

OUR SMALL VILLAGE, RETHABISENG

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Rethabiseng is a small village situated between Bronkhorstspuit and Ekangala/Ekandustria.

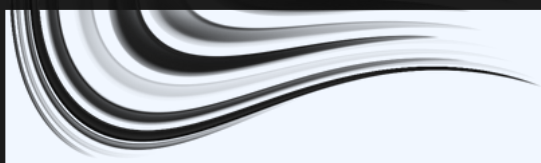
As of the 2011 Census, the village had a population of 799 055 people living in 3066 households. It is 1.75km² and hosts six sections.

Rethabiseng is a developing township. It does not have a shopping centre or complex. People have to travel to Bronkhorstspuit, which is 14,2km away, about a 15-minute drive. Most people have to pay for a taxi to go there.

In our village, the major issues we are facing include lack of housing, unemployment, and poor service delivery. The most significant issue is unemployment, which is why many people live in poverty.

The majority of unemployed people are youth. Most of them have a matric qualification but cannot find jobs because the village is located far away from town and people do not have the money to travel.

It can be tough to live in Rethabiseng because you have to travel a far distance get basic necessities. This is especially so if you want to further your studies or find job opportunities. There are very few opportunities here and it feels like everything is moving slowly.



The sad thing is that these young people have lost hope. They end up making bad decisions like smoking drugs, as a way to release stress. Some end up stealing so that they have money.

Addiction in our community is also driven by the lack of engagement and development in our area.

There are no groups such as youth campaigns, sports facilities or other forms of general support which would make a big difference for those who feel lost and alone.

The only thing that can help the youth in our community is for the government to create job opportunities and after-school programs which would help the youth to do better.





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