



## Media Release

### One Million Stories within 20, 000 Books – spreading the word. Dūcere Foundation African Children’s Stories

Almost twelve months ago, the Dūcere Foundation excited the imagination of children in Botswana across Chobe, Kgalagardi and the South East regions challenging them to sit with their grandparents and tribal elders to capture their stories of childhood.

With the generous support of Impression House, the Dūcere Foundation is about to distribute one million imaginative stories within 20, 000 books across Botswana and beyond its borders.

School Improvement is central to Dūcere’s philosophy knowing that literacy is the key to every child’s future. Dūcere is developing passionate leaders and learners in partnership with the Sir Ketumile Masire Foundation.

Most schools in Africa do not have stories written by African children to read. The Dūcere Foundation, with the support of their Mentors have guided year 7 students to create, and record the childhood memories of their elders, capturing stories that are part of their cultural heritage.

The Dūcere Foundation began its work in Botswana in 2012 and is expanding its reach across a number of African countries; however, Botswana is the home of Dūcere.

This distribution has been made possible through the vision of the Dūcere founder Mat Jacobson, the leadership of its mentors and the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) who are partners in the delivery of the Dūcere School Improvement program, where literacy is the key.

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