



WHAT IS ISEC?

In 1989, the DSJ made a commitment to counteract the extreme inequality that prevailed in South Africa's education sector by founding the innovative ISec programme.

Through the programme, Germany to this day supports a number of learners from partner schools in Soweto who distinguish themselves from their peers through their exemplary academic achievements. A group of learners first attend lessons at the DSJ on Saturdays before a few are selected to attend the DSJ full time from Grade 5 onwards. In some cases Germany supports these learners with a large fee reduction until they matriculate.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DSJ SUPPORT FUND

While the ISec programme covers the educational needs of its learners, some other pressing needs that directly affect the learning ability of each learner go unmet. By far the greatest need is for daily meals. The majority of the budget is therefore used to finance breakfasts and lunches for learners whose parents face severe financial difficulties. Currently this amounts to R40 per learner per day, or about R800 per month.



In addition, the Support Fund also steps in when reading glasses, second-hand school uniforms, school materials or rides home after evening events cannot be financed.

The negative impact of the lack of these basic items on the learners' education cannot be overstated. We appreciate your help in fulfilling this need and contributing to making education more equal.

THE NEED FOR A FUND

WHEN SCHOOL FEES ARE NOT ENOUGH

Every learner at the DSJ is subsidised by the German Government. If this subsidy fell away, yearly school fees would double, as Germany provides almost half of the financial resources needed to run the school. Even so, in some cases, a shortfall still exists. In these tough times, several parents struggle to meet the basic needs of their children. That is where the DSJ Support Fund comes in to fill the gap.

NO CHILD SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL HUNGRY.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Every amount counts

R 40 More learner safety: **transport money after special events**

R 40 **One breakfast and one lunch for one child**

R 200 **A week's worth of breakfasts and lunches for one child**

R 1200 **A day's worth of breakfasts and lunches for all supported learners**

R 240 000 **A year of breakfasts and lunches for all supported learners**



Deutsche Schule Johannesburg

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A donation receipt/certificate will then be issued to you.

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REABETSWE MOLOI

Matric 2014



Currently a Candidate Legal Practitioner at Bowman Gilfillian's in Johannesburg. Completed a BA Law (Cum Laude) at UJ and an LLB (Cum Laude) at University of Pretoria. Spent a year between both degrees to stay with host family in Dresden, where she completed an advanced German course, earning a C1 certificate.

“I was a beneficiary of the ISec programme and it changed the trajectory of my life in ways that I cannot fully explain. Receiving financial support from the ISec programme meant that I could attend the DSJ from grade five through to grade 12 without worrying about being financially excluded.

It enabled me to learn in an environment where my educational success was my teachers' priority. An environment where everyone, from the ground staff, to the people who worked at the cafeteria to the principals, made sure to make everyone (whether German or non-German and regardless of where you come from) feel like a part of the DSJ Family.

I appeal to anyone who can support ISec and the DSJ Support Fund, because they have the ability to change the lives of children from disadvantaged backgrounds in real and fundamental ways. Your contribution today can have a future impact in ways that we cannot imagine.

BONGI MOLEFE

Matric 2017



Currently completing her studies in Health Sciences at the University of Witwatersrand.

“The DSJ, through the Support Fund Initiative, afforded me the opportunity to develop my potential completely. It is a collaborative effort to empower change one gift at a time. It certainly changed my life.

ZUKISWA MTHIMUNYE

Matric 2001



Currently working as an Education Specialist in Development Finance, covering the African continent for the World Bank Group's private sector arm, the International Finance Corporation. Completed a B.A. in Industrial Psychology at Wits University in 2002, followed by 10 years working in the financial services sector.

“The ISec is a programme with a multi-generational impact on South African and German society. For many ISec learners, the DSJ is many worlds beyond what our parents could have ever imagined, providing us with an education of unparalleled quality and an international education that opens doors. The DSJ Support Fund provides what may be considered a small financial demand for some families – including a nutritious meal daily, school uniform that preserves a learner's dignity, participation in extracurricular activities that fosters inclusion and nurtures talents – but is in fact inaccessible resources for the families of ISec learners.

For over 30 years, ISec has been a fundamental building block of the DSJ, one of many German schools around the world nurturing and promoting the German language and culture beyond the country's borders.

The efforts of one person cannot move mountains. It is the strength of all of us working together that truly makes a difference. I implore you to support ISec and the Support Fund Initiative. Remember, when thinking of the Support Fund Initiative, it is important to remember the I stands for innovation and inspiration, not impossible. Your contributions afford learners opportunities to be the impossible.

RIEDWAAN MIGUEL PETERSEN

Matric 2008; Abitur 2009



Currently functioning in newly appointed role as Technical Marketing Manager. After school participated in an apprenticeship programme for freight logistics, followed by a move to a German company in a different industry (Instrumentation for Process Control and Automation) as a Sales Engineer. An entrepreneur who is also actively involved in youth empowerment and mentorship.

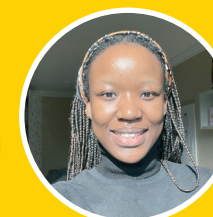
“I can attest to the fact that the opportunities I was and am exposed to is a result of the efforts employed by those who contribute generously to the DSJ Support Fund.

For many students like me, our backgrounds, geography and financial status makes it almost impossible to change the deep-rooted narrative of lack and poverty within our families and communities. Those who partner with and support initiatives like the DSJ Support Fund give students dignity and new hope for the future. The fruits of each donation cannot be quantified as the impact will be evident in generations to come.

A large part of my professional career successes and experiences can be attributed to the DSJ.

MANDY SIBEKO

Abitur 2019



“I am from Braamfisherville in Soweto and finished my Abitur at the DSJ in 2019. Currently, I am working as an au-pair in Germany, in Berlin, but I am about to start my studies in business administration and management here too. Without the ISec, none of this would have been possible. This is why I am asking you to support the initiative of the Support Fund, so more young learners from Soweto can share their stories of success!

Thank you!