



in these communities as families are lifted out of poverty through their own efforts. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing people empowered to self-help.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to the success of KHULA is the way its team adapted to the unique challenges of a global pandemic. The Coronavirus pandemic of 2020 affected many livelihoods, threatening education and demanding innovation. KHULA did not back down. Through strong partnerships with funders they were able to continue to remotely serve learners, from pre-school to Grade 12, ensuring uninterrupted learning and development.

Their message was clear: "School may be closed, but learning is open."

Apart from delivering study packs and enough food to feed some 4400 people for a month, KHULA made quick strides into the future by installing Wi-Fi towers to bring internet connectivity to schools, assisting teachers to keep teaching and learners to keep learning. They also secured 200 tablets for Grade 11 and 12 learners.

These timely intentions have made a world of difference to the communities of Umzinyathi. I am proud to be associated with a team that can do this much, this quickly, with such incredible results.

I can only urge KHULA to keep going and keep growing, for as my late friend David so wisely said, "Without education there is no hope, and without hope there is no future."



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