



# Tsholofelo Community Squatter Camp

RUSTENBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

## PROJECTS

Pad Project

Sewing Project

Early Childhood Development Program & Teacher Training

Rustenberg, South Africa, is brimming with employment-seeking platinum mine-workers who live in squatter camps. These squalid areas pose challenging living conditions for females. Young girls are particularly vulnerable, as many of them lack reproductive education and, believing menstrual periods to be a sickness, girls stay away from schools during their periods. Unanticipated pregnancies are common.

In the midst of this, the Tsholofelo Community provides women with a safe location for relaxation, skills training, medical care, HIV treatments and community-based social activities.

Thanks to an FSC Foundation grant, LWH initiated a project last year that provides both Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) training and female hygienic products to girls attending school.

Approximately 100 girls were invited to participate in this initial LWH program. To help provide ongoing funding for hygienic supplies, this LWH project funded sewing machines and instructors, which enabled women to manufacture traditional African shirts for international purchase. Through this skills-based training, the profits from sales will provide enduring funding for the Pad Project and expanded MHM education.

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—Mary Hyam

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