



# Inhlonhla donates over E55 000 towards 55/55 celebrations



**By Inhlonhla Communications**

**L**OZITHA – Local businesses, people, government agencies, and the nation’s development partners contributed more than E10,520 000 to the 55 double celebrations this year.

The 55/55 double celebration took place on September 6, 2023, and Inhlonhla Investment Company gave more than E55 000 towards it.

Inhlonhla’s Mbuso Simelane highlighted that the double celebration was important to EmaSwati and it was imperative to them that they continue to assist the nation were possible.

Worth noting, Inhlonhla has contributed over E100 000 for national events in the past years and the said funds were utilized to assist the country organize the events.

The nation commemorated His Majesty King Mswati III’s birthday and 55 years of independence from the British protectorate on September 6, 2023. Ahead of the double celebration, a large contingent of EmaSwati presented Their Majesties with tefulo, or gifts.

The gifts came in the form of cash as well as in-kind contributions of food, furniture, cattle, and kitchenware. Donations of more than E10,520 000 came from businesses, people, government agencies, and the



nation’s development partners. These funds were collected by the resources mobilisation committee, which was announced by the then Minister of Home Affairs, Princess Lindiwe.

Other donations that were not included in the E10.5 million included cattle that were presented by various stakeholders. The 55/55 celebration gifts presentation came after another ceremony of tefulo that took place on Wednesday night.

During that night, emaSwati was presenting their contributions to the ongoing Umhlanga ceremony.

According to the list that was presented by Ncumbi Maziya, EmaSwati presented 77 cattle for Umhlanga and E415 318.00 in kind donations.

Maziya further stated that they collected over E915,470 in cash donations and E46,300 in pledges. In total, E2 487 388 was contributed by EmaSwati towards Umhlanga.

His Majesty King Mswati III lauded everyone who came through to present gifts towards the national events that were taking place and coming ones. The King noted the overwhelming numbers of emaSwati who were showing up and attending national events.



He said it was pleasing to see the Imbali regiment showing interest in culture. He lauded the nation, especially those who encouraged Imbali to take part in the national event. His Majesty said he noted an extreme level of excitement from the maidens.

He said these national celebrations and ceremonies were attended by hundreds of thousands of people. He highlighted a saying that said, ‘Enkhosini akulanjwa, meaning everyone who attended these events was to be fed.

He said that when he looked at all the gifts that were presented by corporations, Bantfwabentfosi, chiefs, individuals, and representatives of development partners, it showed that everyone ensured that they presented the best gifts.

His Majesty mentioned that he was impressed to see children as young as three years old

presenting tefulo towards the national events.

“I saw little ones, as young as three years old, and they seemed to have somehow mastered the craft of speaking with the King. I was really impressed to see children understanding the importance of tefulo,” he said.

Further, he noted that the numbers of people who showed up to present gifts had increased drastically and that such was continuing, proving that the nation was still one and culture was still prioritised.

He said he was thankful that finally emaSwati were able to gather in numbers and celebrate all national events after a rough period between 2020 and 2021, when the entire world was battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The gifts included money and in-kind donations that included cattle, groceries, and furniture.

