

# Obtala - striving to improve lives and nature in Africa

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Obtala Limited, the African Agriculture and Forestry company, today reported on some of its latest community and sustainability initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa.

## A new electricity supply for the medical centre brings modern medical hope

In the village of Milama, Dakawa region, Morogoro, the Agricultural team unveiled the installation of a much-needed electricity supply for the local Health Dispensary, where an immunisation initiative was carried out for our employees earlier this year. A continuous and reliable electricity supply is critical to ensuring a 24-hour health service able to deal with medical emergencies day and night. With this new electricity supply, the government has committed to providing electricity-operated medical equipment, such as incubators for premature babies.

## Melons for those in need

Throughout the year, the Obtala team has visited hospitals, orphanages and schools for the disabled within the Morogoro region to hand out sweet melons, which has brought much joy to the community.

## Children and teachers benefit from Obtala's electricity connection to school

A further electricity connection was provided to the Milama Primary School, enabling students to extend their school days and the school to offer IT lessons by introducing computers; all of which means that the local students are likely to perform better at the national exams and improve their academic and career prospects.

## Bringing the community together through the Beautiful Game

Meanwhile, the Obtala Cup football tournament was underway at the Milama Stadium, with 12 senior football teams and 4 junior teams from local villages. The tournament is helping to forge a peaceful coexistence between the Maasai pastorals and the Swahili farming communities, where tensions have been known to arise. The Obtala FC Football team has been promoted to 3rd tier league this year and competes in local tournaments.

*“The joy and enjoyment this tournament has brought to the surrounding villages was awesome,”* commented Obtala’s community liaison and Crop Protection Manager, Enock Musanyi. To continue the goodwill, Obtala has committed to sponsoring the tournament on an annual basis.

## Reforestation of native trees in Mozambique

In response to Mozambique’s government appeal to plant native species of trees, a reforestation project is underway at Obtala’s concession in Uapé to plant a range of indigenous species, including Chanfuta, Umbila, Jambir Pau Rosa and Pau Ferro amongst others. 10,000 tree-seeds will be planted by the end of 2018 in the project which is managed by Rui Pereira, Obtala’s Environmental Manager, whose team has been trained for the task and in construction of nurseries. The first 100 trees have already been planted since the fields were inaugurated in October.

## Obtala – Social Stock Exchange (SSX) Impact Company of 2017

Obtala was proud and honoured to receive the SSX covetable award in the under \$150m capitalisation sector earlier this year: We continually strive to make the world a better place for our community and the regions within which we operate. We regularly report and account for these efforts in detail.