its inception. This money is for various community-based initiatives as shown in the previous graph. The total amount committed to spend specifically in particular towns is as follows: Hanover is R1.4 million, Philipstown is R1.3 million, Britstown is R2.4 million, and De Aar is R17.8 million.

In addition, the Trust has committed money to some big initiatives, such as youth life skills, education and skills training, infrastructure development, and capacity building which spreads across all communities. This is shown in the radius wide graph below, totalling R40.2 million.

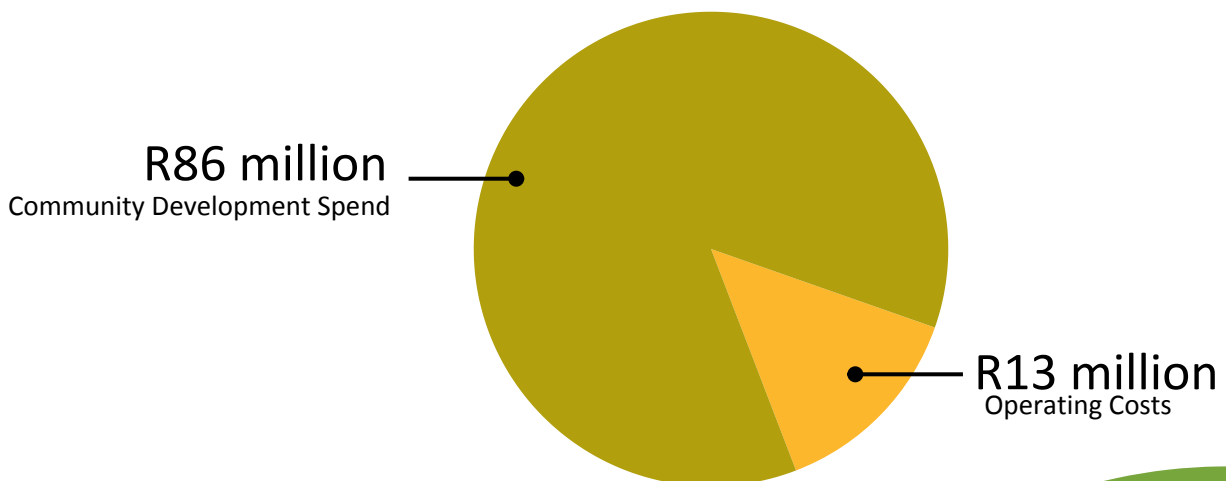


Like any other organisation, the Trust incurs costs to operate and achieve its purpose. From the Trust's inception until February 2019, Globeleq (the majority shareholder in the De Aar Solar Power plant) managed and funded the operations of the Trust until the Trust could manage its own operations. The trust took the big step in March 2019 to manage its own operations. This took a lot of planning and some big decisions. At that point the Trust also paid back to Globeleq the funds it owed relating to managing and funding the Trust.

The chart below shows the operating costs compared to the money allocated for grants and programmes each year up to February 2025.



The chart below shows the total amount of money spent on community development and operations. R86 million out of R99 million was allocated to grants and programmes, and R8 million was used for operating costs since the inception of the trust. These indicators include forecasts for the rest of the current year.



Who has benefitted from the Sibona Ilanga Trust?

Here are some of the groups that have received grants from the Trust

2024

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	BANTU SHUTTLE SERVICE	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R200 000
2	CHAMPION OF HOPE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R150 000
3	DE AAR POOLPLAYERS	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R180 000
4	DIGNITY CARE COMMUNITY HUB	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R190 000
5	ETHEMBENI COMMUNITY CENTRE	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R250 000
6	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE - PROGRAMMES	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R250 000
7	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE - INFRASTRUCTURE	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R2 180 283
8	GUIDANCE OF CHRIST AMBASSADORS MINISTRIES	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	PHILIPSTOWN	R150 000
9	J & J TUTORING	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	DE AAR	R150 000
10	JIREH ECONOMIC RESOURCE HUB	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R150 000
11	KAROO TRAVEL DIMENSIONS	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	BRITSTOWN	R200 000
12	KHOE CURE	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R150 000
13	KIDZ FOR HEAVEN DAY CARE CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R150 000
14	LEKKE FRESH BAKERY	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R200 000
15	MEALS ON WHEELS	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R190 000
16	Q & A SOUP KITCHEN	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R138 000
17	RADIO ULWAZI FM 88.9	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R275 000
18	UZIKO AFRICAN CONSTRUCTION TOILET	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	HANOVER	R177 000
19	YOUTH AT HOME	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	PHILIPSTOWN	R100 000
TOTAL AMOUNT				R5 430 283

2023

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	BLACKSUNSHINE EVENTS AND PROJECTS	OTHER	DE AAR	R200 000
2	CHAMPION OF HOPE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R200 000
3	G MAN CIVIL ENGINEERING	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R135 000
4	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R250 000
5	GUIDANCE OF CHRIST AMBASSADORS MINISTRIES	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	PHILIPSTOWN	R200 000
6	JIREH ECONOMIC RESOURCE HUB	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R250 000
7	LANGELIHLE LIVESTOCK AND CROP PRIMARY CO OPERATIVE	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	PHILIPSTOWN	R300 000
8	LOVELY VOICES	OTHER	BRITSTOWN	R150 000
9	RISING STARS FOOTBALL CLUB	OTHER	DE AAR	R79 500
10	TECH 2 LEARN INTERNET HOUSE	OTHER	PHILIPSTOWN	R150 000
11	UNLONWABO DROP IN CENTRE	OTHER	DE AAR	R200 000
TOTAL AMOUNT				R2 114 500

2022

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	KAROO CRICKET UNION	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R275 000
2	MIGHTY MOVERS SPORTS CLUB	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	BRITSTOWN	R20 000
3	RICHMOND LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R20 000
4	RISING STARS FOOTBALL CLUB	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R20 000
5	SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R200 000
6	SUPERSTRIKER FOOTBALL CLUB	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	PHILIPSTOWN	R20 000
7	UNITED ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R20 000
TOTAL AMOUNT				R575 000

2021

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	BANTU SHUTTLE SERVICE	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	BRITSTOWN	R375 000
2	CHAMPION OF HOPE	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	RADIUS WIDE	R250 000
3	EMTHANJENI SOCIAL ENTERPRISE	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R80 000
4	FOUNDATION FOR ALCOHOL RELATED RESEARCH	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R148 500
5	G MAN CIVIL ENGINEERING	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	BRITSTOWN	R100 000
6	HAPPY LITTLE DUCKLINGS	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R113 069
7	INGWE YOUTH ACADEMY	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R60 000
8	JJDR GROUP	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R150 000
9	MARLAW ENTERPRISE	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	RADIUS WIDE	R150 000
10	MASAKHANE SOUP KITCHEN	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	PHILIPSTOWN	R80 000
11	PIXLEY OUTREACH	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPEBT	DE AAR	R50 000
12	PLAYERS DREAM ACADEMY	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R12 000
13	QA PRODUCTS & SERVICES	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R100 000
14	REHOBOTH JOAN WERHEIM	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R80 000
15	REHOBOTH SERVICE CENTRE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R80 000
16	SAKHILE ZEST 4 LIFE	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	DE AAR	R80 000
17	SINGLE PARENTING HUB	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R152 000
18	SIZAKELE MBEKUSHE SOUP KITCHEB	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R82 000
19	SKHANYISO FOUNDATION UBUNTU	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	DE AAR	R229 915
20	SRA HOLDINGS	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	RADIUS WIDE	R50 000
21	TANGELVANNE GLOBAL	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R150 000

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
22	THERON HIGH SCHOOL	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	BRITSTOWN	R100 000
23	ULONWABO DROP IN CENTRE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R80 000
24	YOUTH SPORTS INTERNATIONAL	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R35 000
25	ZIKHALI MAZZ TRADING	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	BRITSTOWN	R80 000
26	ZINGISANI PRIMARY SCHOOL	EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING	DE AAR	R105 500
TOTAL AMOUNT				R3 182 984

2020

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	EMTHANJENI MUNICIPAL FORUM	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R153 000
2	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R250 000
3	RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME	CAPACITY BUILDING	RADIUS WIDE	R82 000
4	THE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R207 000
5	WHY NOT INVENT	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	BRITSTOWN	R80 000
6	YOUTH AT HOME	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	PHILIPSTOWN	R136 600
TOTAL AMOUNT				R908 600

“The support of the Sibona Ilanga Trust has enabled us to acquire our own abattoir, creating opportunities for more employment. The Trust has been a significant help and has added value to our organisation, for which we are extremely grateful.”

Leonardo Jansen, Owner:
Langelihle Livestock and Crop Farming

2019

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	BRITSTOWN INDEPENDENT SPORTS SCHOOL AND RECREATION	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	BRITSTOWN	R208 987
2	CHAMPION OF HOPE	DISABILITY ASSISTIVE DEVICES	DE AAR	R250 000
3	ETHEMBENI COMMUNITY CENTRE	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R762 000
4	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R603 547
5	KAROO CRICKET CLUB	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R195 000
6	LEPHAWU TRADING	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	BRITSTOWN	R195 000
7	LIZ B 2 CARE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R350 000
8	MASAKHANE SOUP KITCHEN	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	PHILIPSTOWN	R134 397
9	PHOENIX 1810 CIVILS	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R200 000
10	QA PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R185 000
11	RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME	CAPACITY BUILDING	DE AAR	R500 400
12	SIZAKELE MBEKUSHE SOUP KITCHEN	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R100 000
13	SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R140 000
14	THE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R500 400
15	THERON HIGH SCHOOL	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	BRITSTOWN	R230 088
16	UBUNYE DE AAR FUNERAL	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R210 000
17	ULONWABO DROP IN CENTRE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R494 000
18	WOMEN IN ACTION	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R150 000
TOTAL AMOUNT				R5 408 819

2018

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	ACCV SONDER SORGE TE HUISE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R93 000
2	CHAMPION OF HOPE	DISABILITY ASSISTIVE DEVICES	DE AAR	R100 000
3	DE AAR POOLPLAYERS	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R54 060
4	ETHEMBENI COMMUNITY CENTRE	YOUTH LIFE SKILLS INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R133 100
5	GOD IS GOOD CENTRE	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R99 000
6	HOPE DAY CARE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R100 000
7	KAROO TRAVEL DIMENSIONS	EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	DE AAR	R206 000
8	LUKHANYO SELFHELP ORGANIZATION	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	BRITSTOWN	R96 252
9	REHOBOTH SERVICE CENTRE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R100 000
10	ST JOHNS MISSION KLEUTESKOOL	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R99 700
11	SUPPRT FOR RUGBY TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R3500
12	THE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE	CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE	DE AAR	R98 800
13	WOMEN IN ACTION FOR CHRIST	NUTRITION INITIATIVED	DE AAR	R35 645
14	YOUR CHILD IS MY LIFE	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R100 100
TOTAL AMOUNT				R1 319 157

2017

NO	ORGANISATION	FOCUS AREA	TOWN	AMOUNT
1	GOD IS GOOD	NUTRITION INITIATIVE	DE AAR	R30 000
2	INGOMSO YOUTH PROGRAMME	YOUTH SPORTS - ARTS - RECREATION	DE AAR	R45 000
3	PHOENIX CIVILS	ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	DE AAR	R30 000
TOTAL AMOUNT				R105 000

Meet our Trustees

Trustees are appointed to govern the Sibona Ilanga Trust and ensure accountability to communities for how the funds of the Trust are spent.



Lungelwa Silomntu, Independent Trustee. She was appointed by the Sibona Ilanga Trust in June 2024. She comes with a wealth of experience from the investment industry and renewable energy sector. She serves as an independent director in various companies and is passionate about philanthropic work.



Hlengiwe Radebe, Independent Trustee. She was appointed by De Aar Solar Power, in her capacity as the Economic Development Director of Globeleq South Africa Management Services, responsible for De Aar Solar Power's social and economic development programmes.



Mzolisi Mbangula, Beneficiary Community Trustee. He worked for numerous non-profit organizations within the Northern Cape province, mainly focusing on youth development in Philipstown, Petrusville and Hanover.

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