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## His Grace, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba visits Marikana

On 15 and 16 November 2021, Sibanye-Stillwater hosted His Grace the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgoba, who is the patron of the Marikana Renewal programme, on a visit to the greater Marikana area. The purpose of the visit was to meet with stakeholders as a part of the inclusive engagement process to create a renewed Marikana.



His Grace was joined by Dr Mamphela Ramphele, co-founder of Reimagine SA which is an independent social facilitator engaged by Sibanye-Stillwater to ensure that the pillars of renewal Honour: Engage and Create are realised. Some of the key deliverables of the Marikana Renewal Programme include: the finalisation of the houses for the widows and their children; educational support; support for Bapo Ba Mogale; and social programmes in partnership with government and the community.

His visit included a tour of the community where he viewed some of the houses that have been handed over to widows affected by the Marikana tragedy. His Grace and the delegation also met and engaged with Bapo Ba Ga Mogale chief, Kgosi Kgolo Nkwane Andrew Mogale, and the members of the traditional council at the Bapo Ba Ga Mogale Royal palace.

Archbishop Makgoba also visited the Koppie in Wonderkop, where a prayer and reflection session was held.



During his time in Marikana, His Grace held meetings with representatives of non-governmental and community organisations, Madibeng Local Municipality, local traditional authorities and some of the widows. The purpose of the meetings was to engage with stakeholders on progress being made on partnership programmes aimed at improving livelihoods and the social environment.

Dr Mandla Yawa who lost his brother in the events of August 2012 joined His Grace on the visit to the Koppie. Dr Yawa is a beneficiary of the 1608 Memorial Trust, an education trust set up to provide educational support for children that were affected by the Marikana tragedy. He recently received his Doctorate in Animal Science from the University of Fort Hare.

