



## Case Study: Resource Centre, Tyume Valley, South Africa

Partner: TVS

### Overview:

Tyume Valley is about 2 hours drive from East London, Eastern Cape of South Africa. During apartheid the Tyume Valley was part of the Xhosa Ciskei Homeland. Despite reintegration in 1994, the region has been neglected for many years, and African schools in particular have been starved of resources and often suffered from poor teaching/a lack of quality teachers, with many under-qualified and poorly paid. Broken or missing teaching resources or furniture do not get replaced easily, if at all.

### Issues of the project:

Many schools have no electricity, telephones nor running water. Equipment and books are often in short supply. So in 2005 TVS wanted to set up a Resource Centre to enable all the schools in the Tyume Valley to have equal access to computers, books, and other resources. Local costs for setting up a resource centre proved more expensive than importing them from overseas.

### Education for All's contribution:

In January 2008, Education for All provided one 40ft container load full of equipment for the establishment of this facility providing computers, books and other resources for the centre's library, meeting / Audio Visual Services room and arts and crafts centre. In total we sent 309 items from the UK directly to the site of the proposed resource centre.

### Partners comments:

"Many Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Resource Centre dream turn into reality in such a short space of time".  
"Without your help we cannot support all of our projects"  
Margaret Kiloh, Project Coordinator, TVS

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