

ACE FOR A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

KOMATI JUST ENERGY TRANSITION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COCREATION PROJECT

As part of the Komati Just Energy Transition initiative, Indalo Inclusive and its partners hosted community workshops in Komati to build awareness of climate change and the Just Energy Transition. These engagements created a shared understanding of how the energy transition may affect local communities and opened space for residents to co-create locally driven enterprise solutions. Through this process, five community-based business ideas were developed and are now being supported through training, mentorship, and financing to move toward piloting and proof of concept.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

+300 participants attended the awareness and co-creation workshops



JOBS CREATED

To date, +20 jobs has been created to date, of which 60% are permanent jobs



ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

- Over 30 individuals has been trained in entrepreneurship
- 5 enterprise established

SOUTH AFRICAN GREEN AND INCLUSIVE AWARDS PROGRAMME



Climate Change and Just Energy Transition awareness workshops were conducted within Komati and surrounding communities to improve understanding of climate change, the Just Energy Transition, and the potential socio-economic impacts associated with the transition from coal-dependent economic activities. A total of 184 participants attended the awareness and co-creation workshops, with participation largely comprising women (71.4%) and youth (55.9%)



Workshop outcomes indicated improved awareness and participation in climate and Just Transition-related discussions:

- 92% of participants reported an improved understanding of climate change and the Just Transition;
- 93% reported a more positive outlook towards climate change and Just Transition interventions;
- 90% indicated willingness to take action within their communities; and
- 91% expressed interest in continued learning opportunities related to climate change and green economy initiatives.

Workshop findings indicated that a significant proportion of participants initially had limited or no understanding of climate change and the Just Energy Transition, highlighting the importance of continued awareness and community engagement initiatives.

Participants further indicated varying levels of trust and confidence regarding the Just Transition and its potential benefits for local communities. This highlighted the importance of inclusive engagement processes and ongoing communication regarding transition opportunities, support mechanisms, and local economic participation.

Following the awareness phase, a community co-creation process was facilitated with 178 community members, to identify locally driven enterprise opportunities aligned with community priorities and local economic development objectives.

The following enterprises were identified through the co-creation process:



Selected enterprises are currently receiving incubation and implementation support through business development training, mentorship, technical assistance, market linkage support, and access to financing to support proof of concept development and operational sustainability

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DIPALESENG JET-INDALOPRENEUR PROGRAMME

Supported by the African Climate Foundation, DJET-IP is driving community-owned green innovation in the Dipaleseng Local Municipality by advancing six ward-level enterprises from early-stage concepts developed through the Indalovator training programme to fully operational, revenue-generating businesses. These enterprises span key sectors including climate-smart waste management, sustainable construction, solar, water, agriculture, and tourism, with a focus on creating decent jobs and resilient livelihoods.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND JUST TRANSITION AWARENESS

Indalo and its partners facilitated stakeholder engagements in Dipaleseng to explore the impacts of the energy transition on communities. These engagements focused on the implications of the Grootvlei Power Station's decommissioning and revealed a need for greater community awareness and education.

In response, Indalo and its partners organised community workshops to raise awareness about climate change and the just transition using social dialogue. The workshops reached 138 community members and helped build understanding and trust, with 86% reporting improved knowledge and 92% expressing interest in further learning.



CO-CREATION OF COMMUNITY BASED ENTERPRISES

Building on the Awareness Workshops, a new project supported 130+ community member in co-designing and testing community-owned enterprises. The project produced action and financial plans and hosted a symposium for funders, though further business development and funding were needed to advance the ideas.



BUSINESS INCUBATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Indalopreneur Project was initiated to support community enterprises in reaching the Proof-of-Concept stage. It offers governance and business development training, along with seed funding to formalise and pilot the enterprises, with the goal of enabling scalability and generating sustainable revenue.

SNAPSHOT OF PROJECT RESULTS

138

Community members participated in the Awareness Workshops

131

Community members participated in the Co-Creation Workshops

85%

Community members agreed they had a better understanding of climate change and just transition.

76%

Community members agreed they have contributed to the innovation

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Community-owned enterprises have been established