

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

JOHANNESBURG ZOO

Date: Friday, 25 April 2023

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: Johannesburg Zoo

Project Name: Animal Shelter

Project Partner: Johannesburg Zoo and City Parks

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Project description

This project is based on Sustainable Development Goals number 15: Life on Land. In order to minimize biodiversity loss and stop the extinction of endangered species, humanity stands at a crucial juncture. Terrestrial ecosystems are important to humans in a variety of ways, some of which we may not be aware of until it is too late. Ecosystem services flourish and destructive forces are reduced when wildlife habitats are preserved. The underpinning of human existence on our planet is a thriving terrestrial biosphere. We have all contributed to the destruction of the planet's ecology through deforestation, the destruction of natural ecosystems, and land degradation. It is not a cause to encourage the sustainable use of our ecosystems and the preservation of biodiversity. It is essential to our ability to live.

The following activities were carried out by the SPMGPP students in order to accomplish this goal. In order to maintain the environment, the students at the Johannesburg Zoo worked alongside the workers to clean the animal shelters. Participating in volunteer work at the Johannesburg Zoo contributes to maintaining animal diversity and preserving the lives of endangered animals. Throughout the day, the students took part in a variety of activities, including feeding and strolling the birds and cleaning the animal cages.

SPMGPP Student Coordinator: Mr Christian Kayembe

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See pictures below.

