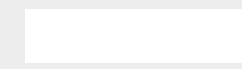




**Qhubeka™**



ANNUAL  
REPORT **2021**



# — INTRODUCTION





***ANTHONY FITZHENRY***

## MESSAGE FROM ***OUR FOUNDER***

Qhubeka Charity is an NGO that focuses on children as active, positive change makers in their homes and communities. Providing children with transportation helps them access basic goods and services and, critically, education, which contributes to their happiness and fulfilment.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Qhubeka was affected by lockdowns that halted our work in communities and bicycle supply chain.

At the end of 2020 when regulations were relaxed and communities, economies and supply chains started opening up we set about rebuilding our bicycle manufacturing and community work. We learnt that women and girls were the hardest hit by the pandemic and adjusted our response to assist.

Programming was made difficult by school closures and regulations limiting access to scholars. We responded by concentrating on getting children back to school and distributed over 4 000 bicycles, mostly to eight secondary schools in five neighbouring villages.

During the pandemic, access to healthcare in rural areas was restricted, so we supported 300 voluntary community healthcare workers in the five villages with bicycles. In addition, we engaged voluntary community patrollers, giving them bicycles for increased patrolling and visibility. A cornerstone of our philosophy is to work hand-in-hand with communities to co-create solutions that meet their needs on the ground.

# MESSAGE FROM *OUR FOUNDER*

We are delighted with the impact in the villages where we worked. Across the eight schools the final year drop-out rate decreased by 40% and the pass rate improved by 6,8% from the previous year. Healthcare patient retention rates increased by 150%, reported crime decreased, and women and children reported seeing their community patrollers more often and feeling safer as a result.

At the centre of our drive for change is the deployment of bicycles. We focus on building the best purpose-built bicycle possible. Our programme includes a network of shops to supply spare parts, bicycles, and trained field mechanics to service our bicycles.

Qhubeka's supporters contributed to funding mechanic programmes and community-owned manufacturing and assembling facilities to extend the economic benefits of the bicycle supply chain in local communities.

At Qhubeka, we're more dedicated than ever to securing a better future for vulnerable people by providing bicycles. To achieve this, we need supporters to help us communicate the demand for Qhubeka Bicycles, to raise financial support to meet this demand, and to amplify the voices of children and families about how critical it is to facilitate access to education.

I firmly believe Qhubeka is a thought leader and a catalyst for change in advancing sustainable access to education, which is central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Every act of support by an individual or organisation helps us to move more people forward with bicycles. I thank you.

**CLICK HERE** to read the full Founder's Review for 2021

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ABOUT

# QHUBEKA

# QHUBEKA *CHARITY*

- / Qhubeka is a global charity that moves people forward with bicycles in Africa.
- / People earn bicycles through our programmes, improving their access to schools, clinics and jobs.
- / Qhubeka is an Nguni word that means “to progress”, “to move forward”.





## WHY ***BICYCLES***

- / **Bicycles help people to change their lives.** They are an accessible, reliable, affordable form of personal transport.
- / Millions of people across Southern Africa have limited access to transport. They have to walk long distances to where they want to be.
- / **A bicycle makes it easier and quicker for people to get to where they want to go,** and helps them to carry goods, including water and food.
- / **Using a bicycle saves money** that would have been spent on alternative transport, such as buses and taxis.





# WHY BICYCLES

## ***QHUBEKA AND THE SDGs***

/ Qhubeka is committed to working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our work contributes towards the following goals:



### **1 NO POVERTY**

Bicycles can help to address persistent poverty by helping people to get where they need to go, whether it's a place of education or a job interview, as well as enabling people to start and run bicycle-based micro-enterprises.



### **4 QUALITY EDUCATION**

One of the major hurdles to accessing education in South Africa is lack of personal transport. Bicycles help people to get to and from schools, colleges, libraries and study groups.



### **13 CLIMATE ACTION**

Bicycles are an environmentally-friendly mode of transport. Qhubeka's various eco programmes also encourage education about and action against climate change.



### **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

Riding a bicycle can help improve health and fitness. Qhubeka also supports healthcare and sports bicycle programmes, contributing towards better health and well-being in the communities in which we work.



### **5 GENDER EQUALITY**

Qhubeka works to overcome stigmas around girls and women riding bicycles in South Africa. By sensitising communities and providing bicycles and opportunities to girls and women, we work towards greater gender equality.



### **17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

Qhubeka is built on partnerships. By collaborating with individuals, organisations and communities across the civil, private and public sectors, we can change more lives with bicycles together.



# HOW WE CHANGE LIVES WITH BICYCLES

## **SHIFT PROGRAMMING**



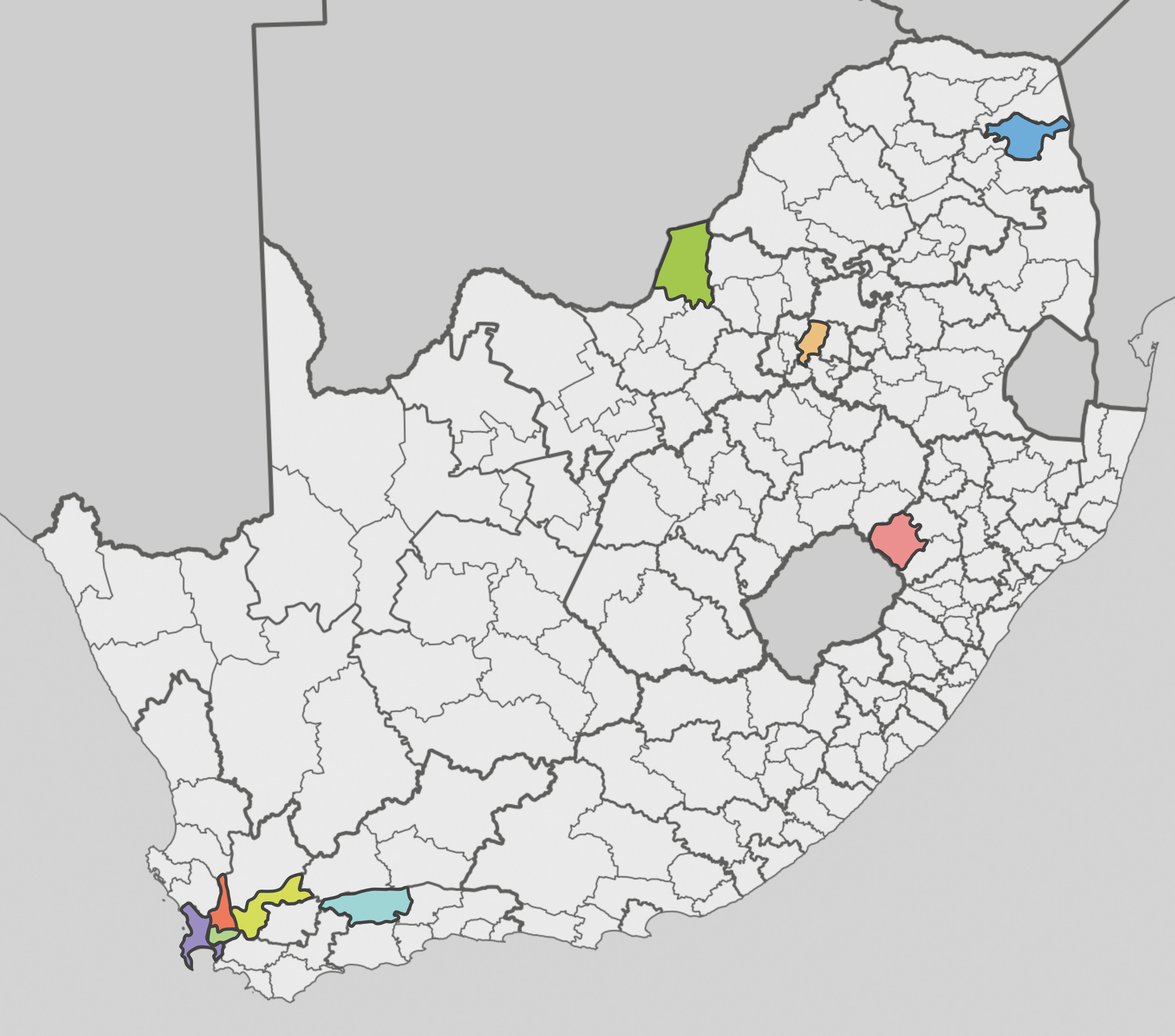
**SHIFTS**

A SHIFT is a Qhubeka bicycle project that aims to distribute

**5 000 BICYCLES**

into a specific geographic area over **five years**, with the aim of helping to **SHIFT the entire community forward**.

- / We concentrate our efforts in regions called SHIFT areas. These regions are identified according to need, implementation viability and impact.
- / The aim is to SHIFT the entire community forward through a multisectoral intervention that includes both children and adults.
- / Interventions are focussed on scholar mobility programmes in secondary schools supported by adult programmes for community healthcare workers and community safety patrollers.
- / In each SHIFT area we aim to distribute 5 000 bicycles over five years. **Instead of spreading our bicycle programmes thin and wide, we create effective and lasting change through a multisectoral approach in each SHIFT.**



# QHUBEKA *SHIFTS*

-  City of Johannesburg
-  Greater Giyani
-  Okhahlamba
-  Drakenstein
-  City of Cape Town
-  Breede Valley
-  Ramotshere Moiloa
-  Stellenbosch
-  Kannaland





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THE  
**PROBLEMS**



Okhahlamba SHIFT,  
**KWAZULU-NATAL  
PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA**

HOME



MANY KILOMETRES/MILES

SCHOOL





# THE PROBLEM

## ***ACCESS TO TRANSPORT***

- / Millions of people across Africa have limited access to transport. They have to walk long distances to where they want to be.
- / **Walking long distances** requires significant time and energy.
- / Time and energy that could be spent studying, playing or doing chores.

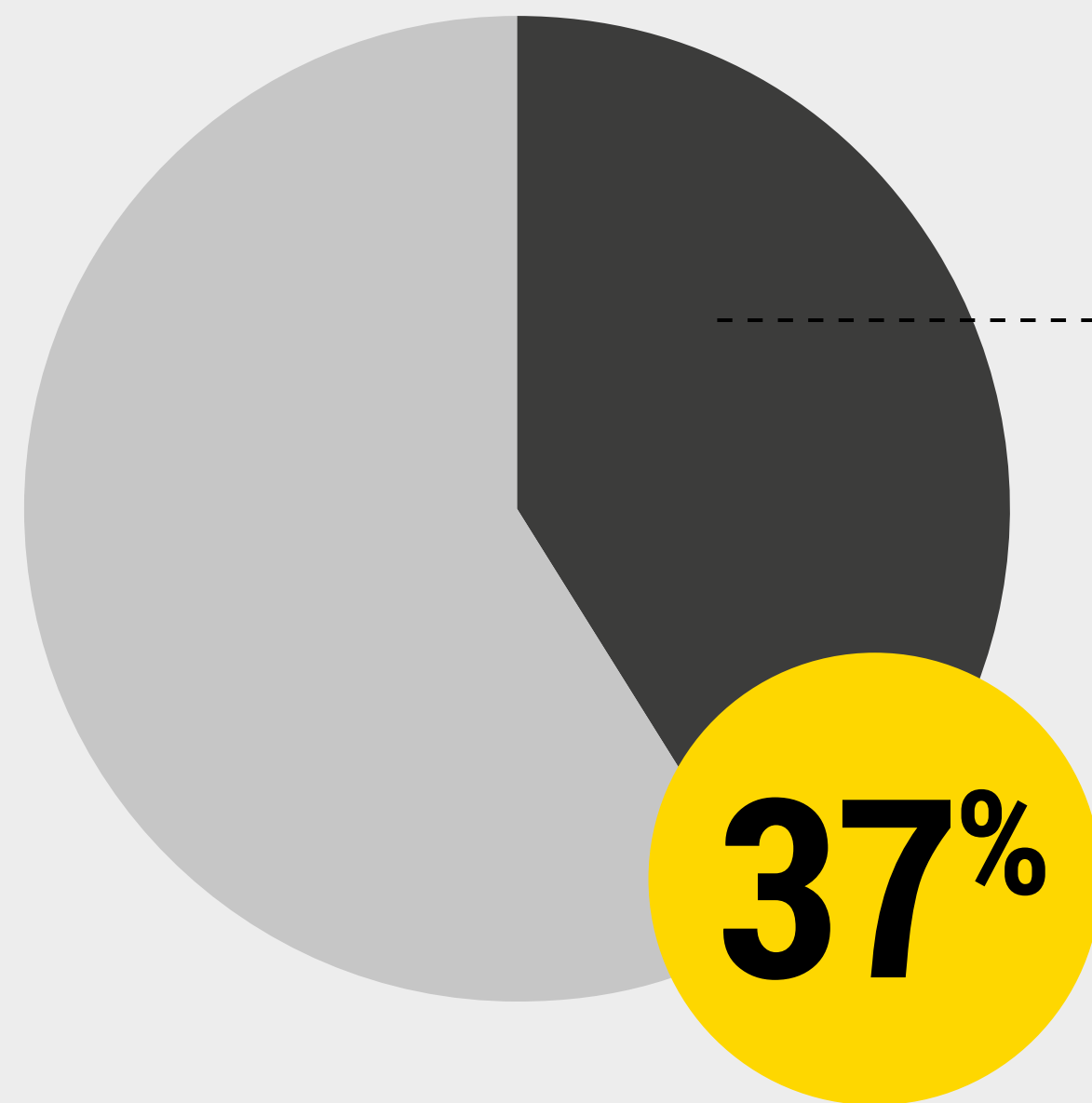
**12** MILLION CHILDREN ***WALK*** TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY IN SOUTH AFRICA



# THE PROBLEM

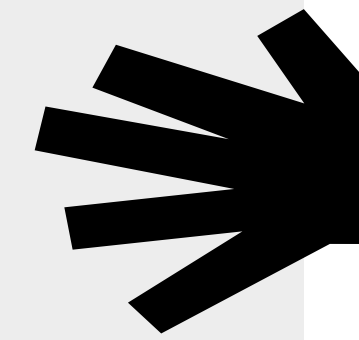
## ***POVERTY***

/ Transport is a non-negotiable expense as people must go to work and send their children to school.



**In South Africa, 37% of poor households' budgets is** being spent on **transport**.

This is a best case scenario for poor households - working 8 hours per day, 21 days per month and earning the minimum wage of R21,69 (£ 1.01 / \$ 1.36) per hour.



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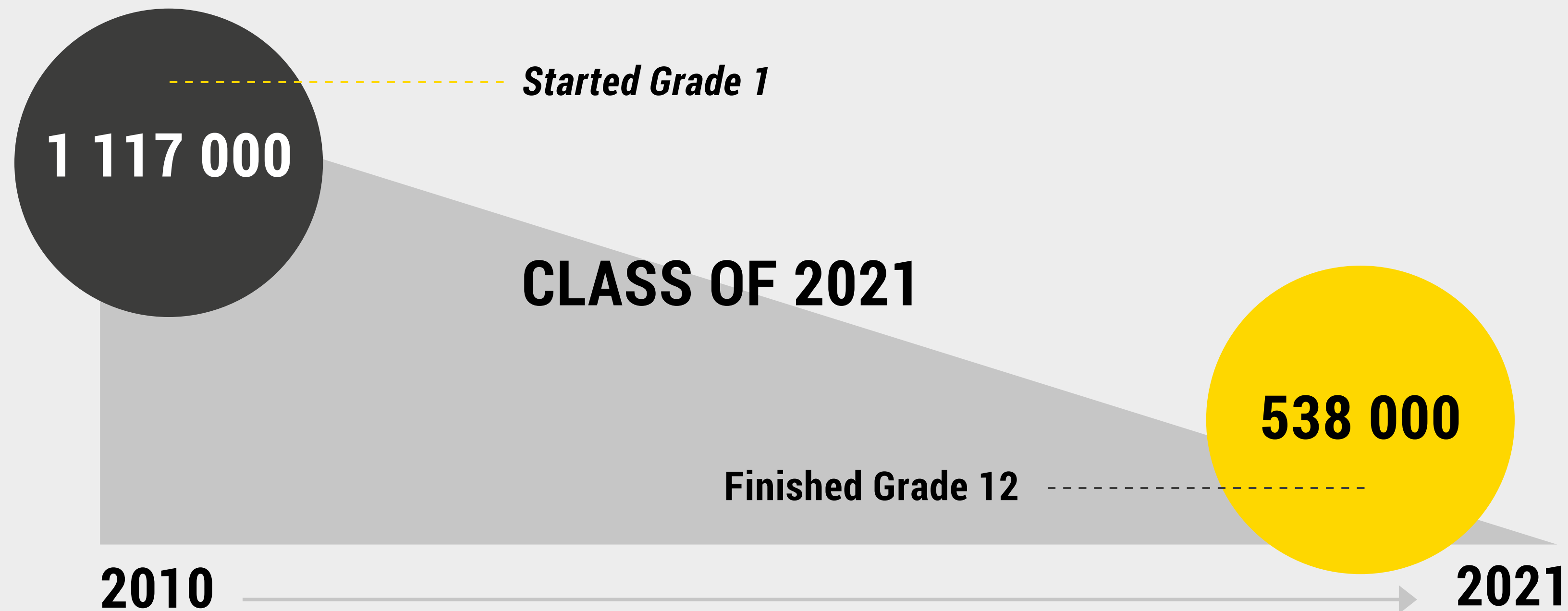
**MILLION**  
CHILDREN IN  
SOUTH AFRICA  
LIVE BELOW  
THE FOOD  
POVERTY LINE.



# THE EFFECTS OF *POVERTY AND LIMITED ACCESS TO TRANSPORT ON SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLCHILDREN*



/ Between Grade 1 and Grade 12, the class of 2021 lost 579 000 schoolchildren who dropped out of the school system.





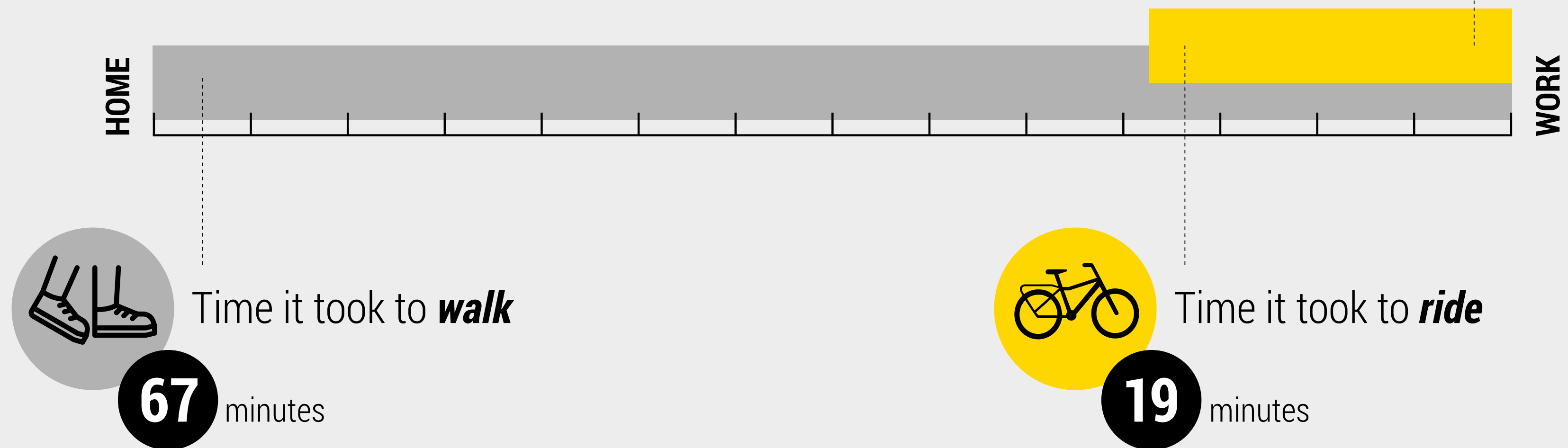


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THE  
**IMPACT**

# A BICYCLE ***SAVES TIME...*** TIME THAT CAN BE SPENT ***LEARNING***

/ As part of the **Walk for Qhubeka fundraising campaign** several Dimension Data colleagues decided to ride a Qhubeka bicycle to work in the morning, and then walk home, to see the difference in time it took.

**3.5**  
**X faster**



Time it took to **walk**

**67** minutes



Time it took to **ride**

**19** minutes

# CLASS OF 2021

- / Published **National Senior Certificate** pass rate of the Grade 12 learners that sat for the exam - 76.4%
- / **Pass rate of all learners that started their 12 year school career** (taking into account all learners that dropped out of school between Grade 1 and 12) - 48.1%
- / Our target for beneficiary schools and learners that started Grade 12:
  - / **zero learners drop**
  - / **> 80% pass rate**
- / **Top 3 Qhubeka beneficiary schools:**



## **THEMBELIHLE HIGH SCHOOL**

- / 53.5% increase in pass rate
- / 9 learners dropped out  
(down from 39 in 2020)



## **SEWAGODIMO TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

- / 47.4% increase in pass rate
- / 21 learners dropped out  
(down from 47 in 2020)



## **THEBE YA TLHAJWA SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- / 25.8% increase in pass rate
- / 0 learners dropped out  
(down from 16 in 2020)



**CLICK HERE** to read more about the impact of mobilising the Class of 2021 with bicycles

# QHUBEKA ***PROGRAMMES***

- / Bicycles change lives for children, youth, those Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) and adults.
- / **People earn bicycles through Qhubeka's different programmes.**
- / Learn-to-earn and sports programmes are focused on children, while our various work-to-earn programmes are focused on youth, NEETs and adults.
- / Our programmes are based throughout South Africa, with an emphasis on our SHIFT areas, and are implemented in communities together with Qhubeka's implementation partners.



SCHOLAR  
MOBILITY

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SPORTS

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COMMUNITY  
SAFETY

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CRAFTS

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HEALTH

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EMPLOYABILITY  
& MECHANICS

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## SCHOLAR MOBILITY



**3 288**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



## SPORTS



**50**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



## COMMUNITY SAFETY



**156**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



## CRAFTS



**170**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



## HEALTH



**330**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



## EMPLOYABILITY & MECHANICS



**17**

Number of bicycles distributed in 2021



4011



***TOTAL NUMBER  
OF BICYCLES  
DISTRIBUTED  
IN 2021***



# TESTIMONIALS

## SCHOLAR MOBILITY

“ *Because of my bicycle I have plenty of time to study, I am able to do more research about school activities and pay more attention to my school work as much as possible ensuring that I obtain better marks.* ”  
- Carol, Qhubeka beneficiary

“ *My bicycle has changed my life because I used to be late at school but now I am on time and I can go everywhere I want. My life is now more easy.* ”  
- Kgosietsile, Qhubeka beneficiary

“ *My bicycle helps me when I am down and it lifts my mood. It can make me happy when I am sad.* ”  
- Oratile, Qhubeka beneficiary

“ *The best thing about my bicycle is that I can do things much easier. I am no longer late for school and arrive for school always on time.* ”  
- Rebaone, Qhubeka beneficiary





# TESTIMONIALS

## HEALTH

*“ I travel long distances so this bicycle is going to help me a lot because I will use it to check on my patients. ”*

- Julia from the Pella Clinic

*“ This bicycle is going to make a huge difference in our lives. The village here is wide and there is a lot of spaces in between. It will make life simpler and easier for us when it comes to travelling. ”*

- Innocent from Pella Clinic

*“ It is very hard to walk every morning and in the evening so the bicycle will serve a great purpose in assisting us to make the job well done. ”*

- Kelebogile from the Itumeleng Health Department

# TESTIMONIALS

## EMPLOYABILITY

“ *Bicycles brought light. I feel that bicycles brought happiness because people were very sad because of the pandemic but bicycles really brought change in their lives and the bicycles gave hope in whatever they were wishing to do.* ”

- Qhubeka beneficiary

“ *Thank you Qhubeka for giving me the bicycle to help my business. Thank you for giving me the bicycle to change my life. My life is changing now.* ”

- Qhubeka beneficiary

“ *We use the Qhubeka bicycles donated to go and deliver medication and food working with the local clinic. The bicycles helped us a lot and they made an impact in the community.* ”

- Qhubeka beneficiary



# ASSEMBLY ***FACILITIES***

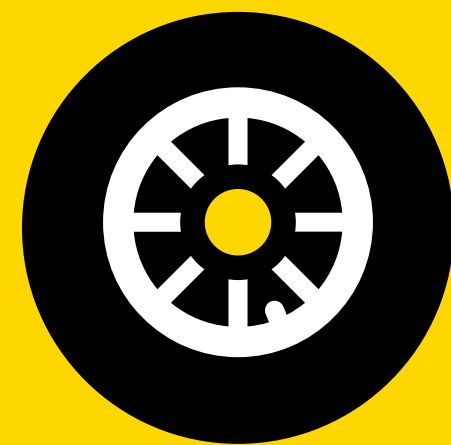
- / Qhubeka has a **bicycle assembly facility** in the **North West**.
- / It provides **work and training opportunities** for people in the local community in which it operates.
- / Since 2013 **previously unemployed women** have learned the skill of building and truing **bicycle wheels**.

## ***IN 2021 THE ASSEMBLY TEAM***



Built  
**9 242**  
WHEELS

**AND**



Laced  
**332 712**  
SPOKES



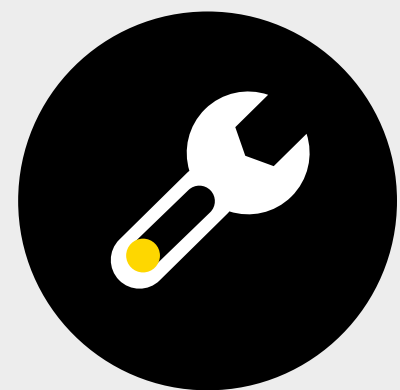
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BICYCLES  
ASSEMBLED  
IN 2021

# BICYCLE ***MECHANICS***

- / Qhubeka trains **bicycle mechanics** in the communities in which we work.
- / This creates **economic opportunity** for the mechanics, who are trained in repairing bicycles and basic business skills.
- / Training mechanics ensures the **long-term sustainability** of Qhubeka programmes.



2021 saw the launch of our **first bicycle mechanic workshop** thanks to Absa.





 **Maradona's  
Service Centre**  
Cell 078 368 5584  
An Absa Enterprise Development initiative

OUR

# COMMUNITY





# TOGETHER WE ***CHANGE MORE LIVES***

- / By donating towards funding bicycles, you have helped more people access schools, clinics and jobs.
- / From buying merchandise to funding an entire bicycle distribution, every act of support by an individual or organisation helps us to move more people forward with bicycles.
- / We cannot change lives with bicycles without the **continued support of individuals, organisations and communities across the world.**
- / Our charity **registration in the United Kingdom and Switzerland** was completed in 2019 and this footprint continues to help us **grow our supporter base and raise more funds globally.**



DONORS FROM

**37** *DIFFERENT  
COUNTRIES*



/ **Sweden** / Malta / **Canada**  
/ Hong Kong / **Spain** / Ireland  
/ **Switzerland** / Hungary / **Guernsey**  
/ Austria / **Japan** / Australia  
/ **United Arab Emirates** / Guatemala  
/ Panama / **Colombia** / France  
/ **Malaysia** / United States / **Finland**  
/ Germany / **Singapore** / Greece  
/ **Norway** / Netherlands / **Belgium**  
/ Italy / **Croatia** / Liechtenstein  
/ **Denmark** / Costa Rica / **Mexico**  
/ United Kingdom / **South Africa**  
/ **New Zealand** / Afghanistan  
/ Åland Islands



# OUR COMMUNITY *INDIVIDUALS*

/ We are thankful to receive support from individuals around the globe. Some donate a once-off amount; some contribute monthly. Others spread the message of how bicycles change lives and raise funds by participating in or organising an event, pledging a special occasion, selling items to benefit Qhubeka, taking on a personal challenge, or through an employee engagement initiative at their organisation. Whatever you do to support us – thank you!



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# NUMBERS



2021  
AUDITED  
***FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS***

[CLICK HERE](#) to download our 2021 Audited Financial Statements

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BICYCLES  
DISTRIBUTED  
TO DATE

TOGETHER ***WE HAVE CHANGED  
MORE LIVES WITH BICYCLES.***

Thank you for helping us move  
forward in 2021.



WE'RE EXCITED TO ***CONTINUE WORKING  
TOGETHER TO HELP MOVE PEOPLE  
FORWARD WITH BICYCLES.***







THANK YOU





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