



The Ardú social upliftment foundation.

Dear Friends, Partners and Stakeholders
of **The Ardú Foundation**,

As we step into 2026, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for what has already been a meaningful and productive start to the year. We would like to share some of the work we've been doing, made possible through your continued support and belief in our mission.

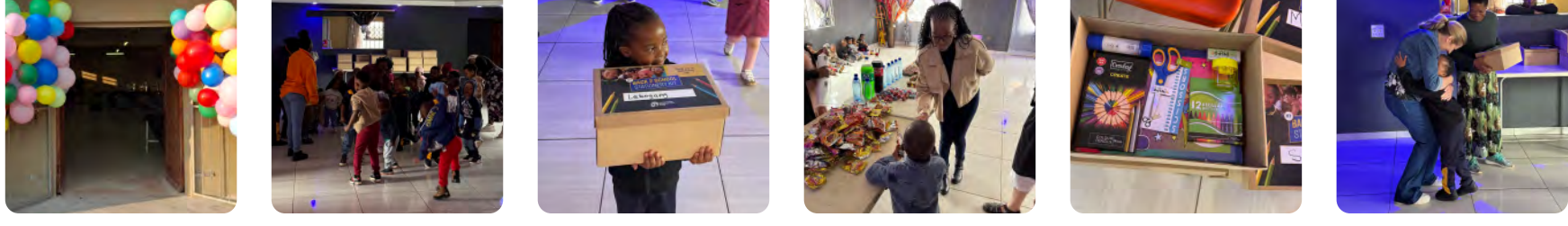


A Strong Start to the Year Back2School Initiative

We kicked off the year on a joyful and uplifting note. On 29 January 2026, we delivered Back2School kits to 100 preschoolers at Zanele Preschool in Randfontein partnering with the HEF Foundation.

This initiative was made possible through the generous support of our UMA partners: **SIS, Resilea, and The Liability Company.**

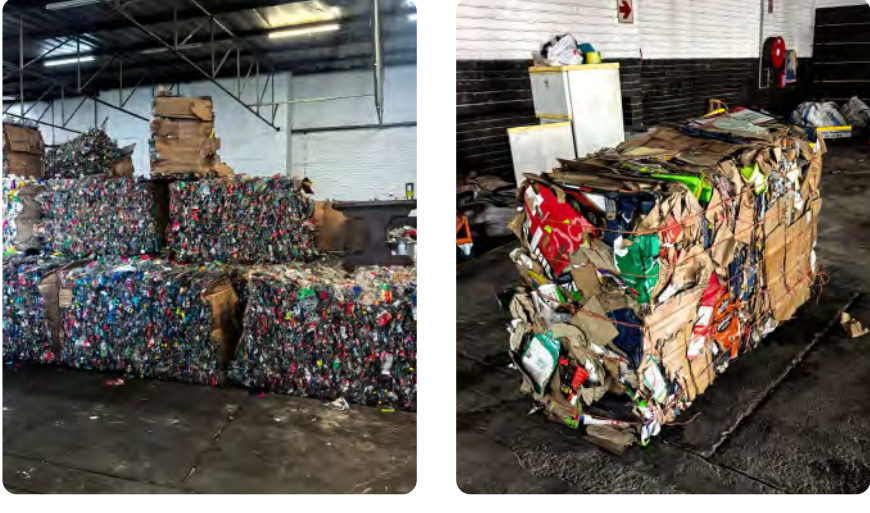
A heartfelt thank you to you and your teams for participating and helping make the day truly memorable not only for us, but for the children who received these much-needed supplies. Your contribution made a tangible difference and set a positive tone for the year ahead.



iThemba Trolley Pushers Waste Pickers Initiative

We are proud to share that we officially opened the **iThemba TT Waste Collection Depot on 2 February 2026.**

This is an important step forward, as the depot has been structured so that all profits will directly benefit the waste pickers themselves.



- Our work here is just beginning:**
- We are currently conducting a needs-based survey among the waste pickers to better understand their most pressing challenges.
 - Based on this, we will develop a targeted support strategy to ensure meaningful and sustainable impact.

- In addition, we are:**
- Upgrading ablution facilities to provide clean showers and toilets
 - Introducing weekly access to a nursing sister for basic medical care
 - Planning future partnerships with SADAG to offer:
 - Emotional support
 - Substance abuse assistance

Looking Ahead

we also aim to introduce low-cost nutritional meals, which will be phased in once the business operations are running smoothly.

We have also launched a donation drive for:

- Clothing
- Shoes (for adults and children)
- Toys

Donations Welcome

Donations can be dropped off at our offices at SIS in Centurion

35 Oxford Park, 3 Bauhinia

Please feel free to contribute whenever you are in the area every item makes a difference.

Chintsa Community Upliftment Project

Our work in Chintsa, Eastern Cape continues to grow steadily.

- We have recently funded the completion of a local crèche, including:**
- Electrical wiring installation
 - Permanent ablution facilities
 - Windows and ceilings
 - Insulation

This is a significant step toward creating a safe and supportive environment for early childhood development in the community.

- We are also currently in discussions with an architect regarding the development of a Chintsa Social Hub, which will include:**
- A clinic
 - Social worker facilities
 - A satellite police station

We anticipate that renovations will begin around **May 2026**, marking **the next major milestone in this project.**



To ensure that our interventions are both relevant and sustainable, we are conducting multiple community surveys in Chintsa.

- These will help us:**
- Understand community needs more deeply
 - Identify viable income-generating opportunities

- Develop a financial model that can sustainably support:**
- The social hub
 - Future joint initiatives between Ardú and the Chintsa community

Looking Ahead

As always, our focus remains on creating sustainable, community-driven solutions that:

- Generate income
- Build skills
- Create employment
- Support long-term social development

A Message from Allen McDonogh

Founder & CEO – re:public | Chair – The Ardú Foundation

Over the past few months, I have found myself reflecting more deeply on what we are actually building through Ardú. Not just the projects, the infrastructure, or the partnerships but the people.

In many of the communities we engage with, there is something you begin to notice over time. It is not always visible at first, but it becomes clearer the more you listen and the more you observe. Where there is struggle, it is often not only about resources. It is about presence. It is about people feeling unseen, unsupported, and in many cases, left to navigate life on their own.

I have also come to recognise that when even a few individuals choose to show up differently, things begin to change.

Sometimes it is a mentor who gives their time. Sometimes it is someone who simply listens. Sometimes it is a person who decides to take responsibility, not because they have to, but because they can.

Those moments matter more than we often realise.

Within this, I have thought a great deal about the role of men. Not in a way that excludes anyone else, but in the sense of responsibility. When men choose to step beyond themselves, to contribute, to guide, and to act with purpose, it creates a kind of stability that many communities are quietly longing for.

And when that happens alongside the strength, care, and leadership already present in women and families, something more complete begins to form. This is not about recognition. It is about contribution.

What we are trying to build through Ardú is not something that can be delivered to a community. It has to be built with people, through people, and ultimately sustained by people who see themselves as part of something bigger.

That is where real upliftment begins.

So the invitation is simple, but not always easy.

**To step forward.
To take part.
To move beyond self-interest and into purpose.**

Not perfectly, but intentionally.

Because when enough people begin to do that, communities do not just improve they begin to rebuild themselves.

And that is where purpose lives.

Warm regards,



Allen McDonogh
Founder & CEO – re:public Ins. Co.
Chair – The Ardú Foundation

None of this would be possible without your support, collaboration, and shared commitment to meaningful change.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

If you would like to get involved, support our initiatives, or learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we are building something that lasts.

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