

FOOD & TREES FOR AFRICA

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



I am happy to report that it has been yet another busy and highly successful year at Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA). Although growing and innovating, we remain true to our original objectives and continue to put our full effort into addressing the challenges of environmental sustainability, food security, education, social development, and so much more.

If you look at the inequality around us, you quickly realise how important organisations like ours are in the fight for social justice. This year was added proof that FTFA works effectively, innovatively, and maintains an exceptional degree of development impact within these spaces.

Our varied but focused projects — each taken on with the work ethic and over-arching ethos of efficiency, transparency and accountability — transformed multiple communities across the country. Over 2018, I felt awe-inspired as the organisation continued to extend its sustainability reach and message, educating and empowering many.

Although FTFA is a non-profit organisation, our approach of running it like a social enterprise has led us to being one of the best organisations on the continent. The FTFA team has a vision and an energy that is unstoppable and this can be seen in the success of various projects in 2018.

It is FTFA's philosophy that a healthy environment is a pre-

requisite for a good quality of life and the past year has seen the development of many projects that support this. This will become clear as you read into further detail included in each programme's section. If we could, we'd report on the success of each and every one of our initiatives and projects, as every undertaking has undoubtedly made a difference to many communities and people.

The same goes to our forward-thinking, environmentally-aware donors who have aligned with our mission. For this we are grateful. Your support of and confidence in FTFA has been particularly valuable.

It takes great teamwork to create this tangible success. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved, from the Board of Directors, FTFA staff, and volunteers, to our robust network of educators and trainers. Without your hard work on the ground, we would not have achieved the impact and success that we have made over the last twenty-eight years. To my fellow Board of Directors, thank you for your support and guidance over the year, particularly with regard to our exciting new strategy. And Chris — well done.

It truly has been a phenomenal year and I look forward to what the next year brings.

Best Wishes,

Mpho Mahanyele

It's been another great year at Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA). One could best compare FTFA to an established, biodiverse forest that continues to grow and flourish. In a way, my duty is to best balance the forest and make sure that everything is working harmoniously. In this regard, I am happy with the current levels of control and oversight and, as innovation is exploding here, it seems we've got the right balance too.

Comment on the financials

You may note that the organisation has produced a fourth consecutive year of surplus and has increased the total amount of cash. Unfortunately, income received in advance is nothing to get excited about. It is required to meet commitments and obligations to our beneficiaries in the next financial year. In other words, please don't think that FTFA has wavered on our commitment to donors and beneficiaries. We were lucky this year with "other income" — for example, estate late donations, pro bono services, historical bad debts, etc — and may have been in negative territory otherwise.

New mid-term strategy

This last year, the Board of Directors and Senior Management undertook the task of developing a new mid-term strategy to guide FTFA over the next five years. I cannot stress enough what a monumental task this was. It required true self-reflection and critically asking questions of areas we took as a given. However, like a tree, a good pruning once in a while is necessary. It also allowed us to reflect on and clarify our core competencies and focus areas. Some of them are no surprise yet there were one or two areas, when given proper consideration, we didn't realise how far ahead we were. Needless to say this has been integrated into our mid-term strategy and you can look forward to greater impact and innovation in the next few years.

General trading environment

The general non-profit/donations environment continues to be tough

and competitive. The sector is directly affected by levels of disposable income and growth/reduction in the economic activity. Furthermore, economic uncertainty is a detriment to the pool of possible donations. Companies and individuals would rather retain cash they would have otherwise been generous with. However, there is still so much good work to do and we are so thankful to those who recognise this and help us make a positive difference in our beloved country.

Pushing the boundaries of impact

With the success of the back-to-basics strategy implemented over the last three years, the organisation has had space to reflect and focus on additional areas relevant to operational efficiency and impact. Concurrently with our new mid-term strategy, we were able to review and improve on our programme methodologies, most notably our assessment criteria, exit planning methodology, and monitoring and evaluation framework. Even though FTFA already has a high project success rate, we want to push the boundaries of the very definition of success and development impact. This may sound ambitious but we plan on changing the benchmarks both locally and globally.

To round off

The Directors and myself remain happy with the continued, positive change in momentum. What is important now is that FTFA capitalises on this and converts this momentum into our aims and objectives. Sometimes there are interesting forks in the road but we will always make decisions through the lens of social justice and with the aim of improving the lives of our beneficiaries. This is our purpose, the reason for our existence, and we will continue to serve them as best we can.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wild



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT





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TREES & CARBON

Trees Department overview

The 2017/2018 financial year was one of experiment and improvement for the Trees & Carbon department. We initiated four new project types (Gardens For Homes, DAFF Food Forest, DAFF Youth Development Training, and the VWFS Carbon Project), continued to improve existing project functioning for greater impact, and started exploring new ways to support our programmes through carbon credit funding.

This financial year saw a slight increase in total trees planted: 25,635 trees planted across both the Trees for Homes (TFH) and Trees for All (TFA) programmes. These trees will offset 9,459.4 tonnes of CO₂e (tCO₂e) in their lifetime. They'll also beautify and benefit a total of 6,085 beneficiary organisations. It is conservatively estimated that a total of 124,875 individuals — across homes, schools, and various community centres — have been directly impacted in 2017/2018.

Key partnerships

None of this impact could have been achieved without the key partnerships that enable our good work. We partnered with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) on three events throughout the year. Their support and donation of trees enabled us

to experiment with project form and to tweak methodologies for increased impact. Together with DAFF, we initiated a food forest in Evaton, ran a youth development programme similar to Trees for Homes (by building in the use of earth augers) in Thokoza, and participated in the National Arbor Month campaign in Nelspruit. Konica Minolta South Africa (KMSA), the greatest supporter of our Trees for All programme, celebrated a decade of planting with us in 2018. Their support has pushed FTFA to improve programmes and explore novel greening methodologies. Both of these partnerships demonstrate the impact that can be achieved when entities partner across the sector.

We look forward to the next year where we can build on the impact already achieved and continue to innovate while planting forests and food across South Africa.

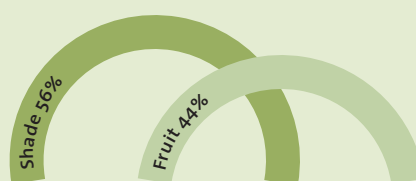
National Arbor Month

FTFA has been advocating for September to be called 'Arbor Month' for years. In 2018, DAFF heeded our calls and designated the entire month as National Arbor Month. We were proud to partner with DAFF for their first Arbor Month and look forward to working with them to make South Africa greener and more sustainable.

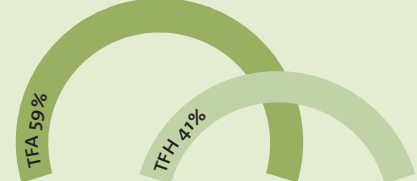
Trees Planted	25635
Carbon Offset	9459.4
Beneficiary Organisations Reached	6085
Estimated Number of Individuals Directly Impacted	124875

	Trees	Carbon Offset (tCO ₂ e)
TFA	15,161	5,594.46
TFH	10,474	3,864.9
TOTAL	25,635	9,459.4

Tree Types Planted



Trees Planted Per Programme



Leveraging technology

Planting trees in shared community spaces requires constant assessment and the integration of monitoring data to ensure we improve our survival rate and positively impact the beneficiaries we serve.

In 2017/2018, we embarked on projects that leverage advancements in technology for the improvement of our programmes. We developed a series of 'How To Plant A Tree' videos — in multiple of the official South African languages — which were disseminated in Arbor Month 2018. These videos were sent to beneficiaries via Whatsapp to ensure that they received a thorough demonstration in their first language, especially if facilitators were unable to visit the beneficiary.

10 years of tree planting with Konica Minolta South Africa (KMSA)

To mark ten years of tree planting and working together with Konica Minolta South Africa (KMSA), we returned to Orange Farm (near Johannesburg) in September 2018. This is where we first planted trees together. We met locals who had been positively impacted by the tree planting, visited the decade-old shade trees, and planted new trees. One such local was Mrs Maphutsi, who still preserves the peaches from trees planted for consumption and sale today. She held up a bottle and triumphantly remarked, "In winter I may not have spinach, but I always

know I can eat pap and peaches". It was truly awe-inspiring to be able to witness, and taste, the fruits of KMSA's impact. The on-going support of the company has enabled us to continue to improve our programmes, to innovate, and to develop unprecedented initiatives in each area. This too has helped grow our team, many of whom have worked on KMSA projects throughout the years.

42,218 Trees Planted

15,578 tCO₂e Offset

11,639 Homes Reached

129 Community Educators trained

787 Organisations Reached

Quantifying impact

A R100 donation of fruit trees will result in a minimum social return on investment of R700 in the first year of fruit production (year two) which will increase exponentially each year.

Through the process of reflecting on the decade of tree planting, the Trees & Carbon Department took a stab at quantifying the impact of trees planted, or the "social return on investment" to communities. The returns from benefits such as ecosystem services, temperature reduction, and carbon offset, which trees bring us, are incredibly difficult to quantify. Using the concept of fruit produced, however, we were able to examine the benefit of tree planting to local communities. We found that the donation of a fruit tree would return the value to the

Trees For All

Trees Planted	15,161
Carbon Offset (i.e. total voluntary carbon offset)	5,594.46
Beneficiary Organisations Reached	480
Estimated Number of Individuals Directly Impacted	107,339

TREES FOR ALL

Planting trees in shared community spaces, such as schools, community centres and churches





local community by a factor of seven within the first year of fruit production. This truly is a donation that will keep benefitting the community for years to come.

Other sponsors include:

Trees for Cities, Bloomberg, Ethos, Postwink, Urban Bistro, Discovery, Eaton Hydraulics, Event Greening Forum, Food Lovers Market, Yellow

Jersey Logistics, Italtile, King James II, Siemens, Protea Hotels, Provantage Media Group, Smollan, Wesbank, St Andrews School Bedfordview, Miller Bosman & Le Roux, as well as numerous other individual donors who donated trees online. All of these trees have helped us to reach more beneficiaries with fruit and shade trees.

Trees For All Sponsors (95 Trees and Over)

ABSA	150
Ackermans	220
AON	1000
Camargue	342
CHEP	245
Cova Advisory	208
Cummins Filtration	400
DAFF	1000
Eco-Cycle	105
Fidelity	105
Grinding Media SA	290
Investec	682
KMSA	5493
Nedbank	445
Online donations	1300
Post Office	380
Primedia	765
R B Hagar Trust	145
Revolution Print	95
SRK	250
Stefanutti Stocks	141
Tony Pupkewitz	290
VFS	115

Programme structure

Trees for Homes is FTFA's large-scale township greening programme. Upward of 750 trees are distributed to communities at a time, where each household impacted receives one fruit tree and one indigenous shade tree. Through the programme, local community members are trained to be Community Educators (CEs). CEs introduce tree planting methods to households. They also monitor and continuously evaluate the trees' survival. These CEs are paid for their time, thus the programme ensures impact across multiple levels within the community.

Trees for Homes projects across South Africa

This year, Tiger Brands has been instrumental in driving both our tree planting and food gardening impact. We have partnered with the company to ensure that the beneficiaries they work with can benefit from fruit trees, indigenous shade trees, and food garden support. Through this implementation we have been able to reach 10,730 direct beneficiaries across South Africa with trees and food gardens. In addition, Tiger Brands supported the roll out of Gardens for Homes, a new project type launched by FTFA in 2018, which reached 1,000 households.

Grinding Media South Africa (GMSA) donated trees close to their

areas of operation in Katlehong, Thokoza, and Vosloorus. These projects benefitted 10 schools and 1,500 homes in the areas, significantly delivering benefit to local communities.

Stefanutti Stocks — a historical partner of FTFA — approached FTFA to run three volunteer days across the country this year. The staff at Stefanutti enjoyed the team-building, distributing trees to local communities, and planted a significant number of trees, herbs and seedlings too. We partnered with Ackermans again this year. They continued to support the greening of Mamelodi and built on the impact enabled by previous years of planting. Much like Stefanutti Stocks, enthusiastic staff at Ackermans joined in the planting of trees and were instrumental in building community morale around tree planting.

Carbon offset through tree planting

In the social development space, we continually confront complex challenges. It is our mandate to find the most efficient and cost-effective solutions to them. One such problem is the generation of carbon credits through tree planting activities. With the backing of Volkswagen Financial Services (VWFS), FTFA's Tree & Carbon Department has been doing

Trees For Homes Impact Statistics	
Trees Distributed and Planted	10,474
Carbon Offset (tCO2e)	3,864.9
Homes Reached	5505
Community Educators Trained	249
Estimated Direct Beneficiaries Reached	17,535
Voluntary Carbon Sequestration:	3,864.9 tCO2e
Communities That Received Trees: Katlehong (Johannesburg), Thokoza (Johannesburg), Vosloorus (Johannesburg), Mamelodi (Pretoria), Mohlakeng (Johannesburg), Tembisa (Johannesburg), (Vryheid), New Horizons (Plettenberg Bay), KwaNdengezi (Pinetown), Clermont (Durban), Goshen Village (Cathcart)	

TREES FOR HOMES

Greening South Africa's communities street by street





GARDENS FOR HOMES

Mass planting of trees grows into homestead gardens in communities

a great deal of research into carbon offset and carbon credits. We've taken institutional knowledge and learnings from our other programmes and combined it with the latest

technologies to build on and develop innovative, cost-effective, credible solutions. We are looking forward to launching this new venture publicly in 2019.

Trees For Homes Main Sponsors	Trees
Ackermans	781
DAFF	310
Grinding Media South Africa	2011
Stefanutti Stocks	1601
Tiger Brands	5001
VWFS	750



Building on sustainable development

As a department, we were very proud to launch a new project type: Gardens for Homes. We have found over the years that tree planting projects at homes tend to encourage home vegetable gardens. It followed logically that we support these homes with training and resources to ensure maximum production of vegetables.

Two Gardens for Homes projects,

sponsored by Tiger Brands, were rolled out and monitored in 2017/2018, building on existing Trees for Homes projects in communities near Johannesburg (Katlehong and Mohlakeng). 1,000 homes received resources and training to start home food gardens and we continue to monitor the progress and track production to ensure greater impact is felt by the beneficiaries we serve. This is only the beginning!

Gardens For Homes	
Number of Community Educators Trained:	40
Communities That Received Gardens For Homes:	2
Number of Homes Receiving Gardens	1,000

What we do and why we do it

Food Gardens for Africa (FGFA) projects empower communities through sustainability in the form of bio-intensive agriculture. These projects increase food security and environmental awareness, and are also a means to teach and share agro-ecological techniques to all those involved. In the face of climate change and inequality, and as large-scale agricultural yields dwindle and food prices rise, each new food garden is another step towards food sovereignty.

Over the last 20 years, FTFA's diverse network of trainers have enabled and supported multiple ongoing projects in regions across South Africa. FGFA adapts this support to provide workshops and education, as well as farm-related infrastructure, to rural community gardens, urban market gardens, and peri-urban homestead gardens. These food gardens are in public spaces, on municipal and tribal trust ground, and school premises. Furthermore, Permaculture Starter Packs (PSPs) offer the basic tools and resources to help motivated communities run productive, functional food gardens. The FGFA department has observed how well this system has worked, and how easily funders can take it on board. This is because the phased approach is effective for communities and also because the funding brackets are manageable for both small and large companies to support.

The year in review

In statistics, FGFA has had the following impact over 2017/2018:

	New Food Gardens	Total Food Gardens Over the Year
2016/2017	26	72
2017/2018	38 (12 more than the previous year)	79 (7 more than the previous year)

Act for change

In 2017/2018, there was notable impact as a result of Shoprite's CSI and Act For Change initiatives. As the need for food gardens rises, the aim set was to support three new communities each month, with a greater goal of supporting 300 gardens over the next two years. Together, FGFA's partnership with Shoprite is sitting at 57 long-term community gardens in all nine provinces, including the deprived Northern Cape and Eastern Cape.

Support from partners and donors

Since October 2017 to September 2018, our major funders have been The Woolworths Trust (with their volunteer days) and the Cummins Africa Middle East team (who expanded their support of FTFA from their Harrowdene branch to the Woodmead centre and then, more recently, to the Kelvin office). The Global Giving platform was a pleasure to work through for this international grant.

Additional donations for FGFA and food gardens included Eagle Burgman, Krux Productions, City Lodge Hotel Group, General Electric, Nedbank Trusts, Oricol and The Body Shop (Clicks). Above and beyond this, fundraising for projects was made more feasible through the pro-bono support of Kulula.com, City Lodge Hotel Group, Avis Budget Rent A Car and Doonholm Nursery. FGFA also brought on new partners in 2017/2018: Urban Fresh, Nelson Mandela Foundation, UPS, and Ma'am Violet at Molobanyane Co-Op.

FOOD GARDENS FOR AFRICA

Sustainably feeding the nation





EDUPLANT

National Schools Food Gardening and Greening Programme

EduPlant aims

For the past 24 years, the EduPlant programme has continued to protect and boost childrens’ nutrition and health through permaculture and school food gardening actions. The primary aims of EduPlant are to increase food security and environmental sustainability, and to alleviate poverty.

The programme is designed to impart and increase permaculture knowledge in South African schools and then, through the wide networks and surrounding communities linked to each school, be disseminated further and have a wide-spread positive effect, leading to substantial skills development.

Impact in 2017/2018

2017/2018 marked the culmination of the two-year EduPlant cycle. What started with informative and interactive workshops — which provided the permaculture building blocks needed to grow a sustainable school food garden — ended in the EduPlant Finals in October 2018.

The 45 interactive one-day workshops provided learners, educators, and community members with educational materials, garden tools, and planting resources. The resulting projects were then assessed and, if they met the criteria, were entered into provincial clusters. The cluster workshops allowed for

additional support from trainers, and meant each school was one step closer to the finals. Of the 1,258 schools that participated in the cluster workshops, only 66 schools were invited to take part in the EduPlant finals.

The EduPlant finals

This year, the EduPlant Finals were held at Konka in Rustenburg, a school-friendly venue with outstanding facilities for the school children involved. The action-packed camp took place from 1 Monday 1 October to Thursday 4 October and was made up of educational workshops that taught the participants more about permaculture, raw food recipes, creative upcycling, and medicinal plants and their products, as well as fun activities like a bush walk and an evening bonfire experience. The final afternoon comprised of a prize-giving and the prestigious gala lunch.

A vote of thanks

The EduPlant programme, initiated and managed by FTFA since 1994, has been partnered with The Woolworths Trust for the last 14 years. The programme would not be where it is today if it were not for the support of The Woolworths Trust, DAFF, and the Department of Basic Education. Thank you to our long standing partners!

No. of one-day workshops	45
No. of schools participating in one-day workshops	2,136
No. of participants trained at one-day workshops	3,343
No. of cluster workshops	236
No. of schools participating in cluster workshops	1,258
No. of schools selected for the EduPlant Finals	66

The winning schools were announced as follows

Emerging Category

3rd: Lerole Primary School (Free State)
2nd: Maqhama Primary School (Kwa-Zulu Natal)
1st: Golden Steps Special School (Kwa-Zulu Natal)

Intermediate Category

3rd: Lareng Primary School (Northern Cape)
2nd: Leubaneng Primary School (Mpumalanga)
1st: Shea O Connor Combine School (Kwa-Zulu Natal)

Advanced Category

3rd: Jamangile Primary School (Eastern Cape)
2nd: Mabandla Primary School (Eastern Cape)
1st: Nobanda Primary School (Kwa-Zulu Natal)

Mentoring Schools Category

3rd: Londhinda Primary School (Mpumalanga)
2nd: Konanani Primary School (Limpopo)
1st: Moriting Primary School (Limpopo)

Provincial Winners

Gauteng: Kwa-Phalo Primary School
Free State: Nozala Intermediate School
Kwa-Zulu Natal: Mazwendoda Secondary School
Limpopo: Semana Primary School
Eastern Cape: Emafini Primary School
Northern Cape: Leerkrans Intermediate School
Mpumalanga: Mbatini Primary School
Western Cape: Hout Bay High School
North West: Edisang Primary School

A heartwarming story

In 2017, Elizabeth Matsemela Secondary School, in Soshanguve, joined the EduPlant programme after showing dedication. Most of the educators at the school are hands-on and, as a result, anyone in the community was encouraged to participate and learn the importance of hard work and the benefits it brings. The food garden did so well that it produced enough vegetables to sell to surrounding communities. In September 2018, the garden project was burned to the ground and completely destroyed. Fortunately, the school was one of the beneficiaries of a Woolworths Trust volunteer day and, despite the devastating event, had an opportunity to plant seedlings and re-establish the food garden.





FEED: FARMER ECO- ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Developing farmers
through bio-intensive
agricultural practises

Social enterprise highlights

In 2017/2018, FTFA's FEED programme provided sound agricultural training to approximately 850 farmers. This was during the last phase of implementing the service delivery agreement with eThekweni Municipality. This training promoted economic growth and development, extensive market linkages, social wealth, increased production, and brought on good quality yields. It also ensured that the farmers could reinvest profits at their farms, upskilling those involved in good financial management practices as a bonus.

The objective was to upscale the farmers from subsistence to semi-commercial. 65% of these farmers reached a level of consistent production, with regular offtakes, and continue to grow adequate food for home consumption and steadily supply markets. The larger of these farms supply the bulk market. To boot, 25% entered into agreements with suppliers of the National School Nutrition Programme.

As a whole, our beneficiaries felt the positive impact that comes along with valuable relationships with stakeholders. Our youth groups benefitted from plant nursery skills from external experts, as well as other value-adding training.

Support from sponsors

Between October 2017 and September 2018, we received support from DAFF, NSNP, EDTEA, BTMSU, DARD, Durban Botanical Gardens, Clairwood Municipal Bulk Market, DSW, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Community Participation Unit, Department of Education, and WESSA.

Successes

Other notable highlights have been:

- FEED developed a beneficial relationship with the eThekweni

Municipality Business Marketing and Tourism Support Unit who, under our mentorship, invested in 10 sites with 39,000 seedlings and 25kg of carrot seeds.

- We had the honour of conducting a tree planting event with the former Vice-President of Uganda, Dr. Specioza Kazibwe, and other notable international delegates who attended the Africa International Forum on Public Healthcare and Bioethics for Children and Youth.
- USizolomphakathi, a highly successful farming enterprise from KwaMashu, received first prize at the Durban Business Fair.
- The progress made by Masithuthuke Cooperative, in Inchanga, was recognised and celebrated through a joint volunteer day with Rutgers University of New Jersey, USA, and University of KwaZulu-Natal. The students and staff assisted in extending the farm.
- 6 events were conducted to commemorate the centenary celebration of Nelson Mandela.
- We embarked on KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Education's first teacher training initiative. We unpacked the Agricultural Studies' Differentiated Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement with teachers from special needs schools from across the province.
- 10 of the supported farms were selected as preferred service providers to 16 soup kitchens in the area, strengthening resilience within the communities.

As we move into the next financial year, we persevere determinedly with the aim of 'Growing Food, Farmers, Fortunes, Enhancing Food Security and Household Nutrition in KwaZulu-Natal'.

2017/2018 In review

2017/2018 was a busy chapter for the African Climate Reality Project (ACRP). To recap, the first quarter started with ACRP partnering with the South African Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to roll out climate change debates in high schools. The team began working with other organisations and coalitions on fossil fuel divestment campaigns and advocacy efforts. This was a major theme of ACRP's work throughout the year. The EU-co-funded initiative 'Action 24 – Active Citizens for Responsive Legislatures' was launched in the second quarter of the year, while the next six months were focused on government policy work, as well as hugely successful campaigns led by our volunteers.

In late 2017, Gillian Hamilton, the Branch Manager for ACRP, went on a field trip to Nigeria. The goal was to strengthen the grassroots movement in Africa by finding out how to better support Climate Reality leaders and volunteers. The meeting allowed Gillian to discuss the impact of climate change in Nigeria. A ceremonial tree planting took place to mark Gillian's visit to Lagos, and as a means to offset her carbon footprint.

In February, ACRP met with 50 staff members of Msunduzi Municipality, in KwaZulu-Natal, to ask whether the municipality would remain inactive on climate change. The answer was a resounding 'no'. It was noted that "Some of the officials had not been exposed to this kind of information previously. It opened their minds to simple things they could do, not even just in a business capacity, but simple things they could do to reduce their carbon footprint in a personal capacity".

ACRP celebrated Africa Day on 25 May 2018. We joined forces with 350Africa.org, Greenpeace Africa, and Earthlife Africa to **Break Free**

from fossil fuels. In South Africa, we targeted the Thabametsi and Khanyisa coal-fired power plants proposed for development. This was in coordination with 30 other events happening across the continent.

On 5 June 2018, we came out in force to celebrate World Environment Day. From Mauritania to Madagascar, we went into classrooms, universities, and youth groups to talk about climate change and its solutions with the aim of mobilising youth in Africa. There were tree plantings, off-grid solar demonstrations, community plastic clean-ups, and an environmental festival for community collaboration.

On 8 September 2018, thousands of people participated in sending a clear message to governments and ourselves to 'Take Ambitious Climate Action', appropriately dubbed #RiseForClimate. One of these events was organised by Climate Reality Leaders and volunteers based in Abuja, Nigeria. The two-day Abuja Climate Summit brought together activists, farmers, faith leaders, and community members who discussed possible climate action solutions, and ended in a festive march for 100% renewable energy.

Action 24: active citizens for responsive legislatures

At the end of 2017, ACRP was awarded a grant by the European Union for the **Action 24 project** "Promoting Broader and Effective Participation of South African Civil Society in Environmental Governance". The project, which started on 1 January 2018 and will continue for 30 months, aims to strengthen environmental governance through broader civil society participation in legislative processes, with a view to advancing sustainable, decarbonised, and inclusive development in South Africa.

The project has a two-pronged approach: 1) enhancing the

AFRICAN CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

Promoting the green economy, renewable energy, and climate change mitigation





capacity for citizen engagement in law-making (and legislatures' oversight) on matters pertaining to sustainability and climate change; 2) fostering greater responsiveness and accountability of the legislative and executive powers to the citizens' socio-economic rights and for delivering sustainable, climate-resilient and inclusive development.

ACRP demands public finance institutes to stop funding fossil fuel investments

In September 2017, ACRP joined **The Big Shift campaign** to work on a global scale with other civil society organisations. The aim of the campaign was to encourage public finance institutions to stop funding fossil fuel projects. As part of the Big Shift campaign, we asked the World Bank Group to disclose their portfolio emissions. This was agreed to in October 2017. Subsequently we asked the World Bank to immediately stop fossil fuel exploration finance and comply with the global 1.5°C target. At the One Planet Summit in Paris on 12 December 2017, they announced a commitment to cease oil and gas exploration after 2019, and the development of a 'Roadmap to 1.5°C'.

Following on from the Big Shift campaign work, ACRP identified concerns about the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), which continues to finance fossil fuels in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. During 2018, ACRP met with DBSA twice to discuss our concerns and requested them to stop funding any fossil fuel investments. In addition to our concerns with DBSA, we realised that the African Development Bank (AfDB) also continues to invest in fossil fuel projects across Africa. Thus, we researched their investments and created a coalition of civil society organisations and individuals

throughout the continent to demand that AfDB stops funding fossil fuels and improves their transparency policies. Work on both of these development banks continues as the **Zero Emissions / Omissions campaign**.

Policy related work

Throughout 2018, ACRP participated in and provided input to policies and processes for various government departments in South Africa. This included input to the Department of Environmental Affairs on the Draft Climate Change Bill, the Post-2020 National Climate Change Mitigation System, the State of the Environment Report as well as participation in the National Climate Change Committee meetings. Moreover, ACRP participates in the Gauteng Provincial Climate Change Forum on a regular basis. ACRP is also an active member of the Energy Governance South Africa (EGSA) network.

ACRP communications moves from strength to strength

ACRP media and communication platforms consist of social media, a **website**, newsletters, media coverage, and outdoor billboards in Johannesburg. We aim to increase public awareness and mobilisation on climate change through improved communication, and thus ACRP makes resources available in the form of climate change presentations, infographics, research reports, and action toolkits. We encourage volunteers to share their climate action stories on the Climate Reporters segment of the ACRP blog. ACRP will continue to mobilise individuals and organisations to take climate action and more specifically, aim to increase engagement and support of our volunteers working throughout Africa.

The FTFA network — our ecosystem — has many impacts that extend like tendrils. All it takes to make a lasting change is the will to connect and innovate. Our volunteers and employees share a love for South Africa, her people, and the green spaces we share. The need to protect and care for, and work on behalf of our planet, continues to shape our actions, projects and partnerships.

FTFA has been growing for the last 28 years and has thrived through 2018, allowing many associations and collaborations. Four such examples are the synergies created between FTFA and The Lunchbox Trust, Mamas' Alliance, Mother of Peace, and Childline SA. FTFA provides a conduit for many under-resourced partner organisations to increase their exposure to funders and resource-stacking opportunities.

FTFA is proud to support smaller organisations, such as co-ops and civic groups, who are doing incredible work on a local level. This includes Urban Fresh, a produce logistics start-up operating in Gauteng. Their clients now include organic retailers such as Jacksons Organic Market and Thrupps. Our relationships with DAFF and the Department of Basic Education has been bolstered by the EduPlant programme which is now the only facilitator of workshops for food gardens under the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) banner.

International acknowledgements often catch our attention. The Food

Garden for Africa department, in collaboration with Cummins Africa, won an International Grant Award in February 2018 due to its creation and maintenance of organic community-based gardens in schools.

Just like a leaf that brings life and sustenance to a tree, each of the project members form a vital part of FTFA's endeavours. The exchange of education and training is one that breathes life into South Africa's most forgotten places. We would not be here without the commitment of our gardeners and farmers. Beneficiaries consistently strive to increase their resilience, to look after their neighbours, and to be part of something larger than themselves.

Thank you to all our pro bono sponsors and partners.

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We would also like to acknowledge and thank 3 key government departments who supported our work throughout the country in 2017/2018:

1. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
2. Department of Education
3. Department of Economic Development (eThekweni)

OFFSHOOTS & IMPACTS

Branching Out





STAFF, FACILITATORS AND VOLUNTEERS

FTFA's real resource

FTFFA prides itself on empowering and retaining staff. Year after year, we have seen our staff, interns, and volunteers flourish in their roles at FTFA. Our experienced and passionate facilitators, spread throughout South Africa, ensure our projects are sustainable and impactful.

As always, the heart of FTFA is our staff. Programme Managers run their individual departments and take full responsibility for successes or failures. Robyn Hills is responsible for Food Gardens for Africa; Emily Jones runs the Trees & Carbon Department; Tshepiso Senetla is the coordinator for EduPlant; Bharathi Tugh is the Branch Manager for the eThekweni branch of FTFA; and Gill Hamilton is the Branch Manager for the African Climate Reality Project. Assisting them have been Jeminah Mkhize, Pat Anderson, Luyanda Ntuli, Sylvia Mokete, Leigh-Ann Luthuli, Thando Jafta, Curtis Kuyanie, Teboho Mosehle, Sylvester Nzimande, Noelle Garcin, Nicole Rodel, and Mpho Manenzhe.

FTFA's management team is comprised of our Executive Director, Chris Wild; supported by Jane Olivier (Financial Manager) who resigned in June 2018, replaced by Tamaryn Paterson; and Kate Sheldon (Operations Manager); as well as the Board of Directors.

Our Durban branch is staffed by Amishka Mothilal, Amanda Mthembu, Nontobeko Duma, Mlungisi Mvelase, Nkululeko Didi, and Philani Dube.

Other support staff included Irene Kerby, Livhuhani Sikhwari, Elton Nzimande, Noma Moyo, Mary Masuku, and Eugene Mahabeer.

Interns are sponsored individuals who learn with us at FTFA. Palesa Ntsoelegoe and Abigail Scott joined us for a few months of practical work experience through Afrika Tikun's intern programme, sponsored by Investec.

Volunteers are significant assets too. A notable volunteer was Bogdan Lerescu, from Romania, who worked very closely with us on various

projects. The ACRP liaised with over 600 volunteers throughout 2018, working hard to raise awareness and mobilise communities to take climate action and sharing their stories on social media channels.

Towards the end of 2017, we embarked on a day of learning about heritage and culture by visiting Soweto's Vilikazi Street. This team building exercise visited the Hector Pieterse Museum, Regina Mundi Church, Mandela House, Freedom Square, ending off with lunch at the Soweto Towers (abandoned cooling towers turned into a tourist attraction and bungee-jumping site). In Durban, the FEED eThekweni hub managers had a fun-filled day of team-building activities at uShaka Marine World.

Other notable events included planting trees in Mvezo, Eastern Cape, which is Nelson Mandela's birthplace. On 18 July 2018, Madiba's birthday, Chris facilitated a tree planting outside the hut in which Nelson Mandela was born. Chris also assisted sitting and past presidents plant 3 fever trees. Later that month, Emily and Busi (FTFA facilitator) revisited the area to plant further trees at the homestead and at schools Mandela attended in Qunu. It was an inspiring project.

Attending the iZindaba Zokudla Farmers' Lab (isiZulu for 'Conversations about Food') in Soweto has become a place for young and old to learn and grow. This year our staff attended 3 of the workshops to share knowledge and expertise in urban food gardening in Johannesburg.

A key benefit of working at the FTFA office is our permaculture garden and the abundant vegetables it provides for our staff. Staff are encouraged to participate in gardening activities every Friday morning to maintain the garden for all. FTFA understands the importance of having motivated and inspired employees and much fun is had when harvesting from the garden.

1. **Offset your carbon emissions** generated by your lifestyle, business, organisation (church, school or creche), event, or travel and transport by planting trees in under-resourced communities.
2. **Donate** to any of FTFA's programmes or projects. A small monthly donation will be of great value, be it a percentage of your product sales, savings on paperless billing, recycling income, or more.
3. You and/or your company or organisation can contribute positively and sustainably to social development in South Africa through Corporate Social Investment (CSI) and/or B-BBEE budgets. FTFA is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) and Welfare Organisation and offers an 18a tax receipt making your donation a tax-deductible expense.
4. Partner with FTFA to facilitate your next **team building or volunteer day**. We offer planting trees and food gardens around South Africa.
5. **Plant trees as gifts** to commemorate and celebrate someone, or as a gift in the name of a loved one, and receive a personalised certificate.
6. Skilled and passionate graduates and executive professionals are welcome to **intern or volunteer**. By engaging your skills with us, you'll help our organisation to grow.
7. **Sign up and link your MySchool card** to Food & Trees for Africa. We plant trees with the monthly donations which benefit beneficiaries around South Africa.

If you're a beneficiary who would like to receive assistance in establishing a food garden or planting trees at your school or in your community, **please fill out the application form overleaf**.

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FOOD & TREES FOR AFRICA APPLICATION FORM



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Thank you for your interest in partnering with Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA)
Congratulations on your initiative towards a greener, cleaner and more sustainable life for all

*Please fill in the information below and fax, post or email to FTFA
Please fill in with as much detail and include pictures if possible*

Please print clearly. On receipt of funding for your application, the relevant programme administrator will contact you for further details of your project

Name of Beneficiary or Project: _____

Are you a: Community Group School Youth Group Other (not an individual) _____

Street address: _____

Town: _____ Code: _____

Province: _____

Postal Address: P O Box: _____ Town: _____ Postal code: _____

Telephone: (code) _____ (number) _____ Fax: (code) _____ (number) _____

Email Address: _____

Website: _____

Project Leader's name: _____

Project Leader's telephone: (code) _____ (number) _____ (cell) _____

Please select the programme you are applying for by ticking the appropriate box below and answering a few questions:

TREES FOR ALL greens with indigenous and fruit trees for communities and includes climate change and environmental awareness and education

1. Have you applied for trees before? yes no
2. How many trees are you requesting? _____ Where will the trees be planted? _____
3. Is the land where trees will be planted fenced-off from animals? _____
4. Please indicate preference: Indigenous trees Fruit trees
5. Why do you need trees? _____
6. Who will benefit from the trees? _____
7. Who will plant and maintain the trees? _____
8. Their Name and Cell number: _____
9. Are there additional groundsmen on the property who can care and maintain trees? _____
10. Is there water available for the trees? rainwater spring dam/river borehole municipality

11. Are there other gardens on the property? Who cares for these? _____
12. If you have planted trees with us before how many are surviving? (Please include pictures) _____
13. What are the potential challenges to the project? _____
14. Does the school principal / head of your organization support the tree planting initiative? _____
15. Their Name and Contact Number: _____
16. Will the School Governing Body be involved in the tree planting initiative? _____
17. Do you know of a nursery in your area that would be able to deliver trees to you? yes no If yes, please supply details: Nursery Name _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

TREES FOR HOMES *provides fruit or indigenous trees for residents to plant at their RDP homes. It includes short term employment for some and climate change and environmental education.*

1. How many houses are in the area? _____ Number of trees requested: _____
2. Please indicate preference: Indigenous trees Fruit trees
3. Local councilor's name & surname: _____ Contact number: _____
4. Why do you believe you need trees in your area? _____

5. Do you know of a nursery in your area that would be able to deliver trees to you? yes no If yes, please supply details: Nursery Name _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

FOOD GARDENS FOR AFRICA *assists projects to start or develop permaculture food gardens by supplying resources and training.*

AND

FARMER ECO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT *assists co-operatives to start or develop organic farms by supplying resources and training.*

1. What type of garden/farm do you need assistance with? School Garden Community Centre Garden
Co-Operative Farm
2. Has your project/farm already started growing vegetables, herbs and fruit? yes no
3. When did the food garden/ farming project start (year) _____
4. How many people are currently involved at the project? _____
5. How many are men/woman and youth? _____
6. What are the age groups of the members? _____
7. How often do members work in the garden? _____
8. Where does the project get water from? rainwater spring dam/river borehole municipality
9. Do you have written permission to use the water? yes no
10. Is the land fenced? yes no
11. What is the soil type and condition? _____
12. What is the size of the land? _____
13. Who owns the land? _____
14. Do you have written permission to use the land if it does not belong to you? yes no
15. If at a school are the principal and SGB involved in the garden? _____
16. Principal's Name and contact details? _____
17. Is there electricity on the land? yes no
18. What is the road access to the farm/project like? E.g. Tar, gravel, dirt road _____
19. How far is the farm/garden from where you live? _____
20. What are the potential challenges that the project could face? _____

21. How long have you been selling produce to the local community and local businesses? What produce do you sell? (if applicable) _____
22. What kind of assistance are you requesting:
 Training seedlings water tanks tunnel structures additional infrastructure Please expand: _____
23. Is your co-operative registered? Is your farm a registered business? (FEED applicants only) Please supply details: _____
24. Do any other organizations support your project? Government, NGO's, other funders? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Have you applied to FTFA before? If you received support – what was it for? When was it? _____

Please include pictures of the project where possible.

What are your expectations of FTFA? _____

Do you have any other comments? _____

Thank you for your application. Please note FTFA is a non-profit company and will only be able to help you if funding is available.

Please note that FTFA's programmes DO NOT apply to INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNMENT, but will consider support for community groups, schools, orphanages, hospices, churches etc.



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