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Supporting communities that support Lewis

Lewis works to improve the quality of life of all stakeholders by making a positive impact. The Group aims to be an active part of the communities where it operates, recognised as dependable, caring and an ethical corporate citizen.

Most of the initiatives that Lewis supports focus on education and nutrition, followed by health and social development. The Group places emphasis on supporting women and children at risk.

Lewis partners with large-scale projects located in the communities where the Group's employees and customers live. The Group aims to develop replicable models that lead to sustainable and independent community initiatives over time. Lewis achieves this by:

Engaging in socio-economic participation from every level of the organisation by actively seeking employee community involvement opportunities.

Communicating these projects through internal communication channels.

Encouraging stakeholders to get involved.

Actively pursuing the Group's integrated socio-economic development strategy in a transparent manner.



Although primarily focused in South Africa, the programme includes communities in the neighbouring countries of Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Eswatini where the Group has a retail presence.

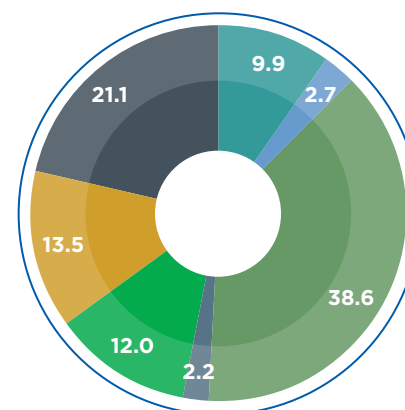
The Group is committed to direct and indirect financial investment in socially responsible initiatives and activities and allocates funds throughout each financial year for this specific purpose.

Direct

Financial support.

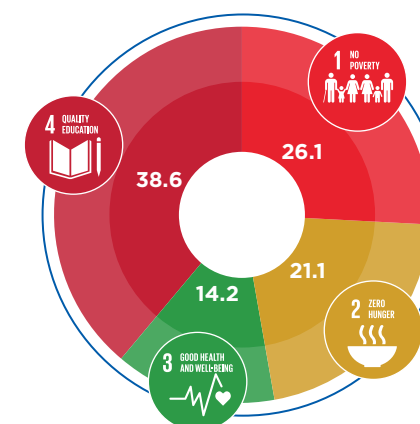
Indirect

Contribution in kind for a project including resources, merchandise and materials.



FOCUS AREAS (%)

- Community upliftment
- Development programmes
- Education
- Sport development
- Health
- Orphans and vulnerable children
- Feeding and nutrition



ALIGNING CSI SPEND WITH PRIORITY SDGS (%)

- No poverty
- Zero hunger
- Good health and well-being
- Quality education

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Uplifting and upskilling stories of impact

Lewis believes real sustainability begins with human possibility. Within the 2026 financial year, the Group's social investment focused on creating the conditions that allow children and communities to thrive – supporting nutrition, safety, learning and play in under-resourced early childhood centres through the partnership with the South African Education Project. By strengthening the foundations for healthy growth and development, these initiatives enabled children not only to be cared for, but to grow, learn and belong.

“Meaningful impact is made possible through strong partnerships with organisations rooted in the communities they serve.”

The human heart of the Lewis sustainability journey

Behind every metric in this report there is a person. And behind every strategy, a story. The projects that Lewis support reflects the belief that sustainability is not just what a company does – it is what it makes possible.

These are not mere CSI case studies, but real human lives, quietly and continually transformed by access, belief, and opportunity, where upliftment, though not easy, becomes lasting and far-reaching when approached with humility.

The following are partnerships that embody this principle. Each one reflects a different facet of the Group's long-term commitment to enablement, dignity, and community-rooted transformation.

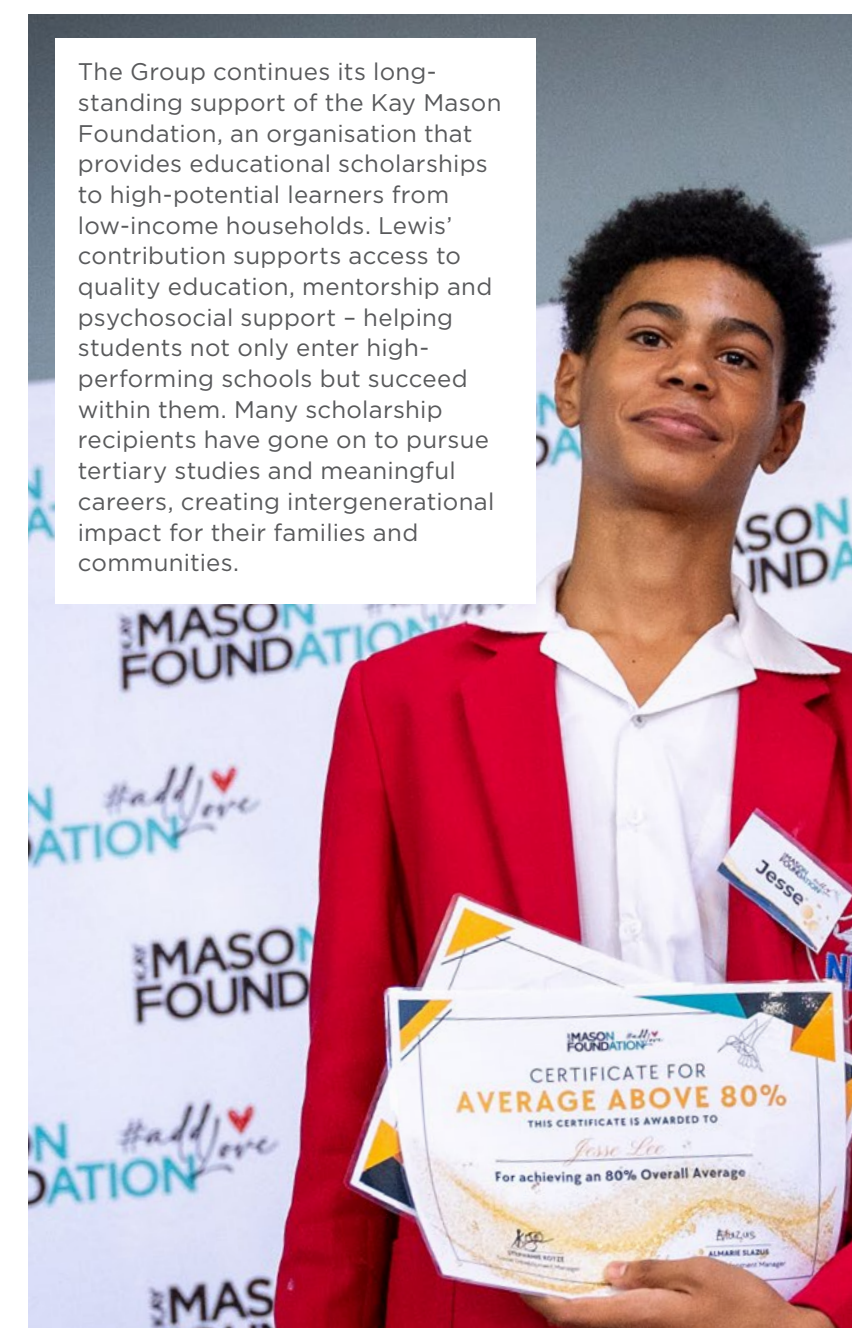
PENINSULA SCHOOL FEEDING ASSOCIATION

For more than 18 years, Lewis has partnered with the Peninsula School Feeding Association (PSFA) to address childhood hunger – one of the most significant barriers to learning and development. Since 2008, the partnership has grown from 4 to 11 adopted schools and has supported more than 20 000 learners through the provision of over 7.7 million nutritious meals. In 2025 alone, the programme reached approximately 1 050 learners daily. With a cumulative investment of nearly R10 million, this long-standing initiative enables learners to attend school regularly, concentrate in class and achieve improved educational outcomes, reflecting the Group's sustained commitment to uplifting the communities where employees and customers live.



KAY MASON FOUNDATION

The Group continues its long-standing support of the Kay Mason Foundation, an organisation that provides educational scholarships to high-potential learners from low-income households. Lewis' contribution supports access to quality education, mentorship and psychosocial support – helping students not only enter high-performing schools but succeed within them. Many scholarship recipients have gone on to pursue tertiary studies and meaningful careers, creating intergenerational impact for their families and communities.



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SUPPORTING EARLY INTERVENTION AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING THROUGH THE CAREL DU TOIT CENTRE

Through its long-standing partnership with the Carel du Toit Centre and Trust, Lewis supports access to early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, enabling them to develop listening and speech skills during the early stages of life. The Centre provides specialised auditory-verbal education, therapy and family support, working closely with children from birth through the foundation phase to build strong communication outcomes.

Lewis has contributed through ongoing operational funding and, in 2011, supported the construction of a dedicated classroom wing to expand the Centre's learning capacity. In 2025, the Group further strengthened this partnership by committing funding towards the extension of the Centre's early intervention CHAT facility. These investments support children from low and no-income households to access critical therapies and educational support, reinforcing Lewis' commitment to inclusion, early learning and long-term human development.



PARTNERING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN EDUCATION PROJECT TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Through its partnership with the South African Education Project (SAEP), Lewis supports a holistic programme aimed at strengthening early childhood development outcomes in under-resourced communities in Philippi. The initiative focuses on creating safe, enabling environments where young children can learn, play and thrive.

Lewis supported the installation of child-safe jungle gyms at selected early childhood development (ECD) centres, transforming outdoor spaces into vibrant play areas that encourage physical activity and support children's social and emotional development. Recognising the link between nutrition and learning, the partnership also provides consistent nutrition support through food parcels and practical nutrition education for practitioners and parents, helping to address hunger as a barrier to early learning.

In addition, Lewis invested in first aid and fire safety training to strengthen safety and compliance across participating ECD centres. Certified training, along with the provision of safety equipment, has improved emergency preparedness and ensured that children learn and grow in safer, more resilient environments.

