

MEDIA RELEASE

Barclays pledges ZAR 100,000 to Intshisekelo Secondary School, KwZulu-Natal

Durban 28 July 2006 - Barclays CEO David Roberts today pledged ZAR 100,000 to Intshisekelo Secondary School, Inanda, KwaZulu-Natal to further the school's education programmes.

Mr. Roberts visited the school along with UNICEF Representative Macharia Kamau and South African Government counterparts, to meet children involved in the Girls Education Movement (GEM). GEM empowers girls through life skills and other training to reduce their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and sexual abuse and promotes higher achievement levels for girls in school.

The programme, which includes boys as strategic partners aims to reduce gender inequality and encourage girls' to pursue studies in maths and science.

In making the announcement, Mr. Roberts said "Barclays is extremely proud of the work it does with UNICEF South Africa and with children who represent the future of the country. It is a great partnership," he said.

Last year Barclays donated 350,000 pounds (4.5 million rand) to UNICEF to support the GEM programme in Eastern Cape, Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.

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