

KaMbhoke OVCs receive donated clothing

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KAMBHOKE – A consortium of international charity organisations donated clothing to orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) of KaMbhoke who attend an informal school at a Mamba homestead on Thursday.

The orphan sections include Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries (COSPE), Swaziland Charity Trust (SCT) from England and TERRATECH – **MEDEA** which is based in **Germany**.

Hezekiel Mamba, the owner of the homestead, informed the Times that the school was formed in 2002 with the aim of giving OVCs of the area a chance at being educated. He explained that the children used a syllabus collaboratively compiled by Sebenta National Institute and the Ministry of Education and that they are taught life and developmental skills. They are also taught about **HIV/AIDS**, such a transmission and the drivers of the pandemic. Agricultural skills are also imparted with the assistance of the Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

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Explaining further, Mamba said the children attend school for two years before being integrated into a formal education environment.

He said the pupils were doing well, as the teachers did not complain about them. Speaking during the event, Mamba expressed his elation at receiving the donation, saying the children had nothing to wear thus the clothing had come at an opportune time.

A women identified as Gabriel from SCT thanked the Mamba family for their contribution towards the community by educating the children.

She thanked Mamba's wives for their willing spirit and resilience, as well as Clothing International for the kind donation. She acknowledged how hard it was to raise children with little resources. She also pledged to support the family in whatever way she could.

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