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Ahead of Mandela Day, BASF South Africa marks 60 years in the country by unveiling a STEM education legacy project in collaboration with customers and partners.

- **Over 100 BASF employees, customers, partners and community members are refurbishing Sandringham High School facilities to support learning, well-being and dignity.**
- **A refurbished science laboratory will be unveiled on July 16, launching a long-term programme to strengthen STEM education.**
- **Building on BASF's 161-year global legacy, the programme contributes to the development of inclusive and resilient communities through socio-economic initiatives.**

Johannesburg, South Africa – [BASF South Africa](#) is marking its 60th anniversary by investing in the future of local communities through impactful initiatives that honour [Nelson Mandela's legacy](#) of service, dignity and social justice.

Today, more than 100 BASF employees, customers, strategic partners and members of the Sandringham High School community have come together in Johannesburg to revitalise key school facilities and create a more dignified environment for learning and well-being.

In honour of Nelson Mandela Day and BASF South Africa's 60-year milestone, the company unveiled a refurbished science laboratory on July 16th, marking the start of a phased STEM upliftment programme aimed at strengthening science education and expanding opportunities for future generations.

Sandringham High School, a public secondary school serving approximately 1,100 learners, was identified as a beneficiary following a BASF assessment that highlighted the need to upgrade science laboratories, educator wellness facilities,

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the reception area and other spaces that support teaching, learning and learner well-being.

Pascal Rekhoto, Principal of Sandringham High School, said: "This investment is about far more than improved facilities. It creates an environment that inspires confidence, curiosity and a belief in what is possible. The refurbishment of our science laboratory and school facilities will strengthen STEM learning while fostering pride and belonging among our learners. We are grateful to BASF, its customers and strategic partners including [Kansai Plascon](#), [Bustque](#), [Foam Factory](#), [Trend Group](#), [Protek](#), [A-Thermal](#), and [Technical Finishes](#), a Saint-Gobain brand for investing in the future of our learners and helping us build a stronger foundation for generations to come."

The Sandringham project forms part of BASF South Africa's broader socio-economic development programme, delivered through more than 10 non-profit organisation partnerships across the country. These collaborations support priorities such as youth development, STEM education, disability inclusion, family support, WASH initiatives, school infrastructure improvement, community upliftment and food security.

Wojciech Kulma, Managing Director of BASF South Africa, said: "Our 60-year journey in South Africa is a story of partnership, innovation and shared progress. As we celebrate this milestone with our employees, customers and partners, we wanted to create a legacy that extends beyond our anniversary and contributes meaningfully to the communities in which we operate. Through this initiative, we are investing not only in infrastructure, but also in opportunity, dignity and hope for future generations."

In KwaZulu-Natal, BASF employees and partners are also supporting mothers and newborn babies through a community outreach initiative at St Mary's Hospital in Pinetown. Volunteers are preparing and distributing care packs to address essential maternal and infant needs, reinforcing BASF's commitment to improving well-being through practical, community-driven interventions.

Guided by its purpose of creating chemistry for a sustainable future, BASF's corporate citizenship initiatives create lasting impact by improving access to education, supporting community well-being and advancing inclusion. The programme contributes to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#), including SDGs 3, 4, 10, and 17.

Pfarelo Mutwanamba, Head of Finance, Tax and Controlling Africa and Chair of the BASF South Africa's B-BBEE Committee, said: "Sustainable socio-economic development requires more than investment; it requires collaboration, commitment and a shared vision for the future. By bringing together our employees, customers, non-profit partners and communities, we are creating meaningful and lasting impact. Every school strengthened, learner empowered and community supported is an investment in South Africa's future."

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. Our ambition: We want to be the preferred chemical company to enable our customers' green transformation. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 108,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises, as core businesses, the segments Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, and Nutrition & Care; our standalone businesses are bundled in the segments Surface Technologies and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of around €60 billion in 2025. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States. Further information at www.basf.com.

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