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THE HIGHLIGHTS

- EduGate hosts and facilitates one week training in early literacy and materials making.
- Project Director's Visit ended in May.
- Leadership Seminar attended by EduGate Leadership.

Visit by Project Director

The Project Director ended her visit on the 7th May, 2016. Her last week was spent facilitating and observing trainers during the REO Training. She also facilitated afternoon sessions where feedback was given to the presenters of the day and the lessons were evaluated.

The Project Director, together with the Head of Training, visited Sunrise Preschool, which EduGate partnered with in 2016 for students' practicals. This preschool is within the community where our training takes place and it's convenient for our students to practice in the morning and then come back to resume their classes. On her last day, she attended a leadership insight seminar facilitated by Bill Hybels at potter's Wheel, Malagwane.

In The Classroom: Student Observation and Practicals

Our Students resumed classes on the 16th May, with enthusiasm and renewed energy. Two external facilitators were sought this month to teach topics on Children Living with Disabilities and Government Books. Classes went very well and all students were healthy.



The Project Director, Susanna Ilomäki, together with Senior Inspector Ms. Gwen Simelana, Ms. Nomthandazo Jele a graduate, Ms. Mkhaliphi REO Official and PM during the certification session at the end of the training.

EduGate hosts one Week Training in Early Literacy and Materials Making

In collaboration with Government – Regional Education Office for Hhohho Region – EduGate hosted a one-week training in early literacy and materials making. The training brought together 38 preschool teachers from the rural Piggs Peak Zone to be capacitated in how they can teach young children reading and writing and to produce their

own materials used in daily lessons and to be hanged on classroom walls. The preschool teachers were assisted to produce materials to teach general phonics, which is a key element for teaching reading and writing in preschools.

On the last day we had Senior Inspector ECCD, Ms. Gwen Simelane, joining to do the certification of the graduates. An official from the REO sat throughout the training, observing and learning as trainers were taking turns to deliver content. In her closing remarks, the Senior Inspector thanked EduGate for supporting Government in capacitating the teachers and said that she is optimistic that when visiting these preschools next time their approach to teaching will be completely different.



A group photo of participants together with Government Officials and EduGate Staff after the certification session.

EduGate Leadership attends Leadership Insight Seminar

On the 07th May, the Project Director, Project Manager and the Head of Training attended a half-day leadership seminar, facilitated by Bill Hybels, a dynamic speaker on leadership based in the United States of America. This seminar was an eye opener on how to handle staff motivation, capacity building and staff morale in the workplace.



Participants enjoying outdoor games in the morning as part of circle time training activities.

EduGate Staff Travels to Nepal

In May two staff members: our Head of Training Dr. Sikelela Dlamini and Ms. Nomsa Dlamini travelled to Nepal and attended a two-week training on our curriculum and leadership. The training was hosted by ECEC Nepal and the Project Director was also in attendance.

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