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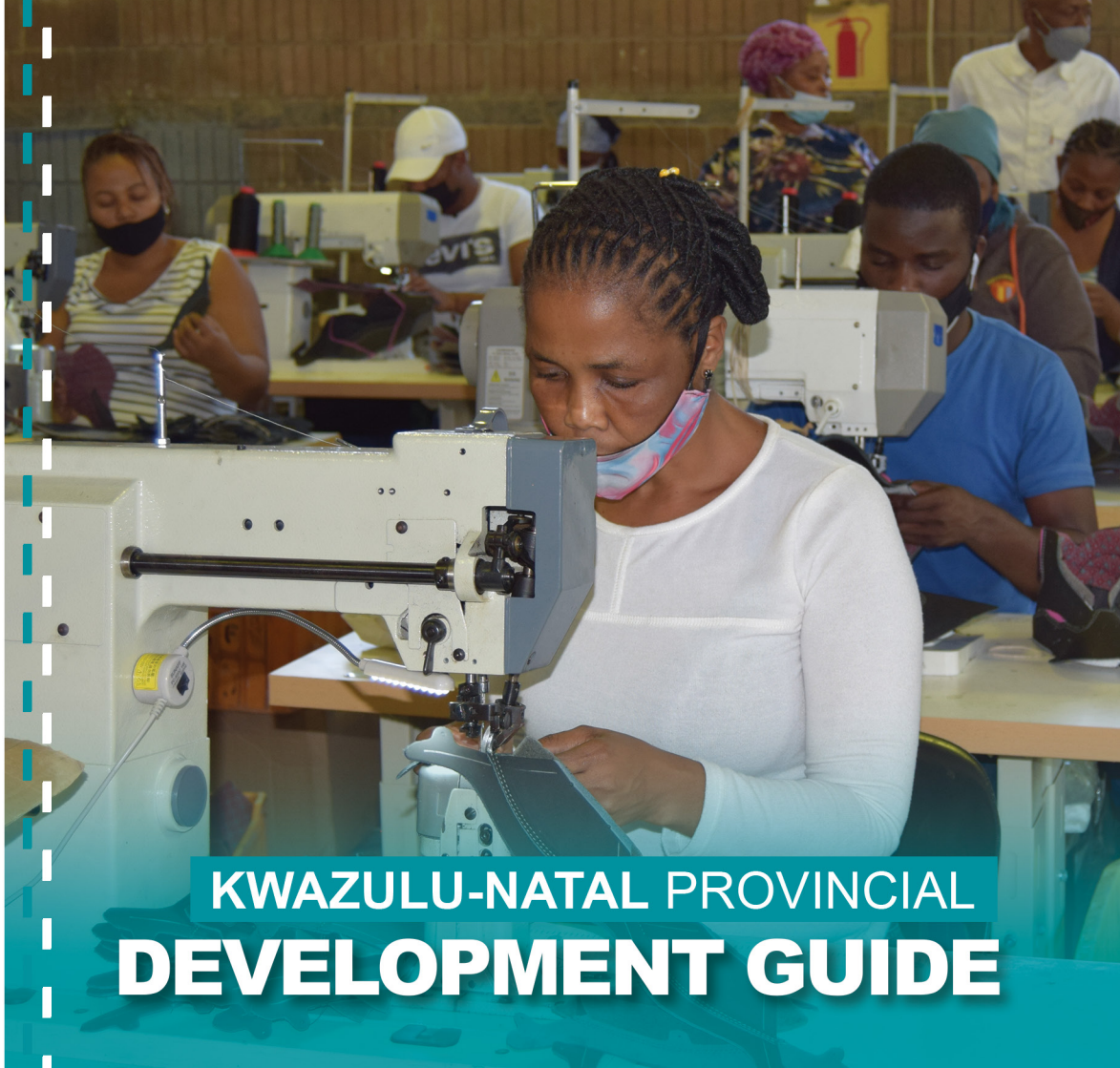


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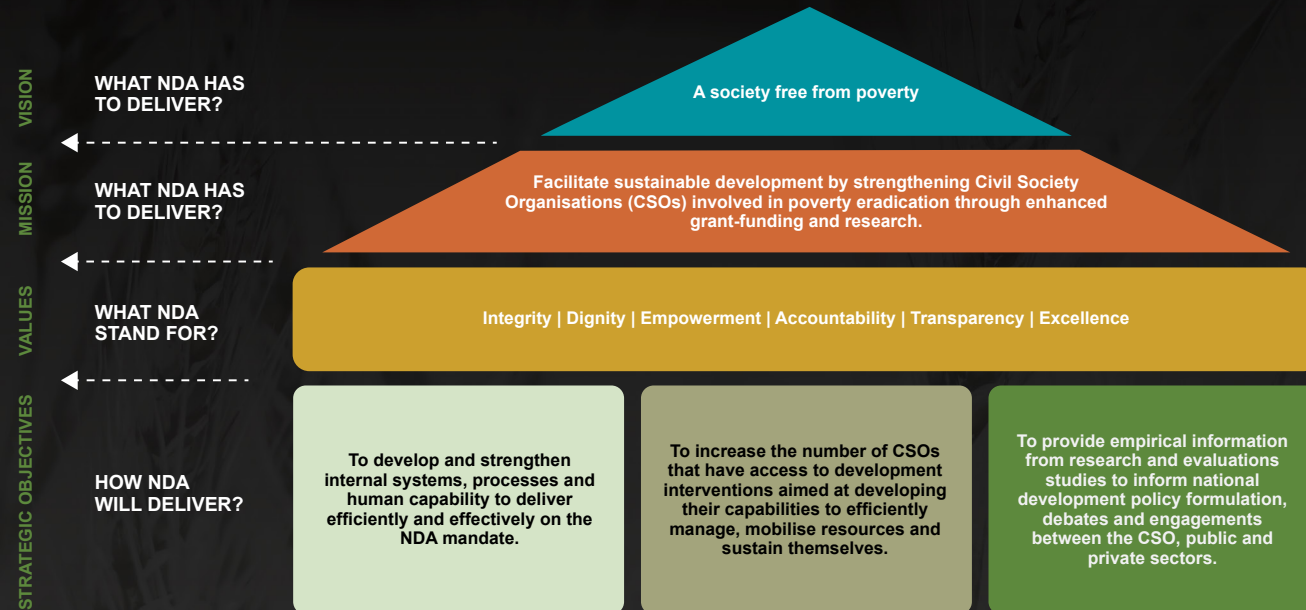


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About the National Development Agency

The National Development Agency (NDA) is an agency of government tasked with the mandate to contribute towards the eradication of poverty and its causes in South Africa.



OUR MANDATE

Our primary mandate is to contribute towards the eradication of poverty and its causes by granting funds to civil society organisations (CSOs) to:

- Implement development projects in poor communities.
- Strengthen the institutional capacity of CSOs that provide services to impoverished communities.

The secondary mandate is to:

- Promoting consultation, dialogue and the sharing of development experience between CSOs and the relevant organs of state.
- Promoting debates on national development policy.
- Undertaking research and publication aimed at providing the basis for development policy.

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Foreword by NDA Board Chairperson



Ms Nozabelo Ruth Bhengu

"The Bill of Rights is a cornerstone of democracy in South Africa. It enshrines the rights of all people in our country and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom. (2) The state must respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights in the Bills of Rights."

The South African Constitution is one of the most advanced Constitutions in the world, however, since the dawn of democracy, the country has been struggling to redress the imbalances of the past, given that now government must provide and treat all citizens equally. The tragedy of our past still haunts us in the form of the majority of South Africans that still suffer economically due to the previous education system that was focusing on churning out employees and not entrepreneurs.

It is in this light that the National Development Agency, an agency of government that reports to Parliament through the Department of Social Development, has been tasked with the mandate to

contribute towards the eradication of poverty by working with the civil society organisation to empower marginalised communities. Poverty continues to be perpetuated due to the lack of access to gainful economic activities at all levels of the economically active population groups in South Africa. Those mostly affected are particularly black women, youth, and those living with disabilities located in the former homelands, townships and informal settlements. We need to make a quantum leap from this state of insufficiency if we are to thrive as a nation.

It is with elation that I report ways of empowering our communities are being investigated as a means of ensuring sustainability and a legacy that will benefit these disadvantaged communities through the cooperatives vehicle which will empower participants economically as well. I therefore call upon all of government, the private sector and the CSO sector to partner with us in empowering local communities. Empowered communities are self-sufficient and are familiar with their Constitutional rights. They strive to improve their

living conditions and to ensure a brighter future for themselves and their dependants. When this happens, we can all be rest assured that we have done our part in improving the living conditions of our people.

Let us take bold steps and address the poverty in our country, once and for all!

Ms Ruth Bhengu
Chairperson

Overview by NDA CEO



Ms Reekeletseng Hlapolosa
Acting Chief Executive Officer

“Help us get closer to achieving our vision of “developing a society free from poverty”

It is my pleasure to present to you this booklet containing a selection of projects that we fund in your province. The National Development Agency (NDA) is tasked with a challenging mandate of contributing towards the eradication of poverty, moreover, during an economically depressed era. It is only in improving the lives of marginalised communities and assisting them to contribute to the economy, even if it is at micro level to begin with, enabling us to move forward as a nation.

The NDA is a state poverty eradication institution tasked with the mandate to effectively respond to people who are severely affected by poverty, due to the lack of access and the means to generating a sustainable income through self-help projects. These are the people who access relief through the social security programmes implemented by government. It is also a fact that without the robust social security programmes put in place by the South African government, the state of poverty and inequalities would be in a far more critical condition.

The role of the NDA, within the Department of Social Development is to provide developmental programmes and projects that will support and provide a variety of interventions to move the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) beneficiaries to, self-help developmental interventions that will lead to gainful economic activities, income to those disadvantaged individuals and families and the eradication of poverty. Working towards a common goal between all the functionaries within the Department of Social Development, known as the Social Development Portfolio, these entities formulated a strategic approach to respond effectively in eradicating poverty. As such, working towards a common goal ensures effectively designed developmental interventions and programmes that are impactful towards poverty.

The NDA will accelerate the District Development Model (DDM) approach which has demonstrated to be a useful framework to organise, develop, plan and deliver impactful developmental interventions to move poor people out of poverty in a coordinated way. This model provides better coordination and integration framework for all spheres of government, the private sector and civil society will focus their investments to one outcome – the eradication

of poverty, resulting in the positive impact on poverty eradication developmental efforts.

Only a multi-dimensional approach, with specific defined target groups and defined spatial perspective can provide pathways for moving affected communities from poverty to sustainable productive livelihoods through interventions led by communities themselves, organised as cooperatives, non-profit organisations and other structures.

I invite all those who want to contribute towards sustainable poverty eradication efforts to be in touch with us so that we can work together to turn poverty around and help our people live dignified lives.

Ms Reekeletseng Hlapolosa
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Partnership call to action



Mr Xolile Brukwe
Senior Manager:
Stakeholder Relations

The principal function of the National Development Agency's (NDA) partnership model is to ensure the sustainability of funded development programmes and interventions through establishing and maintaining strategic partnerships with other private, government and donor organisations. The National Development Agency (NDA) was established with the sole mandate to contribute towards the country's efforts of eradicating poverty and its causes, which is intrinsically part of the triple challenges the country is confronted with namely: poverty, inequality and unemployment. Albeit the limited resources and the struggle to link the yields to markets or value chain constraints, the NDA has over the years worked with civil society organisations (CSOs) on poverty eradication efforts and its causes.

The NDA's new strategic focus aims to address the historic challenges by fine-tuning a focus that aims towards more legitimacy, credibility, social capital and control over funded interventions and programmes – including the closer monitoring of outcomes and the deliberate impact measurement of projects. Secondly, there is a need to upscale the existing funded projects to reach full stability and sustainability potential through aggressive resource mobilisation efforts amongst other various stakeholders in the development space delivering and responding to real community needs that are in alignment with the District Development Model framework.

Partnerships amongst business sector and non-governmental organisations or CSOs are common across the world in the form of corporate social responsibility initiatives and undertakings. This cross-sector collaboration pools resources, competencies and knowledge together for achieving greater impact in joint projects. It is against this backdrop that the NDA's partnership model considers partnership best suited to derive maximum benefit in depressed communities using CSOs as its vehicle. Effective collaborations and partnerships consider service delivery imperatives, cost effectiveness, social cohesion and nation building as well as the need to respond to demands of a constantly changing society that must deal with the effects of poverty, unemployment and inequalities.

NDA poverty eradication interventions are aligned with the recognition that people living in economic isolation have skills, wisdom, assets, capacities and productive entrepreneurial energy. The missing link is their need to access and transmit this potential into viable economic activity that uplifts communities through the creation of jobs and sustainable livelihoods.

The NDA calls on private, public and donor organisations who share in this philosophy, that collaborating with communities for their own development, which must be bottom-up, organic and people-driven, which is the only sustainable means to free communities of poverty, inequality and unemployment.

We invite you to fill out the pledge card at the end of this publication to engage with us as a partner in development for a better South Africa, for all.

Xolile Brukwe
Senior Manager: Stakeholder Relations

About KwaZulu-Natal

KwaZulu-Natal is located in the south-east of South Africa bordering the Indian Ocean. It also borders on the Eastern Cape, Free State and Mpumalanga provinces, as well as Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique. The 'Garden Province' of South Africa stretches from the lush subtropical east coast washed by the warm Indian Ocean, to the sweeping savanna in the east and the majestic Drakensberg Mountain Range in the west.

It covers an area of 94 361km², the third smallest in the country, and has a population of 11 065 240, making it the second most populous province in South Africa. The capital is Pietermaritzburg. The largest city is Durban. Other major cities and towns include Richards Bay, Port Shepstone, Newcastle, Estcourt, Ladysmith and Richmond.

The province's manufacturing sector is the largest in terms of contribution to GDP. Richards Bay is the centre of operations for South Africa's aluminium industry. The Richards Bay Coal Terminal is instrumental in securing the country's position as the second-largest exporter of steam coal in the world. The province has undergone rapid industrialisation owing to its abundant water supply and labour resources.

Agriculture is also central to the economy. The sugar cane plantations along the coastal belt are the mainstay of KwaZulu-Natal's agriculture. The coastal belt is also a large producer of subtropical fruit, while the farmers inland concentrate on vegetable, dairy and stock farming. Another source of income is forestry in the areas around Vryheid, Eshowe, Richmond, Harding and Ngome.

KwaZulu-Natal is divided into one metropolitan municipality (eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality) and 10 district municipalities (Amajuba, Harry Gwala, Ilembe, King Cetshwayo, Ugu, Umgungundlovu, Umkhanyakude, Umzinyathi, Uthukela and Zululand), which are further subdivided into 43 local municipalities.

Source:: <https://municipalities.co.za/provinces/view/4/kwazulu-natal>



COO's Message



Mrs Susan Khumalo
NDA Chief
Operations Officer

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own", Cesar Chavez, Civil Rights Activist

The reality of our time is that many of our fellow country men and women live in poverty due to socio-economic conditions, not only in our country, but due to what is happening around the world. It is only through collectively addressing the issue of poverty, as government, state owned entities, private sector and the civil society sector, that we can address many ills that plague our respective communities.

We are called upon to be that generation that brings meaningful changes in the lives of marginalised societies. The truth is that, as the NDA, our programmes and projects can go far if all role players come together, through the District Development Model, to address socio-economic issues that keep our communities stuck in the circle of poverty.

The NDA has a wealth of experience in community development that transcends the different aspects ranging from strengthening the institutional capacity of CSOs, that implement development programmes and projects in poor communities, to assisting community-based organisations that provide community empowerment services or producing products that are traded in the community and beyond.

Programme 2, which I head, is the engine room of the NDA's primary mandate of contributing towards the eradication of poverty. It is in

Programme 2 that the NDA is represented in all the nine provinces across the country. Our provincial offices, inclusive of district offices where we have a footprint, are ready to work with partners and stakeholders that are committed to make a meaningful change in South Africa.

In the past, in executing our mandate, we used the CSOs Development Model, as approved in the 2016/17 financial year and which clearly provided a complete package of interventions to ensure members of the CSOs and their beneficiaries are: selected based on assessed needs and level of needs; provided with a combination of interventions pipeline for registration if not registered, capacity building, grant funding and linkages to markets and possible funders. This is to increase their own resources; and assist in attaining sustainability levels for the management of the CSO and the financial resources to support their programmes.

This approach was found to be inadequate to achieve the expectations of the NDA mandate, demonstrated by increased levels of poverty and unemployment. In 2021/22, the NDA had to initiate a process of turnaround and come up with a strategy that will effectively respond to the mandate of contributing towards poverty eradication. The new model is premised on targeting beneficiaries within indigent households which would be empowered to participate in community economic development initiatives through the District Development Model.

Our rich knowledge of community development puts us at the forefront of being catalysts and key players when it comes to

understanding projects and programmes that could make sustainable impact in the lives of people that both the public and private sector may want to invest in. The NDA works hand-in-hand, using the public and private partnerships, through its provincial offices and the civil society sector, to support community economic development initiatives whose main target is indigent households' members who have to be graduated out of poverty.

The NDA, over the years, has learned that development requires concerted efforts from all interested parties ranging from communities themselves, government, civil society, to the private sector. Communities have all the required assets that can form the foundation for investment and support to create community led development and sustainability.

The skills development programme, also in partnerships with the SETAs, private institutions and established CSOs, is aimed at strengthening emerging CSOs to ensure that they are able to produce quality services and products which will meet international standards that enable them to compete in the mainstream economy.

Mrs Susan Khumalo
NDA Chief Operations Officer

Provincial response to Poverty Eradication



Ms Yolisa Ndima
NDA KwaZulu-Natal
Provincial Manager

The 2022/2023 financial year, was a critical period in which the revised Annual Performance Plan, key areas were evaluated, the progress was assessed and the performance was activated in a response to the findings of progress assessments. Generally, performance has been good and all targets were achieved, despite the budget constraints.

Resources Raised to fund CSOs Development Interventions

The province had an annual target of R1 660 000 and was able to raise resources to the value of R 2 919 564.92 from various national and provincial partners.

Number of poverty eradication projects funded by NDA

In 2022/23 19 Grant Funding Projects throughout KwaZulu-Natal were approved to the value of R2 479 649.65, compared to 2021/22, where 25 Grant Funded Projects were approved to the value of R 2 817 713.44. A further 6 CARA Projects to the value of R1 800 000 and 3 CSO Volunteer Programmes to the value of R 316 800 were approved in 2022/23. Contract signing and the induction of Grant Funded, CARA and Volunteer Programmes have been done and all programmes are currently at the implementation phase.

Work opportunities created as a result of CSOs development interventions

The province was able to create 381 work opportunities, thus exceeding the Annual target of 299 work opportunities through the NDA Grant Funding Programme, the CARA Programme and the CSO Volunteer Programme.

Number of CSOs capacitated with skills to implement poverty eradication projects

By the end of the 2022/23 financial year, the province had conducted capacity building interventions for 615 CSOs exceeding the annual target of 221. The 615 CSOs were trained in the following interventions: NPO and cooperative compliance, governance, financial management, conflict management, resources mobilisation and project management. Where there has been a need for technical training, the government and the private sector partnered and trained the CSOs in agriculture and manufacturing and other relevant skills.

The province is currently engaged to ensure more CSOs are capacitated effectively:

- CSO mobilisation (consultation and engagement, assessment)
- Classification for intervention
- Development of a priority list for different interventions
- Development of capacity building plan
- Capacity Building Implementation

Ms Yolisa Ndima

NDA KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Manager

8.1

Abalimi Multipurpose Primary Cooperative



Name of the CSO: Abalimi Multipurpose Primary Cooperative

Registration number: 2019/008233/24

Project type: Income Generation (Agriculture)

Location: uMgungundlovu District, Mpofana Local Municipality, Ward 2

Contact: Tendela Village - Lizwilenkosi Welcome Ndlovu, 071 532 9618, lizwilenkosindlovu9@gmail.com

NDA grant funding amount: R261 895.50

Grant funding deliverables: Crop Production

Number of jobs created: 5

Population sector: Youth

Background

The birth of Abalimi Cooperative can be credited to the Department of Agriculture that workshopped the young people in the Mpofana Local municipality to encourage them to start household gardens. The five friends decided to take the municipality's assistance and established a cooperative. *"We had to start something because we were tired of staying at home. We had to contribute some funds to enable us to start the garden, along with the assistance from the Department of Agriculture"*, says Lizwilenkosi Ndlovu, Chairperson of the Cooperative.

The cooperative farms 4 of the 12 hectares zoned for agriculture leased from community members. They produce different crops like broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and beans.

Since 2019, they have been harvesting just enough for their families and the local community. However, from 2022 they started selling their produce to retail shops and vendors as far as Escort and Pietermaritzburg.

NDA Intervention

The NDA grant went towards agricultural equipment and supplies which include: fencing, seedlings, protective clothing, sprinklers and draglines, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Before the NDA's intervention the cooperative was farming only 1 hectare due to lack of equipment. The increase in hectares has ensured that they also increase the produce and profit. The NDA also trained their cooperative members on financial management, governance and resource mobilisation.

Immediate needs

The Cooperative needs a tractor, potato planter, maize planter and fencing. This will ensure that they save time and money as they have to hire this equipment. Sometimes they get the hired equipment late and it becomes very expensive.

Other partners

The Department of Agriculture is providing technical knowledge and skills to the cooperative. uMeda donated butternut and cabbage seedlings.



8.2

Mt Currie Disabled Women's Cooperative



Name of the CSO: Mt Currie Disabled Women's Cooperative

Registration number: 2008/001577/24

Project type: Income generation (Textile Manufacturing)

Location: Harry Gwala District, Kokstad Local Municipality, Ward 8

Contact: Bhongweni location - Mrs Notsikelelo Phakane; 072 133 1975

NDA grant funding amount: R99 706.11

Grant funding deliverables: Tracksuits

Number of jobs created: 9 people with various disabilities

Population sector: Women

Background

"Although people with disabilities may require extra support performing their day-to-day duties, there are many things they can do to participate in the economy and uplift their lives while demystifying the disability stigma", explained Mrs Notsikelelo Phakane, the Chairperson of the Cooperative.

Mrs Phakane, who herself has been living with Poliomyelitis disability since she was a young girl due to Polio, is the founder of Mt Currie Disabled Women's Cooperative. The cooperative's focus is to ensure that they provide jobs to people with disabilities in

and around Kokstad. *"We are a sewing cooperative and currently we produce school uniforms however, our goal is to be tracksuit specialists. We want the community and businesses to come to us when they need tracksuits", she said. In 2022, the cooperative acquired two contracts from the nearby schools to produce the school uniforms.*

It is the primary focus of the cooperative to create awareness that disability is not inability. Three of the cooperatives' members are running other businesses and have contracts with SANRAL. Mrs Phakane says, *"We want to encourage people with a disability to come out of their homes and participate in the economy. We believe that more support will come our way when government, private sector and other community members see us standing up for ourselves".*

NDA Involvement

The grant went towards the procurement of sewing machines and materials to increase the production of school uniforms, tracksuits and other adult clothing. The grant was also used for the procurement of wheelchairs to improve the mobility and seating support of the two paraplegic members, the training of board members on governance and resource mobilization as well as capacity building and other interventions that the NDA offers.

Immediate Needs

The organisation is in serious need of transport and a proper housing facility. They also need technical skills to ensure that they produce high quality products, in order for them



8.3

Sihlomela Ikusasa Lethu Primary Cooperative



Name of the CSO: Sihlomela Ikusasa Lethu Primary Cooperative

Registration number: 2015/013089/24

Project type: Income generation (Agriculture)

Location: Amajuba District, Newcastle Local Municipality, Ward 1

Contact: Kopie (Charlestown) or Mr Jerome Ntombela - 060 466 0593

NDA grant funding amount: R 49 895.60

Grant funding deliverables: Crop and animal production

Number of jobs created: 15

Population sector: Youth and women

Charlestown has a high rate of unemployment and dependency on social grants. According to Statistics South Africa Household Survey 2019, the area's dependency ratio is above 70%; as an average of 16.9% households are without an income. This is an area with a mere 3.4% of higher education for individuals aged 20 and above.

In response to the dire socio-economic challenges, Mr Jerome Ntombela, the chairperson of the cooperative introduced the idea of starting a cooperative to other members of the community who decided to join him in 2014. The cooperative was registered in 2015 and has 5 members, 4 females and a male.

"We wanted to create employment for ourselves so that we can increase the number

of people receiving income through the agriculture in our village. The area is good for potatoes, but the water shortages impact our work negatively. It slows down production. We are grateful that we received training from the Department of Agriculture to plant various crops depending on the season. However, potatoes are the crops that bring the highest returns", explained Mr Jerome Ntombela.

Even though the cooperative has around 2.5 hectares of land, they are currently only using 1 hectare and have plans in place to use the rest. Currently, the cooperative is producing potatoes, spinach, beetroot, onions, cabbage and mealies. They are also involved in goat and free-range chicken farming. The goat farming project will be resumed soon.

NDA Involvement

The NDA funded the project for land preparation, purchase of seedlings, garden tools, fertilisers and chemicals. The five cooperative members received capacity building to strengthen their day to day running of the cooperative.

Other Partners

Old Mutual donated a 4-ton truck to transport their crops to the various markets and a borehole to ensure consistent water supply for the cooperative. Other partners are SEDA, Amajuba TVET College and the Department of Agriculture.

Immediate Needs

Tunnels, irrigation system and fence.



8.4

Silokoto Primary Cooperative



Name of the CSO: Silokoto Primary Cooperative

Registration number: 2011/001101/24

Project type: Income generation (Textile)

Location: eThekweni Metro

Contact: Pinetown - Thandazile Gqwarhu - 082 649 0982

thandazagqwaru950@gmail.com

NDA grant funding amount: R479 836.50

Grant funding deliverables: Manufacturing of Safety Boots and PPE

Number of jobs created: 51

Population sector: Youth, women, men and people with disabilities

Background

Silokoto is a black-owned cooperative that was established in 2011 by three women and two men who were responding to challenges facing their community, including unemployment and children who were orphaned because of the prevalence of HIV/Aids. Although the cooperative started in Umlazi they have now secured a bigger manufacturing space in Pinetown because of the success they had.

The initial plan was to produce clothing; especially school uniform and traditional clothing as a means of supporting their orphan and vulnerable programme. "We soon realised that this was a lucrative business where we can even employ more people", says Mrs Thandazile Gqwarhu, Silokoto's Chief Executive Officer. When the BEIER GROUP was looking to grow emerging black township companies in the textile industry in 2019, they saw the cooperative's potential and moved them to a manufacturing area in Pinetown. They also linked them with other strategic people to assist like ARENA TRIMS and WAK PTY LTD for mentorship and material supply.

Silokoto has graduated from producing in small scale to specialising in producing personal protective equipment and technical textile products. Toyota buys protective clothing from them. They are now also producing clothing for Foschini and other retail stores. They manufacture socks, thungs, superlasts and polybags that are used to make finished products like safety shoes.

NDA Intervention

The grant went towards buying machines that enable them to close the gaps and cut the middleman out in their production. They have saved time and money and have now increased the number of jobs.



8.5

Sivusa Sizwe Agricultural Rimary
Cooperative Limited



Name of the CSO: Sivusa Sizwe Agricultural Primary Cooperative Limited

Registration number: 2017/003239/24

Project type: Income generation (Agriculture)

Location: UGU District, Umdoni Local Municipality, Ward 4

Contact: Sawoti Village - Thandi Shezi - 083 740 3927

NDA grant funding amount: R272 405.10

Grant funding deliverables: Crop production

Number of jobs created: 26

Population sector: Women and youth

Background

The impact of climate change is slowly creeping in, in South African. The KZN 2022 Floods were felt throughout the country. Mrs Thandi Shezi, Chairperson of Sivusa Sizwe Agricultural Primary Cooperative remembered their first visit to the farm after the floods. She said, *"I could only put my trust in God, everything was gone, there was nothing. The situation was dire, some of us had to sell some of our properties to ensure that we get back on our feet"*.

The cooperative is now back on track, and they harvested the first produce which was green beans and spinach in December 2022. The profit was not as expected due to wet soil emanating from the floods. However, they managed to fence the 45 hectare farm, as it was posing as a security risk to their business.

The 5 member cooperative was registered in 2017. They realised that there was a gap in the fresh produce market because people were going to Richmond to get crops to sell in their area. They also took advantage of the fertile soil that grows fresh crops without difficulty. They pulled in their resources to buy the farm and start producing.

With their second planting after the floods, they increased the number of workers to 27. *"I am proud that we also harvested 25000 cabbages now in April 2023"*. The cabbages were sold to the local Pick 'n Pay, Theo's Fruit & Veg, The People's markets, as well as the Durban Stokvel Market. *"There is no shortage of the markets, we need to increase production from 20 hectares to use the farm to its full capacity"*, said Mrs Shezi.

NDA Involvement

The grant purchased a mobile water pump and the engine. The pump enabled the co-operative to increase production from just 10 hectares to 20 hectares, hence there is an increase of the jobs created from 12 to 27. They also bought office equipment. The NDA funding attracted other funders to come on board to assist the cooperative.

Immediate Needs

A tractor is a priority, pipes to connect the irrigation system and a vehicle to transport the produce.

Other Partners

SEDA who paid off their first seedlings after the floods and SBD brought in the pipes used to connect to the pump machine bought by the NDA.



8.6

Siyaqhubeka Multi-Purpose Primary Cooperative



Name of the CSO: Siyaqhubeka Multi-Purpose Primary Cooperative

Registration number: 2016/005756/24

Project type: Income generation (Textile)

Location: uMzinyathi District, Endumeni Local Municipality, Ward 6

Contact: Dundee - Ms Busisiwe Gamede - 063 803 4754 or 076 461 1491

NDA grant funding amount: R 86 427.66

Grant funding deliverables: School Uniform and Beadwork

Number of jobs created: 7

Population sector: Women

Background

Five Domestic Workers turned seamstresses. *"Domestic work was not giving us the work satisfaction we needed. We used to travel to work together, and a conversation started on what we would need to do to get what we want. We had little knowledge of sewing and beading but we were interested to learn"*, said Mrs Busisiwe Gamede, Chairperson of the Cooperative.

In 2012, the five ladies started to crochet hats and scarves on weekends while they were still working as domestic workers. They each contributed money to buy materials and three domestic sewing machines. Mrs Gamede had some sewing knowledge; she trained the others. They were self-taught on bead work. They produced all sorts of designs, however, they chose to focus on school uniform as they saw a market gap.

They are the sole producers of school uniform for four schools and two ECD Centres in Craigside Township. They operate at Talana Museum, so their beadwork is sold to the tourists who visit the museum.

The cooperative has been doing well regardless of the social ills in the community such as theft, substance abuse, high unemployment and poverty. Covid-19 impacted their production terribly, since the schools were not ordering any uniforms. "We are getting back to normal, we even hired two more people to assist us since we were not able to finish our orders on time", said Mrs Gamede.

NDA Involvement

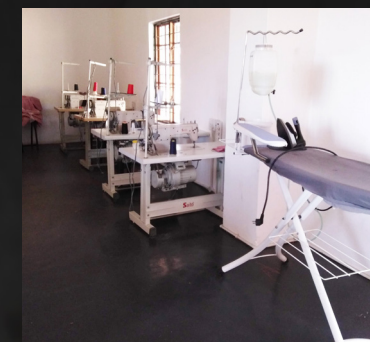
The grant went towards purchasing the embroidery, buttonholes and button sewer machines. They already had two industrial machines that were donated by Buffalo Coal in 2017. The NDA also trained the cooperative on Bookkeeping and Cooperative Act Compliance. These machines have increased productivity of the cooperative and its income, as they also use them for other people who would want to do bulk embroidery services for a fee. The NDA trained the Cooperative in Project Management and Resource Mobilisation.

Immediate Needs

The number of formal contracts with schools and other business so that they are sustainable, needs to be increased. The Cooperative also needs a laptop for the embroidery machine.

Other Partners

SEDA paid for fashion design training while the Department of Agriculture trained the cooperative in business management. The Talana Museum is hosting the cooperative in their premises for a rental of R350 per month. Endumeni Local Municipality purchased the sewing machine and fabric for the Cooperative.



DIRECTORY OF OTHER FUNDED PROJECTS IN KWAZULU-NATAL

	Project Name	Sector	Amount Approved	District Municipality	Local Muniipality
1.	Nyakaza Block Making Cooperative	Manufacturing	R83 631.43	UThukela	Alfred Duma
2.	Emseni Wenkosi	Agriculture	R98 539.37	UThukela	Okhahlamba
3.	Fisokuhle Primary Cooperative	Agriculture	R48 375.81	Zululand	Abaqulusi
4.	Nqobuzulu	ECD	R45 457.50	Zululand	Nongoma
5.	Siyaphumelela ECD Centre	ECD	R99 566.50	UGU	Umzumbe
6.	Sivusa Sizwe	Agriculture	R 272 405.10	UGU	Umdoni
7.	Silokotho Trading Primary Cooperative	Manufacturing	R479 836.50	EThekwini	eThekwini West (Pine Town)

	Project Name	Sector	Amount Approved	District Municipality	Local Muniipality
8.	Thembalisha Crèche	ECD	R71 061.49	EThekwini	eThekwini North (Inanda)
9.	Gugu Dlamini Foundation	Advocacy	R148 645.75	EThekwini	eThekwini North (KwaMashu)
10.	Sukumuzenzele	Agriculture	R99 029.49	Amajuba	Newcastle
11.	Buhle Bemvelo	Agriculture	R99 934.12	Amajuba	Emadlangeni
12.	Kungani Farmers Primary Cooperative	Agriculture	R93 726.30	Amajuba	Danhauser
13.	Masakhane	ECD	R66 867.90	UMkhanyakude	Jozini
14.	Ikusasa lethu	ECD	R72 115.75	UMkhanyakude	Big 5 Hlabisa

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15.	Qala Phansi	Manufacturing - Sewing	R49 850.81	Harry Gwala	NDZ
16.	Abalimi Primary Cooperative	Agriculture	R54 146,57	uMgungundlovu	Msunduzi
17.	Sakhizwe	Skills Development	R49 939.57	uMgungundlovu	uMshwathi
18.	Shisizwe	Manufacturing - Block Making	R61 031.95	UMzinyathi	Mvoti
19.	Siyaqubeka Limited	Manufacturing - Sewing	R86 427.66	Umzinyathi	Endumeni
20.	Hlanganani	ECD	R 54,028.15	King Cetshwayo	Nkandla
21.	Sizamiseni	ECD	R 58 463.80	King Cetshwayo	Umlalazi
22.	Ntojeni	ECD	R61 129.13	King Cetshwayo	Umfoloji
23.	Lindelimini Primary Cooperative	Agriculture	R155,661.42	King Cetshwayo	Umhlathuze

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24.	Uhambo-Lwethu Primary Agricultural Cooperative	Agriculture	R130 071,70	ILembe	Maphumulo
25.	Amazulu Poultry	Agriculture	R329 780.00	ILembe	Mandeni
26.	Impilogethu Multi-Purpose Primary Cooperative Limited	Income Generation	R169 290.00	KZN	Zululand
27.	Isigubho Primary Cooperative Limited	Income Generation	R165 432.75	KZN	Harry Gwala
28.	Joyland Christian Pre-School	ECD	R165 432.75	KZN	uMkhanyakude
29.	Wushwe Community Care	Capacity Building	R130 738.59	KZN	Harry Gwala
30.	Langelihle Piggery Agricultural Primary Cooperative Limited	Agriculture	R334 080.27	KZN	Amajuba
31.	Luhlanga Primary Cooperative Limited	Agriculture	R112 292.92	KZN	uMkhanyakude
32.	Mbalenhle ECD Centre	ECD	R56 641.20	KZN	Amajuba
33.	Itshelembethe Agricultural Cooperative	Agriculture	R51 473.40	KZN	uThukela

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34.	Mfekazi Crèche	ECD	R61 157.07	KZN	Zululand
35.	Phathokuhle Youth Organisation	Skills Development	R127 358.00	KZN	eThekwini
36.	Superlife Science Primary Cooperative Limited	Income Generation	R130 376.25	KZN	uMzinyathi
37.	Vezokuhle Crèche	ECD	R89 980.80	KZN	uMgungundlovu
38.	Indonsa Agricultural Primary Cooperative Limited	Income Generation	R274 967.17	KZN	uThukela
39.	Igalelo Lethu Primary Cooperative Limited	Income Generation	R131 444.94	KZN	King Cetshwayo
40.	Umdeni Crèche and Pre-School	ECD	R98 323.39	KZN	eThekwini (Umlazi)
41.	Abalimi Multi-purpose Cooperative	Income Generation	R249 717.16	KZN	uMgungundlovu
42.	Sakhisizwe ECD Centre	ECD	R58 459.39	KZN	iLembe
43.	Nobadina ECD Centre	ECD	R64 686.55	KZN	uMzinyathi
44.	Richard Simoyi Trading and Projects Cooperative Limited	Income Generation – Manufacturing	R117 370.00	KZN	UGU

INTEREST TO PARTNER PLEDGE

The Need for All Hands on Deck

The NDA's efforts are aimed at the eradication of poverty and all its causes. To achieve this vision, the NDA alone will not be able to achieve its mission of breaking the cycle of poverty. It needs all the instruments of the state, private sector and civil society working in coordinated and integrated posture to focus on those classified as poor, who reside in the fringes of developed and affluent locations of the country.

Making a dent in the war against poverty requires investments from every sector to enable the poor to fully and actively participate in creating a future they want, the quality of life they aspire to have and the South Africa they want to live in. Therefore, South Africa needs all hands on deck to achieve the vision and the expectation of citizens living in a country where hunger, poverty and hopelessness are not an everyday struggle.

INTEREST TO PLEDGE

I _____ representative of _____ in my capacity as _____ wish to partner and pledge support to the NDA as follows:

- ☐ Mobilization and assessment
- ☐ Formalisation
- ☐ Capacity-building interventions
- ☐ Grant Funding & investments
- ☐ Linkages to markets
- ☐ Follow up meeting
- ☐ Mentorship

in the area of _____ within _____ District of KwaZulu-Natal province.

I may be contacted on:







I accept further correspondence from the NDA using these channels.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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