

Khwe Language Advocacy Group Mandate - #’Óm

This document confirms that a local conference workshop was held 10-11 April 2025 in Platfontein. During this workshop it was established that a local Khwe Language Advocacy Group is needed to assist and partner with funders, linguists and researchers with the *aim of documenting, maintaining and preserving Khwe for future use*, most especially for educational purposes.

It is agreed that Khwe is an endangered language with less than 20 000 speakers globally and in South Africa the numbers are less than half of this. Platfontein has the largest number of Khwe speakers in South Africa and therefore as local residents and activists, we would like Platfontein to be the central focus for language support in South Africa.

To facilitate this process we have created a local Khwe Language Advocacy Group to assist with centralising correspondence and feedback from local Khwe speakers to those interested in supporting our mother tongue. We have local representatives who report to our local Community Property Association (CPA), the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB), the South African San Council as well as the Department of Basic Education when needed.

Our local Khwe Language Advocacy Group consists of the following members:

	Name	Affiliation	Role
1	Salesti Jack	South African San Development Organisation (SASDO)	Chairperson
2	Harold Franny Dukua	Khwedam Technical Team	Vice-chairperson
3	Jean-Mary Tjiohimba	San Vision Foundation	Secretary
4	Johannie Beregho	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
5	Seffie Dickson	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
6	Nicolaas Tenda	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
7	Max Kazara	Khwedam Technical Team, Elder	Member
8	Martha Kakuru	Khwedam Technical Team, Elder	Member
9	Zeka Shiwarra	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
10	Mokane George	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
11	Annamie Dorkas Beregho	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
12	Dennis Mojo	Khwedam Technical Team	Member
13	Wentzel Katjara	PanSALB Representative	Member
14	Bediana Mushavanga	PanSALB Representative, ECD and Grade R teacher	Member
15	Jafta Kapunda	CPA Representative	Member

16	Markus Jetembo	CPA Representative	Member
17	Piorro Mushavanga	Research and Broadcasting, XK-fm, SABC	Member
18	Noria Mbang	Khwedam Development Organisation (local NGO)	Member
19	Amei Skogo	Khwedam Development Organisation (local NGO), ECD teacher	Member
20	Piet Jonas	Youth language activist	Member
21	Johanna Kashe	Youth language activist	Member

We appreciate any financial, institutional or private collaboration to support our mother tongue.

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