## Introducing Ms Africa Elite 2019 Finalist, NALEDI RAMABOEA

Naledi Ramaboea, Ms Africa Elite finalist 2019

**Every woman deserves** to celebrate her womanhood with dignity and it fills my heart knowing that I am giving that to someone.

Ms Africa Elite 2019 finalist, Naledi Ramaboea, is 33 years old and lives in Rustenburg. By profession, she is a strata control officer.

Being a proud South African, she believes in the empowerment of women and lives by the principals of love, peace and unity. Naledi believes that God has given each one of us a purposeful role to play in life and the Lord is using her as an instrument to reach out to people's hearts to make a significant difference.

By participating in the Africa beauty pageant, it will create an opportunity for Naledi to make an impact and a positive difference in the community. She believes that this pageant serves as a platform to empower women across the world to have the means to express themselves effectively, to educate and influence people.

Naledi's aim is to increase the media exposure towards the Africa pageant's official foundation charity organisations so that greater awareness is created which will enhance sponsorship, resulting in significant community returns.

> The first project, Dignity Dreams, is about giving young girls and women back their

dignity by providing them with washable sanitary products. The aim is to keep the girls in school during their menstrual cycles. Too often they stay home during their cycles, due to a of lack of hygiene products. A package cost R250 and includes six pads, two sets of underwear, a Ziploc bag and an instruction pamphlet - and is SABS approved. One package is designed to last up to five years.

The package provide dignity to young girls and women who are ashamed to be on their menstrual cycles. No longer do they need to use items such as socks or cloths due to lack of sanitary wear.

Naledi has supplied 50 girls and women in Rustenburg and Ivory park, near Midrand, with Dignity Dream washable pads. These include women and girls from Môrester Kinderhuis, Boshoek Primary School, Vuka Primary Farm School, Rasimone Primary School, Bonwakgogo Primary School, Tsholofelo Tumelong Home care centre, Tshimollo Home care centre for the people with disabilities and various women in Swartruggens.

The funds to buy the Dignity Dreams washable pads were raised by selling cupcakes.





Donations: Boshoek Laerskool Primary

She has also hosted a High Tea Party on 20 October.

Naledi's focus is to supply more girls with washable pads as it is a sustainable solution and eco-friendly. To help more disadvantage girls with Dignity Dreams packs, she needs companies or individuals' sponsorships or donations. Dignity Dreams issues article 18A certificates to companies and individuals for tax

Naledi was also involved with the Nzuri Project to raise funds to perform surgical procedures on women living with Endemic Goiter and fistula conditions. Nzuri means 'beautiful' in Swahili and the aim is to reach and treat women in the most remote areas in the country.

Contact Naledi To get involved! *078 529 9868*