



MACHABA SAFARIS

CLASSIC SAFARI CAMPS
BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE

Est. 2012

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES MACHABA SAFARIS BOTSWANA

Machaba Safaris pride themselves in terms of their corporate responsibility support to various spheres and different cultures and assistance to communities and villages throughout Botswana. Machaba Safaris have a budget of P100 000.00 per year that is allocated towards corporate responsibilities.

Herewith is a summary of our support and assistance of our existing and ongoing developments including programs for the future:



GONNYE SETHLARE PRE-SCHOOL

Machaba Safaris biggest and most proud sponsor and support is "Gonnye Sethlare", a pre-school in the remote village of Ditshipi in the Okavango Delta. The school is 95% complete and once completed will be able to take 36 pre-school kids for pre-school education. The children will all come from the Ditshipi village that does not have any other educational centre in the village. Machaba Safaris will continue to maintain and support and provide assistance for the school on an ongoing basis for the next 15 years.

We will continue to provide books and educational material and educational tools.

Machaba Safaris plan to build 4 more pre-schools in the next 14 years at the various villages that is included in the NG32 community.

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Included in the pre-school development:

- Sick bay for the children
- Play centre
- Teachers house
- Separate bathroom facilities
- Kitchen
- Teacher room
- Another pre-school to be developed in Xaxaba Village in 2019

Machaba built a 2 bedroom destitute house in Maun that includes:

- Kitchen
- Bathroom with toilet and shower
- Lounge
- 2 x bedrooms
- Geyser
- Power connection
- Water connection



DESTITUTE HOUSE

The house is 100% complete and we are just waiting for the official opening before someone moves in. Machaba Safaris plan to build another 4 destitute houses in the next 15 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Machaba Safaris is sponsoring an anti-poaching vehicle and anti-poaching boat including staff to patrol and assist in the NG32 zone 3 anti-poaching patrols. Machaba Safaris is responsible for the wages and ongoing fuel and maintenance costs. Machaba Safaris will continue with the anti poaching and patrols for the duration of our lease in NG 32.

Machaba Safaris built accommodation at both their lodges specifically for researchers and anti-poaching staff that need accommodation when they are in the area.



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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Machaba Safaris in conjunction with David Foot Horse Safaris will be sending one OKMCT village resident to South Africa for a 12 month training program. Our first student – Dineo Shareshando will go to South Africa in January to start her academic career.

Machaba Safaris will continue to spend approximately P50 000 per year towards education and development of our staff skills and training for the rest of our lease in NG 32.



HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTION

One of our more heart-warming contributions is that we supplied two wheel chairs for Morapedi Elinah Phelo. Morapedi was born with no bones in her lower legs and has never had proper medical care or a wheel chair to move around. She used to crawl from point A to Point B. We supplied Morapedi with a wheel chair at home and a wheel chair at school. We are also contributing P500 a month towards a special taxi that collects Morapedi at home for school and then drops her off again at home, after school.

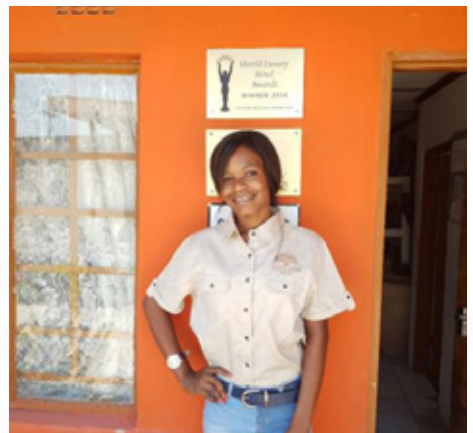
We have sent Morapedi to Gaborone for more tests to see if it would be possible to amputate the boneless leg section below the knee so that she can get prosthesis's to walk normally. We will continue to support Morapedi and assist her to hopefully one day be able to walk with prosthetic legs.

WATER SUPPLY

Machaba Safaris is supplying fresh drinking water to the villagers of Shashe ward just outside of Maun. The village has a constant shortage of water and Machaba have a dedicated tap that has a constant supply of water for the villagers when the ward run out of water. We will continue to supply them with water as they are totally reliant on us during the times there is no water in the ward.

BOTSWANA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Machaba Safaris after consultation with the Botswana Woman forum made a decision to employ 10% of their staff to be under the age of 25 to give young Motswana that have no previous work experience the opportunity to work and get in house work training to get experience to get a good start in life. This will be an ongoing program for as long as Machaba safaris are operational.



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BOTSWANA GRADUATION PROGRAM

Machaba Safaris made a decision to employ two newly UB graduate students per year with no previous experience to work as trainee managers and get in house training to become lodge managers.

Machaba Safaris also take two intern students for their three month attachments all year round. We will continue to employ graduates every few years to give young Botswana students a good start in life.

BOTSWANA MUSIC DEVELOPMENT

Machaba Safaris sponsored the annual Maun Music Festival for upcoming musicians in 2017.

The Festival was very successful and musicians from all over Botswana performed to the public during the festival. Next year we will find another worthwhile program to sponsor.

BED NIGHT PROGRAMME

Machaba Safaris in conjunction with Safari Destinations donate a certain amount of Bednights that are sold to tourists and the money received are donated to:

- MAWS animal shelter
- WAR – Woman against Rape
- Bana Ba Letsatsi – street children program
- AGLOW International
- Basket Weavers and Craft production

Machaba Safaris will continue to donate Bednights for this cause for the next 15 years.

Machaba Safaris also make constant and various donations to charity organisations for example:

- Cancer awareness
- Woman Empowerment to Patriot Global Achievements
- Botswana athletes
- Soccer outfits

Machaba Safaris have all the financial proof of all the above donations and support costs if needed.

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MACHABA SAFARIS ZIMBABWE

OUR MISSION

Machaba Zimbabwe is committed to assisting disadvantaged communities adjacent to Hwange National Park. It started operating in May 2018 and we have been assisting the Mabale village and Hwange Main camp School which are considered to be in the vulnerable wildlife areas. This is to say that their location with regards to National Park makes them prone to a lot of Human-wildlife conflict. Machaba Zimbabwe aims to engage in community development, assisting in the development of Main Camp School and Mabale Village including skills development/empowerment in and around the Mabale area. We plan to also engage the communities and schools near the new camps that are opening this year (2019).

We have chosen the above mentioned areas as they are in close proximity of our Camps and the National Park. This will enable us to be able to do village and project visits with our guests, as a way to encourage cultural exchange and a tangible experience for them. Moreover, we aim to contribute to the bigger agenda of conservation and sustainable tourism development in collaboration with other stakeholders in and around the National Park. Machaba Zimbabwe has identified four (4) focal areas, which are:

1. EDUCATION

We have been assisting in the development of Main Camp Primary school which borders the Hwange National Park. We have sat down with the school representatives and they have given us a needs lists, on which they have highlighted what challenges they have and what assistance we can give according to priority, so that we assist them accordingly. The needs include:

- Teacher support- reasonable allowance for teachers who are not on government payroll.
- ECD standard classroom.
- ECD toilet.
- Office furniture.
- ECD centre fence and gate.
- ECD and Grade 1 furniture.
- New Curriculum text books
- Brick wall round the school premises (Main Camp Primary School)
- Additional laptops for ICT lessons
- Food storage room
- Computer lab
- Stove to cook lunch for the school children



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2. CONSERVATION

We seek to work together with other stakeholders and the communities bordering the park in achieving the conservation and sustainability of our animals and nature at large. We aim to foster a culture of human-wildlife co-existence, encouraging local communities to be at harmony with nature. It is our understanding that, when communities believe that they can benefit from the projects they are more willing to support them and positively contribute to the course. It will encourage them to be more conserving and sustainable.

We do and plan to do programs such as:

- Conservation talks done by the guides from all camps
- Park and camp visits for school children and teachers
- Introduce children's conservation literature/conservation club
- Partnering with various stakeholders to hold conservation themed competitions in the communities e.g writing, painting and art that portray tourism and conservation
- Assist communities in enhancing human-wildlife coexistence (finding solutions)

3. FOOD SECURITY AND HEALTH

Research has shown that a large percentage of the population in Zimbabwe especially in Rural areas have consumption expenditures below the food poverty line, which is to say the total household monthly expenditures are unable to meet even the minimum food requirements. Following this, we aim to assist in the betterment of food security in the communities that surround the national park. Part of our plan involves:

- Donate towards school feeding programs
- Assist in food nutrition projects
- Providing seeds for the Mabale village nutritional garden



We endeavor to spread the awareness of health issues that have become a concern in our societies, for example, awareness on the HIV/Aids, tuberculosis and cholera issues. This is to ensure that the communities are aware of most or all health issues of concern. In addition we hope to assist in the provision of accessible health care, ensuring that community members get the health care they need in their communities instead of traveling long distances for medical attention. Furthermore, we hope in the near future to assist in the infrastructural development of the health sector through:

- Donating 1st aid kits
- Donating sanitary pads

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4. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT/EMPOWERMENT/COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

We look forward to identifying community members with skills and work on assisting them by developing the skills into viable businesses. This will enable them to be able to make a living out of their skills and also make their businesses sustainable in the long run. In addition, we aim to assist in awareness programs for tourism, so as to increase understanding of tourism and also as a way of building community capacity among the residents. Increasing awareness helps residents understand the importance of tourism development in their community and what sort of impacts it brings with it and this will help them make informed decisions.

In a nutshell, through skills development and empowerment we aim to:

- Identify skills
- Develop those skills to be profitable businesses
- Assist them with business plans
- Start –up loans
- Conduct ongoing business analysis and training
- And ensure sustainability of the businesses
- Tourism awareness
- Get them into camp for tourism and hospitality jobs training

We intend to make sure that our community development vision will be an on-going process and the benefits will trickle down to all members of the community.

What the Foundation has achieved so far:

- We have taken guests to the village and schools and they leave monetary donations which have assisted the school in some of their projects
- The camp buys chicken from Main Camp Primary School poultry project for staff so that we encourage them to be self sufficient and sustainable
- 5% of each guest's bed night levy goes to the foundation to support the projects
- We are buying textbooks for the school children
- The camp in partnership with the Matter Foundation has managed to get a donation for a computer lab (40 feet container) which would be fully run by solar with a backup generator and wifi to the Main Camp Primary school
- In collaboration with the Matter Foundation, we will be starting an empowerment garden which will assist the Main Camp Primary school with revenue. The garden will be fenced and electrified so as to keep the wildlife out as this has been a constant challenge for the school

FUTURE PLANS

- Engage more communities and schools close to our new Deteema and Deka camps, as we have identified that there are communities close by and also a school.
- Teach the girls/women in the communities to make reusable pads.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Donate while in the camps- Anyone who wishes to donate can place the money in the envelope and hand it over to the community development coordinator or any of the managers. The project of which the money is intended for should be indicated on the envelope. Also contact details should be provided so that we update donors on the progress of the projects.

Volunteer- if you are an individual interested in engaging in social, environmental and charitable activities on a voluntary basis, please feel free to contact us and we organise activities that suit voluntary programs of your choosing.

Pay a teacher salary and student fees- You can contribute in paying a teacher's salary and also an orphaned or vulnerable student's school fees. Any amount is appreciated.

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Hwange Main Camp Primary School:

- \$20/ child per term as school levies
- \$6 for teacher salary support
- Basic salary for a teacher \$420 (4 teachers need salary support)

Mabale Primary School:

- \$15/ child per term as school levies
- Basic salary for teachers \$420 (3 teachers need salary support)

Community tours- You can also get involved by visiting the Mabale village and the Schools.

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- 07h00 Wake-up call
- 07h30 Breakfast
- 08h00 Depart from camp
- 09h30 Main Camp Primary School
- 10h30 Depart school for village
- 11h00 Meet the village chief
- 11h30 Visit Mabale Primary school
- 12h00 Village tour
- Visit to a homestead
 - Clinic
 - Nutritional garden, borehole, cattle dip
- 13h00 Have lunch
- 13h30 Painted Dog Conservation
- 14h15 Depart to camp

Times are flexible.



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Please note that 100% of all donations go towards assisting the communities and projects chosen.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

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