

Focusing on
Early Childhood
Development & Food and
Nutrition Security

Annual Report

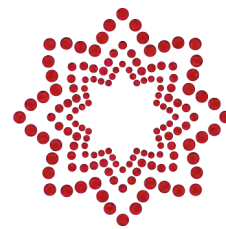
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“There is no exercise
better for the heart
than reaching down
and lifting people
up.”

– JA Holmes



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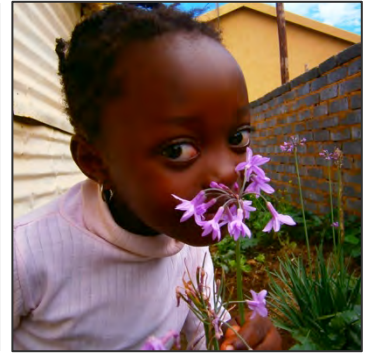
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RELIEF PROJECT

Organisational Details



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Who We Are

Organisation Governance & Structure



GOVERNING

Board of Directors

- Dr Khulu Mbatha, Brigid-Rose Tiernan, Nonhlanhla Morekure, Liza Rossi

Management Team

- Debbie Benson-Armer, Nhlanhla Nzuze, Ryan Dickey, Jerminah Nzuza, Liza Rossi



OPERATIONS

Executive Director & Founder

- Liza Rossi

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Programme Head

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Programme & Training Coordinator

- Nhlanhla Nzuze

ECD Senior Facilitator

- Annah Sibande

Training Facilitators & Assessors

- Wendy Mtebele, Nhlanhla Nzuze, Annah Sibande



FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY

Programme Head

- Ryan Dickey

Programme & Training Coordinator

- Jerminah Nzuza

Community Grower Network

- Thokozani Msomi, Dennis Radebe, Mohale Mabina, Sthembiso Msimanga, Mzwandile Dondolo

Training Facilitators & Assessors

- Nomfundo Ramba, Gladys Mooki, Jerminah Nzuza, Serame Mokhati, Lucky Sibisi, Sihle Msimango



Reflections from the Chairperson of the Board of Directors

- *Dr Khulu Mbatha*

Dear Funding Partners and Friends of Ekukhanyeni,

As seen by our newly implemented Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework, data has demonstrated that our initial project strategy has been accurate in its needs analysis and is indeed on track, highly relevant and reaching the intended targeted beneficiary groups from the programme locations. We continue to target the black dis-empowered population of the communities of Lawley, Ennerdale and those from other marginalised and poverty stricken communities in the greater City of Johannesburg's Region G, those with limited access to resources and relatively low skills and education.

We have many successes to report, from building social capital in the community through our key activities and awareness campaigns, educating hundreds of children, extending our ECD package of services to provide accredited training for adult ECD Practitioners, to developing a Household Food Garden Business Model to champion agricultural entrepreneurship.

As a Non-Profit Company and a Public Benefit Organisation we are also now able to contribute to corporate B-BBEE scorecards, under 3 pillars Socio-Economic Development, Enterprise Development or Skills Development Pillar, as a Level 1 contributor and an Exempt Micro Enterprise with 100% black beneficiary base (Previously a Level 4 contributor).

While reading this year's achievements we can keep in mind the essence of each of those individuals who through their personal transformation have contributed to the growth of the programmes bringing much to life and fruition on many levels. We not only speak of the programme beneficiaries themselves, but also of our core team of programme heads, community-based coordinators and training facilitators, as well as our volunteers who have been serving the community beneficiaries so lovingly and passionately for 11 years. It is truly through our loving and holistic approach that Ekukhanyeni has been able to create this exciting tale of personal and community development.

With our new mobile monitoring system now in place, we trust that our reporting will now provide more visibility, accountability and demonstrate a tangible return of investment for you, our funding partners. We thank you all for your immeasurable support, both in finance and in kind!

Yours in Community Development,

Dr Khulu Z Mbatha



Our approach is rooted in **love, service and compassion** in a sphere of trust, respect, and **shared responsibility** with our programme beneficiaries.

What We Do

Mission & Values

Ekukhanyeni Relief Project (ERP) champions poverty alleviation and sustainable community development through complementary community-based programmes that improve the capacity of marginalised and poor communities in urban and informal settlement environments to provide effective early childhood care and education to its children and adult support network and to achieve and sustain food and nutrition security.

The organisation works from within communities to build resilience to a multitude of social challenges through its Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Food Security programmes with a strong emphasis on the promotion of local community mobilisation and engagement to both encourage upliftment and resilience, as well as to develop social capital and community-based resources.

Each of our interventions aims to broaden the organisation's effort in weaving together an holistic, family oriented approach to community development that promotes social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being from the grass roots level on up.

Build community resilience and social cohesion through holistically integrated and grassroots-focused models for ECD and Food Security



Increase access to social services and the promotion of good governance and sustainability practices for partnered ECD Centers.



Enrich the educational and cognitive development of the children attending ECD Centers through quality early learning and education.

Objectives

Increase availability of nutritious food with the production and distribution of healthy, locally grown food linked to sustainable livelihoods.



Capacitate and empower community-based Teams of training facilitators and project officers to coordinate and rollout project components building internal capacity.



Extend the impact, share learnings and provide diversified revenues to sustain the organisation through technical and advisory support services, coaching and training to external clients.



**TARGET
BENEFICIARY
COMMUNITY**

Informal Settlement of
Lawley Ext 1 & 2

City of Johannesburg
Region G

Early Childhood Development Package of Services

ECD Center Development

Partnering with majorly underdeveloped fledgling ECD Sites to create safe & loving havens



Facilitating ECD Center registration with relevant government authorities



Building institutional capacity of the ECD Centers in the areas of governance and financial management.

Adult Skills Development

Training and mentorship is offered to empower ECD Center Principals and caregivers to provide appropriate stimulation and care to children in the ECD centres



Accredited training with the ETDP SETA for ECD Level 4



Coaching & Mentorship

Children's Early Learning

Ensuring quality Early Education for children 4-6 years through early learning classes



Grade R

Grade 00

Nutrition Support

Food and nutrition support to the children



Meal provision



Establishment of naturally grown food gardens



Programme Funded by Mercedes-Benz South Africa, AOS, SMT, SMEC SA, City Lodge



Achievements
 IMPACT
 Value



Partnership with 16
 ECD Centers
 reaching 1172
 children for 2016

Early Childhood Development

ECD Center Development

We continued to provide support services to 16-partnered ECD Centers, including infrastructural and building upgrades.

The organisation places a high priority on the registration for *Public Health Permits* (PHP's) for its partnered ECD Centers, since this certification is one aspect of the set criteria for the other higher-level registrations with the Department of Social Development for access to nutrition and other grants, such as the 'Partial Care Facilities' and the ultimate 'Place of Care' registration.

Making steps towards the PHP's or licenses to operate, was in full swing at the beginning of the year with ECD Centers busy working on their respective Centres along with our interventions to assist with compliance regulations from COJ Region G's Department of Environmental Health.

ECD Centers were in various stages throughout the year with their upgrades, with the remaining six Centers finishing their brick structures and a further three in the final stages of obtaining the permit. However, due to a personnel switch within Environmental Health, the interim blanket approval in place to issue permits to Centers was terminated. Our Centers once again, could not obtain their permits without the requisite documents, which would be impossible to come by as the Lawley land has not yet being promulgated and declared a formal township!

A great setback yes, but we were successful with the registration of Emfundisweni ECD Center receiving their *Partial Care Facilities* registration status, as well as a Nutrition Grant. Emfundisweni received their PHP in 2015.

Our Successes to date:

Network of ECD Centers grew from 1 ECD Center in 2005 to 16 ECD Centers to date, from shack to brick structures



Reaching 8436 children since 2005



16 ECD Centers have received their Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) status



2 ECD Centers have "Place of Care" registration with the Department of Social Development



3 ECD Centers have "Partial Care Facilities" registration with the Department of Social Development

Achievements

IMPACT

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514 children
educated and 32
women upskilled
in 2016

Early Learning Classes



3857 children aged 4-6 years have been educated through our Early Learning classes – 2311 Grade R and 1546 Grade 00



Curricula were designed by Ekukhanyeni and aligned with the National Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS) for Grade R and the National Early Learning And Development Standards For Children, (NELDS) for Grade 00



Ekukhanyeni's partnered ECD Centers are the only Centers in Lawley to offer formalised education to their children

Early learning classes rolled out at our 16 partnered ECD Centers by the Center's dedicated caregiver Teachers who are capacitated and upskilled through the Organisation's monthly training and weekly 1-on-1 contact sessions.

32 women benefited from this adult upskilling component, which facilitates the all-round development of the children in a manner that is sensitive to culture and individual needs. Each caregiver Teacher carries out her role under the guidance and mentorship of the organisation's community-based ECD Team of training facilitators.

The Teacher turnaround at the ECD Centers was considerably less this year. Having a consistent nurturer aids our children greatly in their learning and helps them to put their best foot forward in their educational journey! Our quarterly incentive initiatives continued to contribute to the low turnaround. The classes ran from January to the first week of

December.

A total of 514 children were educated in our Early Learning Classes - 250 Grade R Action Kids and 264 Grade 00 Vukani Kids respectively, exceeding our original target numbers.

Weekly and monthly achiever awards to recognise the children and their progress was conducted and was a great tool of encouragement and support for our little ones.

Children assessments were conducted quarterly with the Grade R kids, and 74% School Readiness was achieved at the end of year. We wish our graduates the best of luck on their educational journey!

We recognise the Caregiver Teacher of the Year at our annual awards. This year's ceremony was hosted on 1 December, by City Lodge Hotel, Waterfall City. Well done to Paulinah Mobidebi for Grade R and Bonakele Mtambo for Grade 00!!



Early Childhood Development [♥] Accredited Training with ETDP SETA

Over and above the training and coaching of the ECD Center caregivers to roll out the early learning classes, the organisation has worked towards extending its training model to include an accredited qualification in Further Education & Training in Early Childhood Development with the ETDP (Education Training and Development Practices) SETA. The learning programme was submitted and outcome is awaited.

This is an entry-level qualification for those who want to enter the field of ECD and for those already practicing within the field, but without formal recognition, such as our beneficiary caregivers in our partnered ECD Centers. This qualification will enable recipients to provide quality early childhood development services for children in a variety of contexts,

primarily in ECD Centres, but also including community-based services at home and in other institutions. The need for this qualification is great in the COJ's Region G as government regulations now dictate that all ECD Practitioners who work directly with children will require this ECD Level 4 certification. Ekukhanyeni will be the second Training Service Provider in this Region and hence the opportunity for programme and organisational financial sustainability is immense!

Our community-based Team of three training facilitators has been capacitated through our uniquely designed Train-the-Trainer initiative and external SETA accredited Facilitator and Assessor training to rollout training workshops, as well as to rollout the programme on a community level.



TARGET
BENEFICIARY
AREA

Marginalised
Communities in the
City of Johannesburg
Region G

Food and Nutrition Security

Package of Services

Skills Development & Training

Provision of accredited AgriSETA training in agriculture (Permaculture Design), Health Promotion, and Entrepreneurship Skills to improve household and community food & nutrition security, to Support healthier eating & lifestyle choices; and to promote sustainable livelihoods & agri-businesses



Coaching & Mentorship for households, community-based organisations and larger-scale agri-projects

Community Food Gardens

Supporting household, community and ECD Centers to establish food gardens for food production



Assisting food gardeners to make the transition from subsistence farming to sustainable livelihoods as agri-entrepreneurs



Establishing resource hubs within communities for the provision of support and resources to the emerging community of growers

Capacitation of Community Team

Certification & capacitation of community-based training Facilitators to rollout programme components and to provide accredited training and mentorship support for households, community-based organisations and large-scale agricultural projects to develop and sustain food production

Agri-Consultancy Services

Providing agricultural technical support and services to external clients to extend the impact, shared learning and provide diversified revenues to sustain the organisation



Ekukhanyeni gives back to the people the most ancient skill of living in harmony with the earth to feed oneself, family and community from its abundance.

Barren earth is transformed to gardens that feed and heal.

Programme Funded by Netherlands Foundation, Mercedes-Benz South Africa, National Lotteries Commission

Achievements

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177 learners participated in Agricultural, Health Promotion & Entrepreneurial Skills Training in 2016

Food and Nutrition Security Skills Development & Training

Beneficiaries reached

1668 beneficiaries have been reached through our training offerings since 2009



Educating those in need of skills training in 2016

92 (52%) of 177 beneficiaries had an education level of Grade 11 or lower & 131 (74%) of 177 beneficiaries were unemployed



Beneficiaries trained by Beneficiaries

Training is conducted in the vernacular by community beneficiaries who have been upskilled to ETDP SETA and Agri-SETA accredited Facilitator & Assessor level

We have made great strides toward achieving healthier communities with members becoming more secure in their access to nutritious food and economically stable, although to a lesser degree, thereby transforming their personal and community circumstances.

This was realised through:

- The **training and skills provision** in sustainable urban agriculture using organic permaculture design methodologies, health and nutrition promotion and entrepreneurship
- The **establishment of food gardens** at household, ECD Center, community, NGO and School food gardens, and small-scale farms levels.
- Extending awareness** of the benefits of urban agriculture and the importance of nutrition

d. Providing a **support structure and mentorship** for food gardeners.

To achieve its objectives and upskill and capacitate the organisation's beneficiary groups, Ekukhanyeni designed and developed its training programmes specific to the needs of the communities it serves, aligned with the government's key focus areas:

Permaculture Design Training (AgriSETA Accredited)

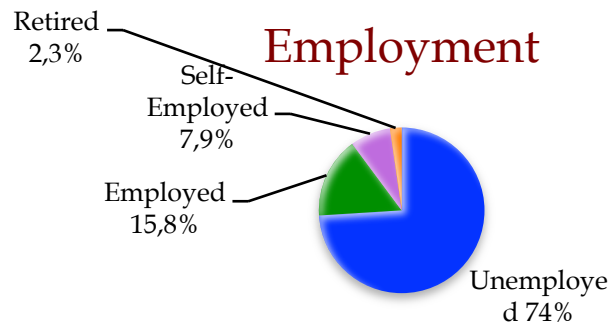
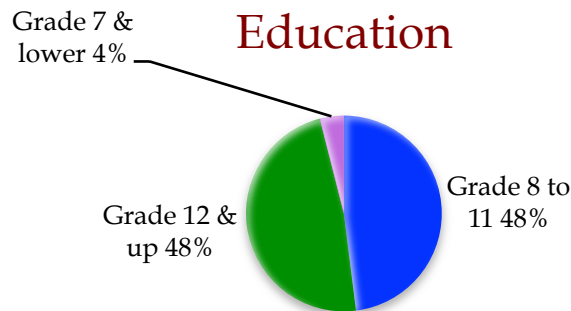
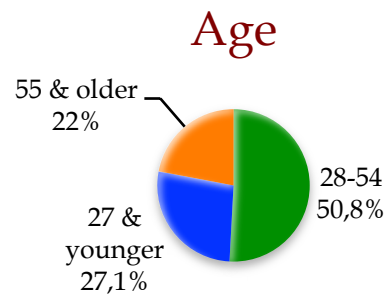
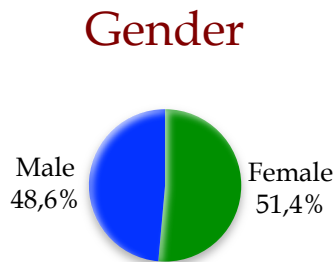
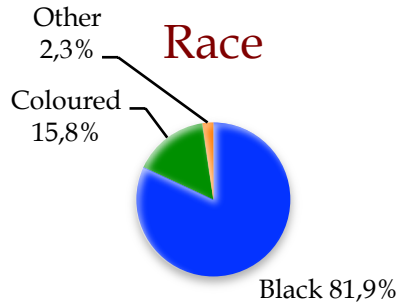
Agro-Ecology Interactive Learning Game (developed with WITS Siyakhana Initiative and WITS Enterprise)

Integral Health Promotion Life Skills (developed with WITS Siyakhana Initiative and WITS Enterprise)

**Beneficiary
Learners reached
&
Demographics**

177 Learners reached in our Training workshops:

- 69 AgriSETA accredited Permaculture Design (63, or 91.3% found competent)
- 70 Integral Health Promotion Life Skills
- 33 Agro-Ecology Interactive Learning Game
- 5 Entrepreneurial Skills for Agri-EDP Learners (See Page 18 "Championing Agricultural Entrepreneurship")





Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Achievements

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44 Food Gardens
established in 2016

Using
Naturally Grown
Ecologically Friendly
Sustainable
Methodologies

Food and Nutrition Security Community Gardens

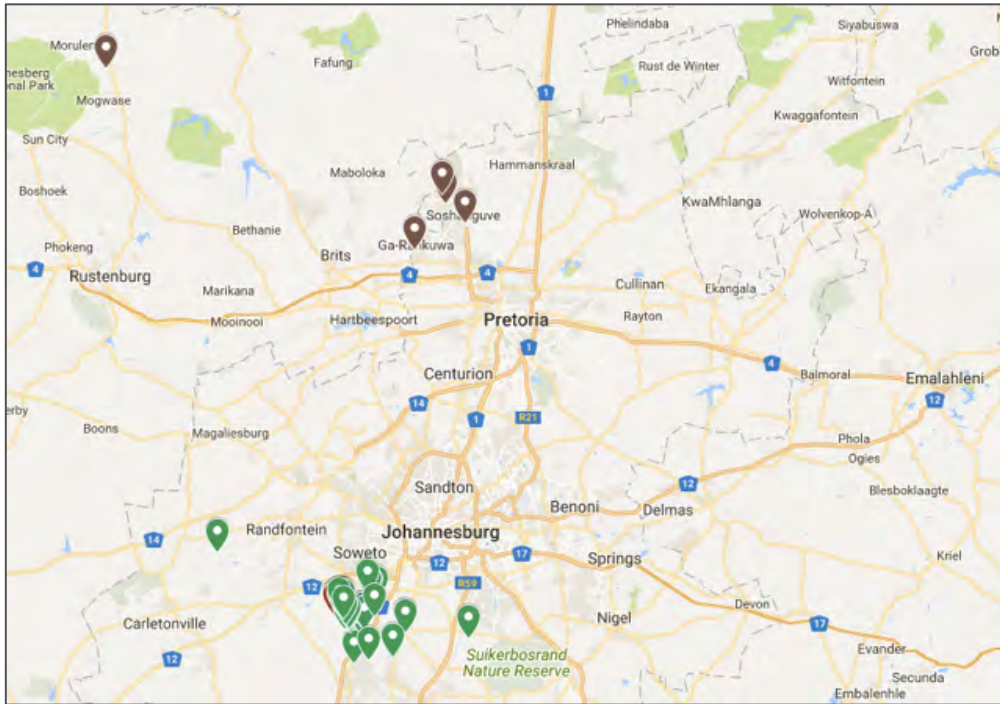
With our AgriSETA accredited agricultural training in Permaculture Design our geographical impact broadened and our network of community growers and food gardens have increased in numbers and size to include households and larger agri-cooperatives. With our Monitoring and Evaluation framework and mobile tracking for impact in place, we were able to ascertain that after training participation, 44 food gardens were established or worked in during this reporting period, with 49 (66,2%) learners participating in the food gardens. All gardens were established using ecologically friendly and organic methodologies, ensuring sustainable soil fertility and food security:

44 Food Gardens Established Post Training

- 30 Household Food Gardens
- 5 Household Food Gardens for Agri-EDP Learners
- 7 Community Cooperative Gardens
- 2 NGO or School Food Gardens



- 44 in City of Johannesburg's Region G
- 4 in City of Tshwane (agri-consulting)

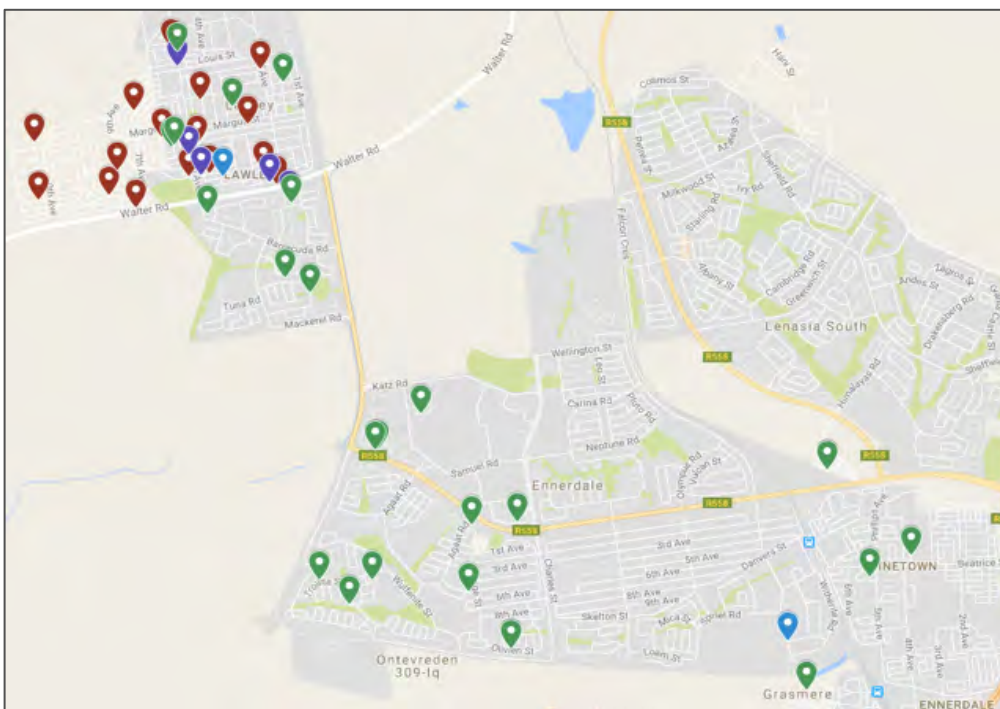


IMPACT MAPPING

49 Food Gardens
Established 2016

Visually mapping the impact of Food Security interventions through our new mobile monitoring platform

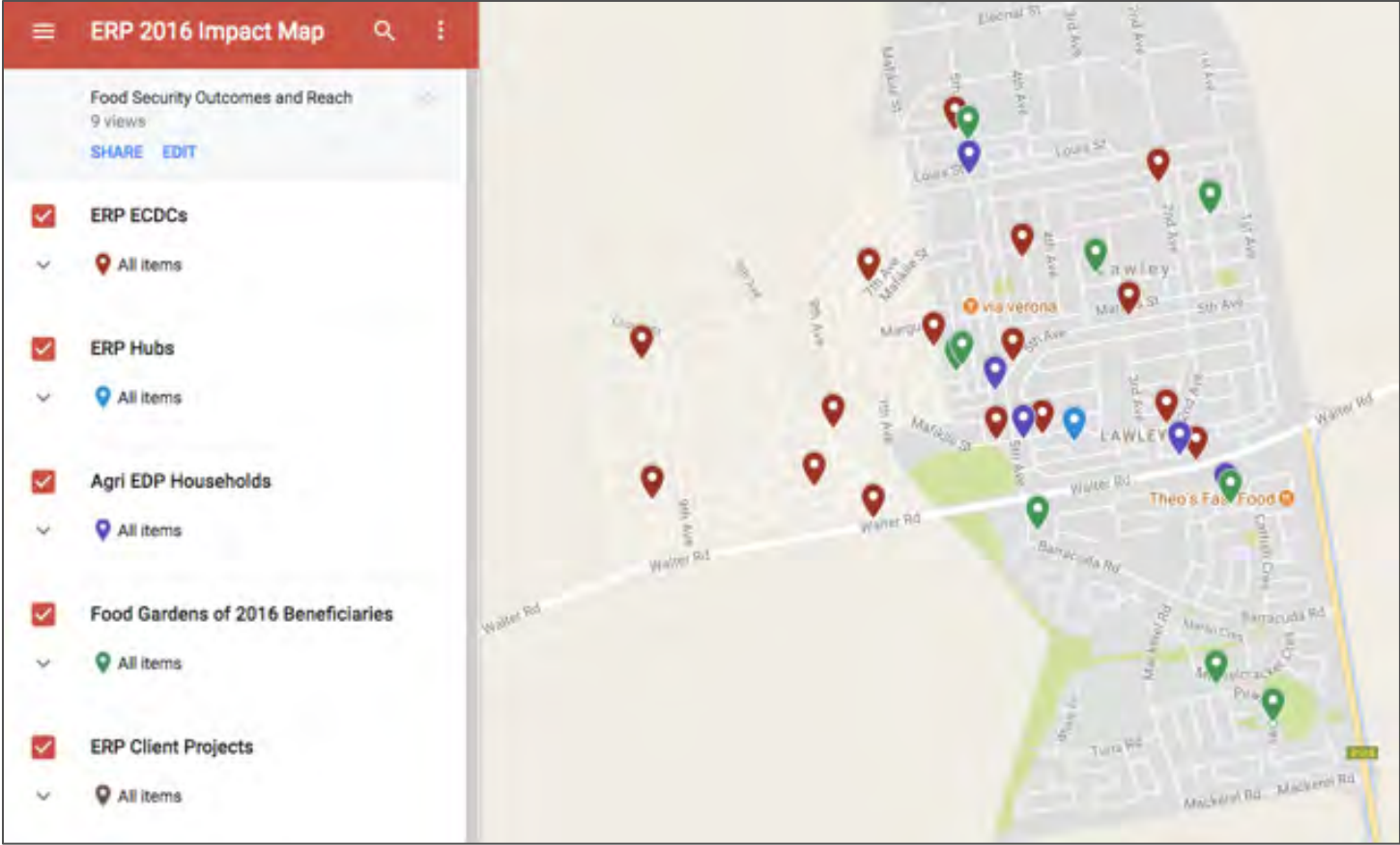
Food Gardens in Communities of Lawley, Ennerdale & Finetown City of Joburg Region G





**IMPACT
MAPPING**
 Food Gardens
 Established

Food Gardens in Lawley Community only
 In addition pins that pin-point our two Resource and Training Hubs and
 food gardens at ECD Centers served by the Rise and be Healed Hub.



Achievements

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Development of
2 Training &
Resource Hubs as
Local Support
Centers



Development of Local Resource Hubs as local support centers for the network of community growers

Constant efforts at Ekukhanyeni's two Resource and Training Hubs at partner sites, Rise and Be Healed Ministries (Lawley) and Don Bosco Educational Centre (Ennerdale) have enabled these hubs to operate as central points for the growing community grower network of food gardens in our direct beneficiary areas.

The Hubs have become viable and productive models of small-scale sustainable food production. All of Ekukhanyeni's efforts to support the community grower food gardens and to upskill and train community beneficiaries on household and community level are coordinated from these two Hubs which have become vital for our current and future project objectives and activities.

In addition to enabling the empowerment of its project beneficiaries, Ekukhanyeni's awareness raising activities at the Resource and Training Hubs also successfully leveraged social capital at the grassroots level building the profile of small-scale sustainable agriculture and food security within beneficiary communities as well as enhancing the image of food production, healthy lifestyles and entrepreneurship.

This was accomplished through the implementation of our Community-level

Marketing Strategy action plan coordinated from the Hubs in the reporting period. The Marketing Strategy, an outcome of the development of the organisation's Business Model in the previous reporting period focused on mobilising and networking the project's internal stakeholders within the community in various ways.

New promotional flyers, branded gazebo, t-shirts, and hats were designed for use in six Awareness Campaigns led by ERP's training facilitators who were upskilled as Brand Ambassadors to activate our brand and to raise awareness of our efforts to revitalise food production as a way to tackle food insecurity.

Four of these campaigns also focused on the recruitment of learners for ERP's training workshops. A SMS marketing platform was developed using an SMS portal to leverage the database of community stakeholders in blitz messages and those targeted specifically for recruiting learners for our training workshops.

This database and the use of the SMS portal have proved quite successful with the recruitment of learners.

Achievements

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Year 2016
6 Awareness
Campaigns & Brand
Activation
Hubs served 24
small-scale food
gardens



Two Hubs feed **245 children** on site

The Rise and be Healed Hub actively serves:

7 ECD Centre food gardens supplementing meals for **1026 children** aged six and younger. These gardens were established prior to 2015.

2 NGO Food Gardens supplementing meals for **68 children** and **58 adults** established in 2016.

15 Household Food Gardens supplementing meals for 75 household members: **45 adults** & **30 Children**. 5 of these were established in 2016.

Whereas both Hubs demonstrate good practice in small-scale food production, the Don Bosco Hub is geared more towards training and the Rise and Be Healed Hub suited to coaching and serving our network of community growers in various ways.

Ekukhanyeni has also capitalised on project visibility through the promotion of its existing community grower food gardens using various marketing methods at the community level thereby building the profile of our food security interventions, as well as enhancing the image of food production and transforming attitudes among community members. This was done in part by the awareness campaigns in 2016.

The negative attitudes prevailing within communities towards farming food as a means to food security has always been a hindrance to building the profile of our food security interventions. With Ekukhanyeni's focus on raising awareness of its success in alleviating food insecurity through urban agriculture and

Permaculture this trend is now reversing itself.

After participating in our agricultural training workshops, 136 of the 177 beneficiaries who graduated considered farming for food to be a respectable activity. Numbers for 2015 -2016 are 286 of the 370 learners. This was quite a divergence from the accepted norms previously found within the community as farming for food had been viewed as a non-respectable activity associated with low value and held a negative connotation amongst community members.

According to pre and post workshop questionnaires, the attitudes towards permaculture food gardening of the learners after gaining knowledge and skills improved. Attitudes towards agriculture and food gardening as well as nutrition awareness, environmental awareness, learning achievements, life skills, health and wellness improved by 23% as shown in questionnaires provided directly before and after training workshops.



Pilot Project targeting
**5 Household Food
Gardeners** in the
community of Lawley

Food and Nutrition Security

Championing Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Although food and nutrition security increased in previous years through the establishment of small-scale food gardens, only a small level of agri-business was achieved. It was observed that many individual growers on household level would introduce crops for income generation, but lacked the requisite entrepreneurial and business skills to achieve livelihoods through agricultural enterprise.

Recognising the need to provide broader entrepreneurship capacity, the organisation partnered with UBUNTU Business in this reporting period for the co-development of an Agricultural Entrepreneurship Development Programme (Agri-EDP) and a Household Food Garden Business Model to address the incorporation of agri-business to secure the best opportunity for the success of household units in their agri-business endeavours.

The project was setup as a pilot to test the overall programme and possible outcomes with the aim to further develop the collaborative solution between Ekukhanyeni and UBUNTU Business upon successful results. By conducting action research during the project, our team was able to collect valuable data from which to base strategic decisions relating to the future of the programme.

Five household garden entrepreneurs were chosen to participate in the pilot. These beneficiaries were identified from our graduate learner database of small-scale growers who participated in the organisation's trainings and who had implemented a food garden at their households with some measure of food security success.

Turning Food Gardens into viable
Agri-Businesses for Livelihood

Pilot Agri-EDP Findings

The pilot was based on the provision of training – agricultural and entrepreneurial skills, coaching and practical support to assist beneficiaries in setting up their agri-business while managing productivity and quality in their gardens to achieve growth and sustainability.

The pilot provided a good understanding of what is possible for household food gardens in urban areas. The results showed that the Agri-EDP Household Model had the potential to make significant impact in the lives of beneficiaries, their families and the local community.

The UBUNTU entrepreneurship and business related aspects of the training were focused on the provision of three core modules (Operations, Marketing and Finance) delivered through a practical approach and centred towards small-scale agri-businesses.

The training included a number of follow up activities that were completed onsite through agri-mentorship and agri-business coaching visits throughout the setup and management of their food gardens.

Finance related activities were aimed at assisting beneficiaries to better manage the finances of their food gardens from pricing their produce to calculating the total potential sales value of their gardens and the following was deducted:

18 adults and children were reached with nutritious foods from the five Agri-EDP household food gardens - 12 adults and 6 children.

The potential for further reach is anticipated as the food gardens reach a higher level of agri-business success.

Foods harvested from the food gardens were being sold for income generation as well as turned into value added products including canned fruits and vegetables, tinctures and herbal teas.

Ekukhanyeni would like to extend its scope of work and take this programme forward to champion Agricultural Entrepreneurship on household level in the next financial year, funding dependent.



Makhene Fresh Produce

Best Quality. Best Price.



Bophelo Fresh Produce

Best Quality. Best Price.



Highlight
**4 School Food
 Gardens**
 in City of Tshwane



Agri-Consultancy

Agri-Project Development & Coaching

As part of its sustainability plans, Ekukhanyeni is building itself up as a Training Service Provider, as well as offers agri-consultancy services to external clients to generate an income to invest back into its own programmes.

One of our highlights of this reporting year was the development of a tunnel food garden system at four schools with client Mercedes-Benz-Financial Services in the Soshanguve area. Four growing tunnels were developed at each school and agricultural (Permaculture), as well as Health and Nutrition training provided to the food garden teams at each school. Sustainable technologies for composting, fertilizing and removing pests were implemented.

Imperative to the success of any project is the upskilling of its project members. Ekukhanyeni prides itself in having a Team of Facilitators who can

offer mentorship and one-on-one contact sessions with project members.

These took place monthly ensuring the sustainability of the food gardens and project. School food gardeners were coached on appropriate maintenance and development of their agricultural systems and were supported to improve their own experience within their food gardens.

The gardens flourished and all the delicious, naturally grown vegetables were used in the school's feeding scheme, to keep the young learners healthy.



Capacitation of Community-Based Teams

In the Spirit of Partnership with Beneficiaries for Shared Responsibility

At the heart of Ekukhanyeni's developmental approach is its partnership ethos and ability to mobilise the community through community-based and community-driven interventions. In this regard, we have focused on the empowerment and skills development of community beneficiaries to become members of the organisation's training and implementation teams, which has boosted both the training models and advanced our integrated ECD and Food Security models.

ERP is now well positioned in its direct beneficiary community areas as well as further afield to offer our unique training programmes which were designed specifically to meet the cultural and socio-economic needs of the communities it serves. Having a community-based team of training Facilitators who train in the vernacular has contributed immensely to the success of our trainings and has been a big plus or "selling point" in our efforts to attract income generating opportunities.

The organisation continuously improves upon its Train-the-Trainer component where the programme training Teams are mentored and coached.

Food Security Programme Team

Following the organisation's staff Education and Development Plan, the second year of internship for the two Food Security Champion Tutors progressed very well with both graduating in August 2016 to lead facilitator level. Weekly capacity building Train-the-Trainer sessions led by senior Facilitators took place weekly for knowledge and theory-based skills coupled with the practical experience of co-facilitating on workshops. Their successful progression to lead facilitator qualified both to participate in the ETDP SETA Accredited Assessor Training in September 2016 and both were found competent bringing our Food Security Team of Facilitators & Assessors to six.

Our Team of three food gardeners continued to support productive food gardens to feed and nourish the children at our partnered ECD Centers.

ECD Programme Team

The staff Education and Development Plan commenced at the beginning of the year with our ECD Train-the-Trainer initiative. These training sessions were modeled after our Food Security Train-the-Trainer framework, which has worked well for us to date.

Sessions were held twice weekly to upskill and capacitate our three ladies with our ECD Level 4 training material and also with the SETA policies and procedures. Wendy participated in ETDP SETA Assessor Training in 2016 and was found competent. This brings our Team to three ETDP SETA accredited training facilitators and one Assessor.

ECD Team

Nhlanhla, Annah & Wendy



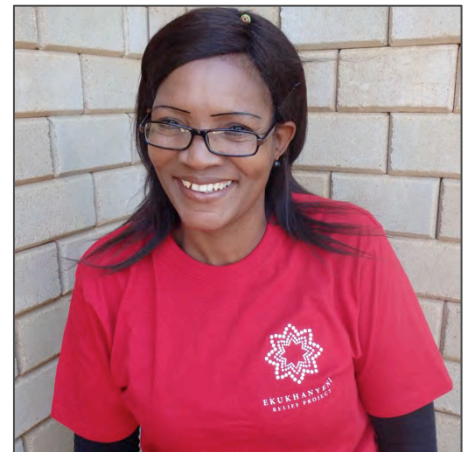
Food Security Community Grower Network Team

Dennis, Mohale, Sthembiso



Food Security Training Facilitator Team

Jerminah, Gladys, Nomfundo
Sihle, Serame, Lucky





Assisting Corporate Employee Volunteering Programmes



Various corporate companies visited our projects with the aim of providing their staff with ways to give back to the community by volunteering in various projects.

A few of these companies have been with us for a number of years and have been sustaining their investment in the lives and future of our precious little ones and those who care for them. Our kids have a way of climbing into one's heart and mind... ♥

In 2016 we welcomed AOS, Rak Events, Standard Bank, Mercedes-Benz South Africa, Ubuntu Business, Blue Ribbon, City Lodge Hotel Group, Teichmann, Motheo Infrastructure Contractors, Trinity House Preparatory, Trinity House Pre-Primary and SMEC SA.

We were assisted with ECD Center painting, ECD Center building, food garden establishment, helping the children to grow with educational and arts and crafts activities, spreading the love as holiday elves.



Financial Statements

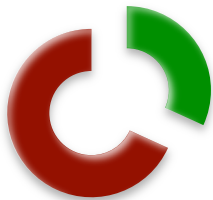
	2017	2016
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	12,670	13,324
Trade and other receivables	12,832	59,260
Cash and cash equivalents	1,860,771	1,248,856
	1,873,603	1,308,116
Total Assets	1,886,273	1,321,440
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Retained earnings	1,886,273	1,321,440
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	-	-
Total Liabilities and Equity	1,886,273	1,321,440
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Revenue	1,371,500	1,372,384
Other income	-	143,663
Operating costs	(876,032)	(803,209)
Operating profit	495,468	712,838
Finance income	69,365	52,397
Net Profit for the year	564,833	765,235
Statement of Cash Flows		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/ (loss) for the year	564,833	765,235
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,072	3,518
Investment income	(69,365)	(52,397)
Other	(1)	-
Decrease/Increase in trade and other receivables	(46,429)	(41,046)
Decrease in trade and other payables	-	-
Cash generated by operating activities	544,968	675,310
Interest received	69,365	52,397
Net cash from operating activities	614,333	727,707
Cash flows from investing activities		
Property, plant and equipment acquired	(2,418)	(7,237)
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(2,418)	(7,237)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	611,915	720,470
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	1,248,856	528,386
*Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	1,860,771	1,248,856

**Note: R1, 328,190 of the 'Cash & cash equivalents at end of the year' is the balance in the account dedicated to Mercedes-Benz Financial Services for their beneficiary school food garden projects in the City of Tshwane that Ekukhanyeni managed as a service provider. These funds cannot be utilised towards our key programme budgets and activities in the City of Joburg Region G. Retained earnings to be utilised for this is R560 083 for the financial year March 2017-February 2018.*



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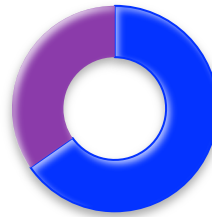
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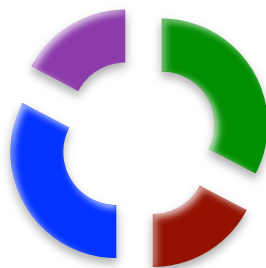
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