The Sabinet Chairperson’s Fund was established in 2003, to ensure that the social responsibility initiatives undertaken by Sabinet remain sustainable and deliver long term and tangible impact.

We believe in taking social responsibility seriously in order to make a sustainable contribution to the development and economic growth of the country.

As a result of this belief at least 10 percent of Sabinet’s pre-tax profit is donated annually to the Chairperson’s Fund.

The focus of the Fund is to contribute to the educational, social and economic upliftment and development of deserving communities in South Africa.

The primary objectives of the Fund are as follows:

- Promote and support community development through identification and support of established and effective organisations or entities who specialise in Sabinet’s chosen areas of operation;
- Inspire and motivate employees by increasing their involvement in social responsibility initiatives.

Projects undertaken in 2012/13 include enterprise development; Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET); community library assistance; mathematics tuition through the SabiMaths Kids program; and support for the various charitable organisations that contribute to the improvement and empowerment of the community.

The various projects undertaken, contribute significantly to the plight of the numerous communities we invest in.

The Sabinet staff is passionate and committed to seeing that these projects succeed.

**Main Projects**

**Adult Basic Education & Training (ABET)**

In cooperation with the Tshwane Community Library and Information Services, the Sabinet Chairperson’s Fund tutors approximately 120 adult learners each year, providing them with basic literacy skills.

Accreditation in the form of a compliance certificate of competence is awarded to course attendees who pass a formal test at the end of the training.

**Community Library Assistance**

The Fund undertakes a number of ad hoc projects in partnership with Tshwane Community Library and Information Services.

It also invites libraries in the regions other than Tshwane to submit proposals for funding of projects in community libraries.
This year the following three projects were supported:

**Dikgatlong Libraries**
**Busy Bee Day Care Centre**
Funding was given to purchase various materials needed for the day care centre

**Bethelsdorp Comprehensive School**
**Library and Media Centre**
Funding was given to purchase a number of books as well as IT equipment

**Drakenstein Library and Information Services**
**Give Every Rural Child A Book**
Books, stationery and equipment were needed in order to promote literacy in rural communities

**SabiMaths Kids Project**

The Sabinet Chairperson’s Fund, together with the Tshwane Community Library and Information Services hosts a supplementary maths tuition initiative in Mamelodi and Soshanguve, offering learners from a number of schools extra maths classes.

The aim of this project is to improve the maths skills of school children in underprivileged communities, assisting them to develop a solid understanding of maths and to encourage them to study further.

A feeding scheme for the children participating in the classes is also in place and involves members of the community in the preparation of the food.

An extension of this project is a public-private partnership between Sabinet and the United States Mission to South Africa’s Mae Jemison US Science Reading Room at the University of Pretoria campus to offer maths tuition to primary school students in Mamelodi.
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Biblionef

Biblionef South Africa is a book donation agency specializing in providing new or unused books to help children and adolescents in remote and rural areas and informal settlements who have no access to libraries.

The Chairperson’s Fund sponsors various Biblionef projects on an ongoing basis.

Others

Numerous ad hoc donations were made throughout the year to organisations, including Baphumele Children’s Home, Jicama 98, Girls and Boys Town, Pretoria Care for the Aged, Eastrand Children’s Fund, Child Welfare South Africa and Compass.

Staff Projects

Over the past year, Sabinet personnel have personally supported a number of social projects including the Tshwane Place of Safety, which takes abandoned, orphaned and HIV babies until they can be placed in foster care. The Chairperson’s Fund donates R1 for every rand donated by Sabinet staff.

Enterprise Development

Sabinet firmly believes in the potential of this country's entrepreneurs and it is this belief that fuels our passion to fund and assist promising enterprises. These identified enterprises are ones that contribute substantially to the community and are led by passionate and dedicated visionaries.

This year the Chairperson’s Fund, has dedicated its efforts to assisting the Viva Trust, who are busy constructing the Viva Connect Enterprise Development and Communication Centre in the East of Mamelodi.

This centre aims to bring together diverse entrepreneurs, by offering business premises as well as business guidance to identified enterprises, to one central “business hub”.

Their aim is to have a variety of offerings available to the community to purchase, with the treasure of the project being the ICT Communication Centre that Sabinet has contributed towards building.