



# Spinning for more water

South Africa's leading agricultural services group, Afgri actively looks for projects that allow for sustained company participation rather than just the provision of funds. It is therefore involved in several community upliftment projects with the objective of creating functional communities capable of integration into a modern, developing economy.

One of those projects is Roundabout PlayPumps, an initiative that supplies water to rural communities through the reconstitution of disused boreholes, with the water pumped by children playing on a roundabout. Initially, Afgri sponsored the erection of three roundabouts in school environments in the greater Mpumalanga area. Enthused by the success of the first installations, two further pumps have now been sponsored by Afgri in Mpumalanga and installed at Chweni and Shishila Primary schools respectively.

Commenting on the project, Afgri corporate

affairs director Mr Moji Mogari says, "Afgri's motivation for its involvement with roundabouts is to actively participate in the provision of free, clean, potable water on tap to impoverished rural communities and the subsequent introduction of food security programmes through the planting of vegetable gardens."

Ms BZ Buthelezi, principal of Shishila Primary School, White River, says, "We are grateful to Afgri for sponsoring the installation of the pumps at our school.

In terms of personal hygiene and sanitation, our learners use the water to wash their hands, and we are in the process of connecting water to the toilets that have been recently built at the school.

The water also contributes to our nutritional programme as it is used in the vegetable garden which our school started early this year, and these vegetables supplement the food that is cooked in our kitchen."

