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South Africa. Whisper Boat Building Academy to receive financial boost from Government
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The Whisper Boat Building Academy world's only boat building school for disabled was created in 2004 by Belgian marine surveyor Peter Jacops, initially educating deaf students it now focuses on the entire disabled community. The Whisper Boat Building Academy is located in the middle of the South African township of Khaeylitsha (Cape Town). The aim of the academy is to introduce disabled people in the ever growing South African boat building industry. Thanks to the Whisper Boat Building Academy these disadvantaged students from the townships now have a chance of getting a decent life while acquiring a skill which they really enjoy. In order to help developing this project the ministry of Social development of the Western Cape has donated 850 000 rand to the project. With this donation the academy will be able to relocate to a more suitable location and acquire the necessary tools to be up to date with the latest technology. The Whisper Boat Building Academy also aims to introduce environmental friendly boats on the African market. To finance the project they are selling their "Whisper boats" with electrical, solar or hybrid technology.

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