



#### **BLUESTONE QUARRY WALL RESTORATION PROJECT**

# SOCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The BSQW Implementation Plan has a framework for the involvement of Ex-Political Prisoners, so that the restoration of one of the iconic monuments on Robben Island continues to have meaning and symbolism to them. Indeed for those incarcerated there but still living, the involvement of their children or next of kin in the project may engender feelings that the tormenting experience was not in vain. Initially an inaugural workshop and periodic meetings had been planned, but these were shelved as meetings and workshops were prohibited from the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

There was a proposal that EPPs would choose candidates from their families or neighbourhoods for recruitment to take part in the construction of the Bluestone Quarry. The rationale was that this would not only provide unemployment relief, even as it would be temporary, but this was deemed to be an excellent opportunity for skills transfer in heritage conservation, stonemasonry and building in general. Six names were submitted to AHSA, of which two have joined the team and participated in the construction of the Experimental Wall. The following Table gives an outline of the outcomes of engagements by the Social Practitioner, Mrs Phindile Sibiya.

**Ignatius Makobe**: His uncle, Mr Gabriel Magomola served on Robben Island from 1963 held in the Maximum Prison together with former President Nelson Mandela. To his credit he has authored a book about his experiences on Robben Island. He is now a businessman with a foothold in the banking sector and hospitality services.

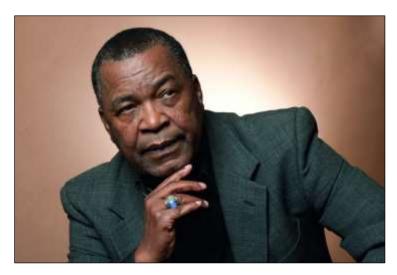


Figure 1: Mr Gabriel Magomola.

**Asah Potye**: She is the daughter of Mr Ndabaipheli Potye. A member of Poqo and the PAC, he served on Robben Island in the 1960s, taken to the Island at age 28. He was working at the BSQ and was in the groups building the stone walls. Mr Potye was released in 1969. He is now 86 years old.

## 2. OUTCOMES

STAI	KEHOLDERS	DISCUSSION ITEMS	OUTCOME	ACTION REQUIRED	FOLLOW UP
1	Mustaqiem Salie Contact No.: 0658315336 Email: m.salie@gmail.com	Salie was telephonically informed about the Bluestone Quarry Wall Restoration Project as well as detailed explanation give with regard to remuneration	He declined the offer to work on this project stating that he can' t be away from home	Salie to send an email to AHSA that he declines the offer to work on this project	Social Practitioner (SP) to follow up so that he sends an email as proof that he declined.
2	Kgathatso Ignatius Makobe Contact No: 0722667733 / 0847636036 Email: kgathatsomakobe@gmail.com	He was telephonically informed about the project as well as a detailed explanation given with regard to remuneration, accommodation and subsistence	Ignatius accepted the offer and came to Robben Island	Ignatius has to send the email accepting the appointment.	SP to follow up so that he sends email confirming discussion and that he had accepted the appointment
3	Mogamat Washfie Karriem Contact No: 0747556285	He was telephonically informed about the project as well as a detailed explanation given with regard to remuneration, accommodation and subsistence	He declined the offer saying that he got another job already	He need to send an email to Phindile Sibiya confirming that he was contacted and he declined the offer to work on this project	SP to follow up so that he sends an email as proof that he declined
4	Thembela Potye Contact No: 072 609 0285		Mobile unreachable. Alternative landline unanswered	-	-
5	Thumeka ConstanceTyutyu Contact No: 0835166458 / 0835420616	She was telephonically informed about the project as well as a detailed explanation given with regard to remuneration,	Initially she had accepted the offer. But she said that she has a number of job	She promised to send an email confirming that she has declined the offer to work on this project	Email received from Thumeka

		accommodation and subsistence	interviews that are lined up, and turned down the offer.		
6	Asah Potye Contact No.: 079011911 Sister Zukiswa Contact No.: 071531955	Her phone was on voice mail and repeated calls were made. She was eventually contacted through her sister Zukiswa. We had a conversation with Asah's father now 86 years old. He served at the BSQ.	Asah accepted the offer and came to Robben Island	Asah was contacted through her father. She has joined the team at Robben Island. Zukiswa and Asah have been motivating for their brother to join the team as well	Recruitment of her brother to be considered in the next phase of the project.

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