

# PROJECTS

# ALEKKOR

*DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION*

## PROJECTS FUNDED

*1993 – 2001*

# **ALEXCOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

The Mission of Alexkor Development Foundation is to develop Namaqualand and its human resources, with an emphasis on the economic growth and empowerment of disadvantaged communities. Foundation programmes are directed towards the enrichment of its labour skills and capacities in keeping with the goals of the government's Reconstruction and Development Programme.

## ***BACKGROUND***

Namaqualand is one of South Africa's most remote and underdevelopment areas. Basic necessities and infrastructure are of a poor standard. Unemployment is endemic. Many educational opportunities are out of reach for most of the greater community, particularly at the tertiary level. The region has a harsh climate, often experiencing crippling droughts. Many of the opportunities for rural development that exist elsewhere in South Africa are simply not available here. Innovative planning is therefore required to ensure the survival and well being of the communities of the region.

Alexcor Limited is a diamond mining company situated in Alexander Bay, at the mouth of the Orange River in Namaqualand. This mine has produced diamonds for the past sixty-nine years. There has been growing awareness of the need to preserve the region's natural wealth for the benefit of the broader Namaqualand communities.

Alexcor Limited is one of the biggest employers in Namaqualand. It strives to be accountable not only to its employees, but also to the region's communities in general. With this goal in mind, a decision was taken to form a trust where local communities will be in effective control. Several meetings were held with local management boards, interest groups like organized agriculture, business and mining, development associations, district council and representatives of different local communities. The Minister of Public Enterprises was approached and a meeting was held in Pretoria, which was attended by a Committee of a people elected by representatives. The cabinet then decided to form a trust and the deed was officially registered on 30 November 1993. (Trust no: 3171/93)

## ***FUNDING OF THE ALEXCOR DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION***

Thirty percent (30%) of the annual after tax income of Alexcor Limited is given directly to the Alexcor Development Foundation. From 1996 there were no contributions from the side of Alexcor Limited, due to the fact that since 1996 Alexcor Limited had not have a profit. Initially, there were a gentlemen's agreement between the Board of Directors of Alexcor Limited and the Board of Trustees of Alexcor Development Foundation that Alexcor Limited also gives to the Foundation

an additional amount of R 250 000,00 which is specifically set aside for educational purposes. Unfortunately, that additional amount of R 250 000,00 was only paid out in 1994 and in 1995.

## ***GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION***

Namaqualand has diamonds, a non-renewable resource, and is rich in nature. But its greatest potential lies in its people themselves. The Foundation's Board of Trustees believes that meaningful development can only take place through a close working relationship with the people of the region. Empowerment of the people of Namaqualand is the Foundation's primary aim. It's first priority is to reach out to disadvantaged communities and townships, and, by working together with them, find the most appropriate ways in which the Foundation can assist in their development. The aims of the Alexcor Development Foundation are:

- to act to the advantaged of the people of Namaqualand at all times;
- to promote social-economic development, especially with regard to the disadvantaged sections of the population;
- to facilitate the establishment of infrastructure by co-operating with governmental and other bodies, rather than single-handedly carrying the full burden of new infrastructural developments;
- to promote the empowerment of women, disabled and youth in the region, and;
- to focus maximally on the development of people within the region, thereby ensuring sustainable economic development;

## ***MANAGEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION***

From its inception, the Foundation has sought community representation and participation. While the Foundation officials were initially chosen by Alexcor Limited, today only two members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees have direct ties with Alexcor Limited, and there are on-going efforts to ensure that the Foundation remains as representative of Namaqualand communities as possible. The Board of Trustees is facilitated by an Executive Committee, made up of four members who work with members of the community to develop proposals, and carefully examine all new proposals. Whenever necessary, additional information and opinions are obtained from sources outside the Foundation. The Board of Trustees must approve expenditures of more than R 10 000,00, which meets quarterly. The Board of Trustees also must approve all project proposals before implementation, to ensure that the needs of Namaqualand communities are served in the best way possible. A small team of three (3) workers supports the Board and the Executive Committee.

## ***MANGEMENT OF FOUNDATION FUNDS***

The direction and management of Foundation Funds are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Board has establish the following guidelines for allocation funds:

- 25 % as an endowment
- 20 % for urgently needed infrastructure
- 25 % for development projects and programmes
- 30 % for economic empowerment projects.

These guidelines may be altered to accommodate changing circumstances. For example, in the future, less funds may be needed for developing infrastructure, allowing more funds to be directed toward development of Namaqualand's human resources.

## ***OTHER DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS***

The Foundation strongly supports the participation and inclusion of a variety of organizations with a role to play in the development of Namaqualand. Other organizations with whom the Foundation might work on projects include De Beers Chairman's Fund, Namaqualand Diamond Fund Trust, Independent Development Trust, District Council, RDP of Namaqualand, Nicro, Local Governments, NGO's and in particular the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Northern Cape Province.

## ***PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN***

### ***A. EDUCATION AND TRAINING***

#### **Allocation of bursaries**

Since 1993, a total of 912 bursaries, to the amount of R2 895 419 have been paid out to disadvantaged students of Namaqualand.

To briefly sum up the criteria of the selection of bursaries, the following apply:

- The applicant or his parents / guardian (if the applicant still is in the care of the parents / guardian) must have a collectively gross income of R50 000 p.a. Certified proof must accompany the application form.
- Occupations of a rare nature have preference. For instance, the Foundation does not fund educational studies (for example, teachers, educare).
- Only applicants or his/her parents/guardian who lives in Namaqualand or applicants who matriculated in Namaqualand will be considered for a bursary.

- Applicants who apply for a college / technical college / technikon / university will have preference. Also, applicants who obtained their matriculation certificate within the past two years, have preference.

### **Study loans**

Study loans with a minimum interest rate of 5 % were granted from 1996 until present. An amount of R1 321 495 has been paid out to student all over Namaqualand.

### **Allocation to schools and nursery schools**

The Foundation is committed to the improvement of the standard of education in Namaqualand. To improve the standard of education in the region, the following amounts were paid out:

Primary and Secondary Schools	:	R2 606 789,00
Nursery Schools	:	R169 632,00

### **Financing of computers**

The Foundation provided computer financing to schools on a loan basis. In order to repay the loans, schools are raising funds by charging pupils a minimal fee for computer training, and by teaching.

Computer financing to the amount of R775 097,00 was granted to school in Namaqualand.

### **Other contributions**

The following is a quick summary / highlights of other contributions the Foundation had made the past eight years

- Alexkor Development Foundation took part in the establishment of the Northern Cape Education Trust Fund.
- The amount of R100 000 was paid over to the Northern Cape Premiers Bursary Fund.
- A piano was purchased for the Steinkopf Secondary School during its half-century celebrations.
- Computer equipment was bought for the Namqualand Technical Training Institute. The Foundation also took part in the establishment of this Training Institute.
- The amount of R18 000 was donated to Namaqualand High School to upgrade the kitchen for the new subject, Hotel and Catering, which is presented at the school.
- The amount of R58 000 was granted to Okiep High School, a new school that was established in 2001.

## ***B. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT***

There are a number of communities in Namaqualand, which are faced with deeply rooted poverty related problems. There is therefore as serious need for extensive social development programmes.

## ***C. DEVELOPING ENTREPRENEURSHIP***

The economic basis of the Namaqualand region is closely interwoven with the mining industry. The downscaling of mining activities and the resulting shrinkage of this economic basis is leading to increasing unemployment. It is imperative for the strengthening of the economic basis of the region that alternative opportunities for job creation be sought.

- The Alexkor Development Foundation played a leading role in the establishment of a Local Business Service Centre;
- The Foundation also played a facilitating role, in collaboration with the local RDP office, in the establishment of a Small Business Development Forum;
- The foundation provides support services to entrepreneurs on an ongoing basis by offering business training course sand advice to them;
- Business loans to the amount of R 566 408 have already been granted to entrepreneurs all over Namaqualand to start or expand their business. These entrepreneurs include a taxi service, shops and café's, needlework and sewing, prefabricated walling, scrap metal recycling, shoe repair, leatherworks, brick making hairdressing upholstery, ect.
- Financial assistance to the Small Miner's Association

## ***D. DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE***

Infrastructural development in the Namaqualand region is generally at a very low level and, in some cases of below normal standards. The following represents some of the infrastructural projects, which were funded by the Alexkor Development Foundation:

- Goodhouse fresh water Project (R500 000,00)
- Lekkersing/Eksteenfontein Project (R250 000,00)
- Springbok Municipality Electricity Provision (R200 000)
- Buffelsrivier Electrification project (R200 000)
- Kamiesberg Municipality Electrification Project (R350 000)(provision)
- Khai-Ma Municipality Electrification Project (R200 000)

- Smaller electrification projects in Okiep, Concordia, Port Nolloth, Kamieskroon, Hondeklipbaai, Kuboes/Sanddrift, Skietbank (Okiep)
- Stormwater drainage systems in Bergsig, Kamieskroon, Garies
- Sewerage systems in Steinkopf

## ***E. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS***

### **Sport and culture**

- Financial assistance given to SAFA Junior Soccer in Namaqualand
- Sponsoring of medals for the Namaqualand Primary Schools Sport Union
- Sponsoring of trophies for the USSASA
- Donate an amount of R60 000,00 to USSASA
- Sponsor Carol Brandt (Bergsig) (SA u/19 netball) and Rideon Cloete (Nababeep) (SA u/21 7's rugby) each R10 000,00.
- Sponser Donovan van den Heever (Concordia) R10 000 to compete in the International Junior Chess Championships.
- Sponser Natasha Jantjies (Okiep) R10 000 to compete in the national Face of the Year Modelling competition

### **Agriculture**

- The amount of R10 000 was donated to the following: Steinkopf Vegetables Farmers Association, Buffelsrivier Agriculture Development Committee, Bulletrap Vegetables Farmers Association, Matjieskloof Vegetable Garden.
- The Richterveld Farmers Association received the amount of R100 000.
- Donate the amount of R137 000 to the Witbank Irrigation Project.

## ***FUTURE OUTLOOK***

The process of development is a long-term process. The Alexcor Development Foundation stands firm in its commitment to the development of Namaqualand. It's investigation into income, generating project, for example, is aimed precisely at the continuation of the development process and the realization of the aims of the Foundation. In the future, the foundation will focus strongly on the development of human resources in the region.

The Foundation does not want to undertake this process of development for the communities – rather, it wants to work together with communities.

# Alexor Development Foundation

Projects funded from the period 1994 to 2001

## Social Development

	Rand
Arno van Wyk (wheelchair)	5,000.00
Bulletrap Service Centre for the Aged	30,524.60
Clinton Mouton (Wheelchair)	2,750.00
Concordia Funeral Services	19,109.59
Department of Health (diabetic)	1,000.00
Deaconship Services Springbok	1,100.00
Francios Lambrecht (Liverdisfunction)	1,000.00
Garies Funeral Partnership	16,005.00
Huis E J Appies (Steinkopf - Home for the Aged)	53,663.43
Huis Harmony (Bergsig - Home for the Aged)	125,251.85
Huis Namakwaland (Springbok - Home for the Aged)	74,643.00
Immanuel Centre for the Disabled (Steinkopf)	159,497.12
Kamieskroon Children's Homes	105,999.60
Kansa (Namakwaland)	18,012.86
Kharkams Welfare and Development Committee	14,410.82
Kuboes Society	16,005.00
Kuboes Wheelchairs	7,890.00
L Cloete (Wheelchair)	304.00
Milk deliveries (disadvantaged schools in Namakwaland)	1,393,440.68
Port Nolloth Hospital (Burgalar Bars and Electricity charger)	65,230.80
Okiep / Concordia Childrens Care Centre	20,123.63
Steinkopf Social Work	1,798.92
Steinkopf Emergency (Fluids)	619.69
Steinkopf Home for the aged	22,640.40
Aids Awareness Programme	12,410.06

Tracy Basson	1,000.00
L Freeman	1,300.00
Haasbekkie Nursery School (Food)	5,000.00
District Committee for the Aged	1,000.00
Sizamile Creche - Food (Port Nolloth)	7,949.40
International Year for the Aged	2,000.00
Nelson Mandela Children's Fund	5,000.00
Gousblom Club for the Aged	1,380.49
Namaqualand Aids Programme	2,000.00
Deaconship Services Nababeep	1,000.00
Disabled Persons in Namaqualand	6,400.00
VCSC	5,000.00
T Brand (Boy with sisti fibrose)	12,856.29
Luchen Cloete (Boy with leukemia)	5,000.00
J Cloete (Funeral)	500.00
J van Wyk (Lost house in fire)	5,939.98
Namaqualand Soup Kitchen	3,289.63
Kuboes Elderly Tour	5,000.00
R C Mission (Okiep)	938.88
Namaqualand Group Foster Home	12,617.52
Shanon v/d Heever (disabled little girl)	29,580.00
Methodist Church (Bergsig)	5,238.30
Cloete Family	1,800.00
Magrieta Obies (Baby with heart defect)	500.00
Christian Alcoholic Ministry	4,000.00
R C Foster Home Kamieskroon	15,000.00
Steinkopf Women's Group	2,000.00
St. Augustines Development Fund	1,400.00
P Marthinus (Funeral)	2,800.00
Nicro	11,600.00
Carolusberg Club for the Aged	3,000.00

Poverty Release  
Good Hope Shelter

4,325.66
1,878.85

***Sport Development***

GWRU Rural Primary School Rugby  
Namakwa Yoke-pin  
Namaqualand Primary School Athletic (Medals)  
Namaqualand USSASA  
SAFA Junior Soccer  
Okiep Junior Tennis  
Tennis Development  
Terence Carlson (rugby)  
Disabled Persons  
Carol Brandt (SA Colours - netball)  
Rideon Cloete (SA Colours - 7's rugby)  
Namaqualand Secondary Schools Athletics  
Clinton Cloete (Soccer)  
Junior Soccer  
Hillian Soccer Club

<b><i>Rand value</i></b>
1,000.00
1,140.00
2,114.93
78,258.10
2,699.95
4,000.00
5,000.00
2,000.00
21,000.00
10,000.00
10,000.00
4,500.00
5,000.00
2,000.00
7,500.00

***Education and Training***

Garies illetterate classes  
Garies Hostels  
H Cloete (special school)  
F de Wet (Education for blind person)  
Namaqualand Teachers and Training Forum  
Namrec (Word experience program)  
Northern Cape Education Development Trust  
Namaqualand Technical Training Institute

<b><i>Rand value</i></b>
1,203.30
639,462.84
720.00
3,725.00
5,000.00
10,000.00
5,000.00
192,951.58

Literate Classes	2,196.48
Premiers Trust Fund	100,000.00
Transport of children to school in Richtersveld	12,564.50
Navo	24,964.51
S A van Wyk Secondary School (software)	4,999.00
ABET Students	6,000.00
E Christiaan (Disabled person - bursary)	2,800.00
S A van Wyk Secondary School (Exchange Program)	53,009.00
South African Democratic Teachers Union	6,700.00
Port Nolloth Youth Forum (Training)	18,000.00
Allocation to schools (Primary & Secondary)	
	1994 172,628.82
	1995 103,067.36
	1996 221,589.09
	1997 94,542.14
	1998 15,164.22
	1999 20,567.00
	2000 28,375.15
	2001 33,993.89
Allocation to nursery schools	
	1996 102,576.49
	1997 38,973.47
	1998 11,709.83
	1999 4,551.55
	2000 8,273.75
	2001 2,411.69
Bursaries	
	1994 97,352.83
	1995 289,716.21
	1996 363,061.45
	1997 402,411.80
	1998 320,604.48
	1999 343,399.75
	2000 439,760.17

Study Loans

2001	295,171.84
1996	210,175.62
1997	280,830.00
1998	357,495.00
1999	78,000.00
2000	198,671.43
2001	222,153.00
	775,097.00

Computer Rooms in Schools

*Other Contributions*

Hondeklipbaai	296.40
HOP Forum	1,980.00
Namaqualand Task Committee	2,000.00
Pella SAP	8,244.26
Premiers visit to Namaqualand	6,000.00
Sizamile Boardroom (furniture)	6,541.51
Springbok Municipality (Street Lights Festival)	22,000.00
Northern Cape Reaction Team	10,000.00
Namastap Students (Trip to Turkey)	2,000.00
Port Nolloth Municipality	9,997.78
Concoridia Transitional Council	607.82
Pella Culture Festival	1,891.88
Concordia Youth League	486.79
Namaqualand Millenium Festival Committee	5,000.00
Eksteensfontein Festival Committee	1,000.00
McCellory Hoffman (Exchange Student to Australia)	8,000.00
Tripple J (Trip to Germany)	3,900.00
Steinkopf Secondary School Choir	19,807.00
Bergsig Community Choir	10,000.00
Donovan v/d Heever (International Chess Championships)	7,664.00

<i>Rand value</i>	
	296.40
	1,980.00
	2,000.00
	8,244.26
	6,000.00
	6,541.51
	22,000.00
	10,000.00
	2,000.00
	9,997.78
	607.82
	1,891.88
	486.79
	5,000.00
	1,000.00
	8,000.00
	3,900.00
	19,807.00
	10,000.00
	7,664.00

Carnaval Committee (Vioolsdrift)  
 Centre for Integrated Rural Development  
 Houses for Teachers (Witbank)  
 Okiep Arts & Culture  
 Namaqualand Tourism Festival Committee  
 Audrey Gansie (Exchange student to USA)  
 Namaqua District Municipality  
 Donations R1000 and under  
 Natasha Jantjies (National Modelling competition)  
 Namaqualand Choir Festival  
 V Vries (CD)  
 Richtersveld Arts & Culture  
 Nama Khoi Mineral Expo  
 T W C Consultings  
 Garies Transitional council  
 Nambid

7,000.00
770.00
30,417.98
12,023.47
20,000.00
10,000.00
5,000.00
9,895.00
4,500.00
5,000.00
5,000.00
5,500.00
20,000.00
7,211.65
6,000.00
62,000.00

**Infrastructure**

Bersig Storm water drainage project  
 Bulletrap Electricity  
 Buffelsrivier Electricity  
 Concordia dynamometer  
 Concordia Electricity Project  
 Garies Sewer Project  
 Hondeklipbaai Electricity Project  
 Kamieskroon Stormwater Project  
 Kroonsig Kitskrag  
 Kuboes & Sanddrif (streetlights)  
 Kuboes (the founding of a TV station)

<i>Rand value</i>	<i>Jobs created</i>	
	<i>Direct</i>	<i>Indirect</i>
178,728.00	30	
250,000.00	8	5
350,000.00	8	4
170,049.30	10	
442,331.40	21	
200,000.00	23	12
178,043.26	12	
10,000.00	12	
226,367.25		
114,139.30	13	
87,498.62	2	

Lekkersing & Eksteenfontein Electricity  
 Okiep Electricity Project  
 Pella (provided boards for streetnames)  
 Pella Water Network  
 Port Nolloth Electricity  
 Port Nolloth Municipality (Analysing of water samples)  
 Springbok Stormwater Project  
 Steinkopf Electricity  
 Steinkopf Sewerjunction  
 Goodhouse Water Project  
 Goodhouse TV Reduce Station  
 Skietbank Electrification  
 Witbank Irrigation Project  
 VGK Kuboes (Building Project)  
 Kamiesberg Electrification

300,958.92	8	4
361,953.41	22	
8,816.70	3	
200,000.00	10	5
485,031.92	20	12
912.00		
80,000.00	30	
21,048.05	1	8
139,836.55	15	
559,931.93	3	
2,210.00		
50,000.00	3	
147,409.03	20	
10,000.00	15	
31,031.60		

**Agriculture Development**

Goodhouse Freshwater Project  
 Launching Project - Ostrich feed stock (Spoegrivier)  
 Kamiesberg Small Farmers Association  
 Richterveld Farmers Union  
 Concordia Farmers Association  
 Matjieskool Vegetable Garden  
 Steinkopf Vegetable Farmers  
 Paulshoek Vegetable Garden  
 Buffelsrivier Agriculture Development Committee  
 Goodhouse Tomatoe Project

<i>Rand value</i>	<i>Jobs created</i>	
	<i>Direct</i>	<i>Indirect</i>
18,389.24		
578.55		
20,000.00	5	
10,000.00	2	
9,977.98	4	
7,351.50	1	3
1,997.90	6	
8,390.24	3	
9,999.36	4	
10,000.00	15	

Namaqualand Nama Masekane Tomatoe Project (Vioolsdrift)  
 Bulletrap Vegetable Project  
 Soebatsfontein Landcare Project  
 Port Nolloth Chicken Farming

13,000.00	5	
3,961.58	4	
10,000.00	6	
3,400.00	1	

**Entrepreneurship Development**

Namaqualand Women's Forum - Port Nolloth (Needle Work)  
 Richtersveld Media Centre  
 Small Business Loans (interest of 5 %)  
 Steinkopf House wives Club  
 Kleinbegin Women's Group (Port Nolloth)  
 Nambid  
 Kharkams Welfare and Development Committee

Namaqualand Corridor Development Company  
 Steinkopf Transitional Board  
 Namaqualand Small Miners Association (Salary for fieldworker)  
 Kuboes Tourism Office  
 Okiep Transitional council (job creation)  
 Namaqualand Districts Council (Ambulance equipment)  
 Buffelsrivier Mortuary  
 Rooiberg Guesthouse (Eksteenfontein)  
 Swartkoppies Tourism Project  
 Garies Praise & Worship Group  
 Sugar Daddy  
 Nama Jive  
 Namaqua Express  
 Buffelsrivier Needlework Project  
 Steinkopf Culture Coffee Bar

Rand value	Jobs created	
	Direct	Indirect
5,600.00		
13,056.51	1	
567,692.97	82	
15,000.00	15	
15,000.00	5	
50,000.00	2	3
14,410.82	7	
90,000.00	1	
2,000.00		
70,000.00	1	
244.90		
9,000.00	5	
76,218.92	2	
30,853.90	2	
5,000.00	1	
33,247.00	2	20
10,000.00	7	
6,000.00	8	
10,000.00	5	
17,199.82	2	3
9,010.00	6	
10,000.00	3	

Okiep Recreation Club  
Concordia Needleword Group  
Saambak Project (Komaggas)  
Okiep Sport Complex  
Groenkloof Node Tourism Project  
Vlytige Vingers (Komaggas)  
Okiep Job creation Project  
Kamieskroon Overall Project

20,855.00	9	
8,221.88	5	
5,198.98	10	
135,205.53	25	
150,288.51	8	25
12,499.76	7	
9,943.14	5	
1,872.97	4	