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A waste management company established in 2021, Kwande Eco Enviro Cooperative, plans to empower schools in Lenasia on opportunities within the recycling and waste management sector for 2025. It will bring school competitions and other activities. Kwande Eco Enviro Cooperative was founded aiming to bring a positive impact on the environment, reducing waste in Lenasia and its surroundings. Reflecting, Kwande has been in joint forces with Pikitup, rendering collection and separation of waste recycling for over five years to date in various residential extensions and business areas and also giving out recyclable bags around Lenasia.

However, Kwande hasn't only reduced waste but also had a positive impact socially in the community, as it played a part in giving the unemployed youth a purpose by providing job opportunities within the sector working together with the Department of Forestry Fisheries, and Environment (DFFE) along with Gauteng Department of Agriculture And Rural Development (GDARD) in the EPWP.

For the past four years, it has skilled and employed over 30 unemployed youth and has also statistically recovered recyclable waste over 20,000 tonnages in that period.

Kwande Eco Enviro Cooperative aims to continue growing and educating the community at large on reducing waste and keeping the community clean through quarterly door-to-door education cleaning campaigns.