

Pupils' joy at new classroom in Vrygrond

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Little feet moved to the beat of Baby Shark in a newly-unveiled classroom in Vrygrond, where pupils finally got the space needed to succeed. *Picture: Tracey Adams/African News Agency.*

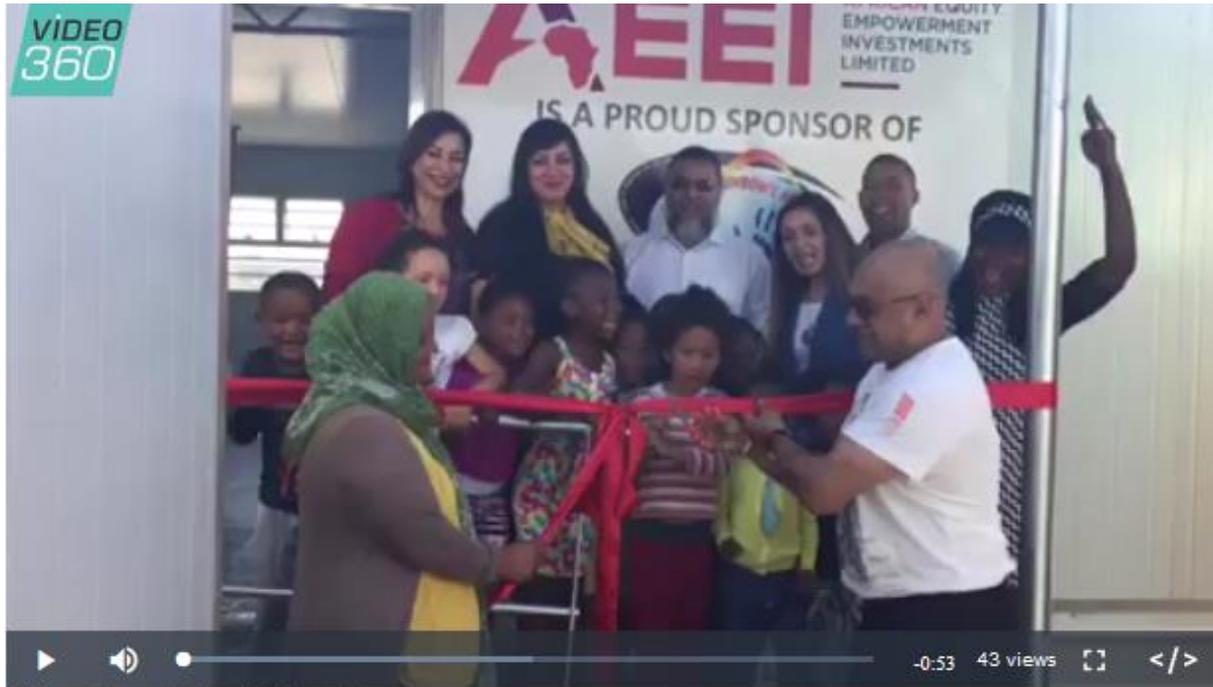
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The classroom at Where Rainbows Meet Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) replaced the old shipping container building the school practised in for the past eight years at a cost of R400 000.

The structure was donated by African Equity Empowerments Limited investment group which presented formal plans for the building to the school as part of its Mandela Day project earlier this year.

“ECD and education forms the foundation of the growth and development of all people and we are here to facilitate access to educational opportunities by providing the foundation with structures, stationery and teachers to our little ones,” said group chief executive Khalid Abdulla.

ECD director Mymoena Scholtz said she was extremely grateful for the donation, as the school can now take on more children.



Video: Tracey Adams/African News Agency. **(See Video in our Gallery)**

Scholtz said many of the children at the school came from families where drugs and alcohol abuse tainted their upbringing and others started school late due to not having legal documentation. “Lots of the kids are seven and eight years old and have never been to school. The kids are very excited and can’t wait to be in the building, as the old classroom is no longer good enough. The excitement on their faces is good to see”.

“You cannot imagine starting from a container eight years ago and now moving into this nice fancy building”.

“It’s such a blessing because we can host more kids, especially Grade R pupils. We have 105 kids at the moment in pre-school and Grade 1.”