

# Willowton donates to KZN schools for maths and science

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Twenty schools in the Umlazi district, south of Durban will benefit from a generous donation by the Willowton Group which has committed R660 000 to the sponsorship of maths and science kits to schools in need in KZN.

The Durban leg of the sponsorship programme was launched at a function at the Moses Mabhida Stadium this Monday.

Willowton's chief executive, Abdul Razak Moosa with brothers Ali Akbar Moosa and Suleman Farouk Moosa, have worked closely on this initiative with representatives of the Department

of Education, New Africa Education Foundation and Edutrade, the supplier of the learner kits. They are all confident that the kits will be used by learners from Grade 8 to Grade 12 and will play a major role in improving maths and science performance.

A sum of R500 000 will be spent on the latest CAPS-compliant physical science kits for 20 Umlazi schools as part of a new eThekweni Municipality initiative which, in partnership with Willowton Group, New Africa Education Foundation and Edutrade, will see a rollout of science and maths development kits. This follows the donation of four maths and science kits to four Pietermaritzburg

primary schools last week totalling R160 000. The initiative was triggered by the poor performance of South African learners in the areas of maths and science as revealed in an international survey by the World Economic Forum this year, which placed South Africa last in a ranking of 148 countries.

Razak Moosa said: "There is a shortage of maths and science teachers and learning resources which is resulting in our poor results. Education starts at primary schools and learners need to be excited about science and maths."

"By changing the way we think we can change the way we learn."



Pictured at the launch of the Willowton Group donation of R660 000 to purchase maths and science kits for KwaZulu-Natal learners. From left: Abdul Razak Moosa, Cllr Logie Naidoo, Ali Akbar Moosa, Mr Gideon Vundla and Suleman Farouk Moosa displaying the certificate of appreciation which Cllr Logie Naidoo presented to Willowton Group.