

## Update on Msinga Children's Centre

**Work is progressing well on the building of the children's centre in Msinga, South Africa. Thank you so much for your support.**

E3's local partner, Zimele Wethu, has empowered the women and men of the community to manage the building project themselves through ongoing training and mentoring. They have learned new skills and are proud of all that has been achieved so far. It has been a community effort, with members of the self-help groups gathering water from a nearby borehole and collecting sand and rocks as well as taking deliveries and organising all the building materials. Building work stopped in July and August and the community worked hard gathering stones and rocks to fill the foundations ready for the concrete floor. The women, community leaders and children have worked hard to complete this tedious manual work.

By 20 September, the main hall of the building was ready for construction to resume and the builders have now completed the concrete floor. Plastering on the interior walls has also been completed and the builders have started plastering the exterior walls now. The self-help group members have applied to the council for an electricity connection and a water pipe from the community borehole.



These photos show the community involvement in the project!

### **Fundraising update:**

Raised so far by E3: £7,340 | **Funds needed to complete the building: £1,960**

Total project budget: £9,300 (less than the original budget of £11,000 because the community has worked so hard alongside the builders and God has blessed the budgeting!)

**Once the centre is open, 50 children will come for meals before and after school, help with homework and Life Skills workshops as well as 20 children attending the preschool.**