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Food security, environment and climate are probably going to be the most important issues of our generation - if they aren't already. Included in this complex nexus are topics relating to water security, economics, urban migration, health and nutrition (to name a few). With these being the focal points of the future, I cannot express how proud I am to be part of an organisation that addresses these challenges in a tangible, solutions-based manner.

I'm sure the rest of the Board of Directors (and other stakeholders) feel the same, and this level of personal investment and passion translates into constructive discussions, well-considered decisions and ultimately good governance. We also believe that it's vitally important to strike the right balance between strategy and execution.

From my view, I am thrilled with how our mid-term strategy is playing out. I've seen levels of innovation, both technological and product-based, that you rarely see in any company. The fact that this is being achieved by a non-profit, in a tough economic and social environment, speaks to the levels of dedication and the strong relationships we have.

To this point, I would like to thank our donors, strategic partners and beneficiaries. You are not our stakeholders - you are our family. Without you, and your trust in us, we would never be able to achieve the levels of impact that we do. By now I'm sure by you've realised that

few can do what we do and that your faith in us continues to produce amazing results.

To the FTFA team – Well done again on another amazing year. Your execution on the strategy has been practically flawless and the results speak for themselves. It is truly a pleasure to come to every Board Meeting and always so exciting to see the progress, the possibilities and where we are going. From what I've seen, there is no question that we will play a pivotal role in sustainability on the African continent.

Speaking of - by the time most of you have read this, we will be in 6 other African countries. – Namely: Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia. I would like to welcome our new African partners and ecopreneurs in these countries – we have an expression this side of the continent, *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu* – a person is a person because of other people. I have no doubt that you will touch many lives.

Lastly to my fellow Board Members and colleagues - Thank you for another great year. I feel like you are my sisters and brothers. I wish everyone the best and can't wait to see what this next year holds for Food & Trees for Africa.

Best Wishes,

Mpho Mahanyele-Matji

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT



I have the pleasure of presenting a positive report on the financials, operations and impact of one of South Africa's leading Non-Profit social enterprises, Food & Trees for Africa (NPC). We continue to pursue our founding purpose of promoting: food security; urban greening; environmental conservation; skills and education, job creation and environmental awareness. Our programmes continue to adapt in order to address the ever-changing socio-political landscape and the needs to the historically disadvantaged communities we were created to serve.

The financial year ending September 2019 saw a marginal increase in donations revenue of approximately 12%. Our stakeholders should know that, given the current funding environment, and taking into account year-on-year inflation, how hard the team worked to achieve this. It is worth noting that the emphasis on organisational culture, innovation and internal capacity building is has also added significant value to efficiencies within the team and our projects. In respect of the bottom line, members will note that surplus remained stable compared to the 2018 financial year.

Stakeholders will also note that the total amount of cash has remained stable. As with previous years, we draw attention to the income received in advance figure. Again – it is important to note that our financial year end does not necessarily correlate with the financial years of our partners or projects. Income received in advance represents commitments to our beneficiaries and partners that still need to be fulfilled and therefore is nothing to get excited about. However it does render our cash position positive and aid with the fundraising anxiety in trying times.

Impact

FTFA was created for the benefit of South Africa, its people and the environment. Being a Non-Profit / Public Benefit Organisation, our internal measure of success is (and always will be) our impact. However there are some challenges when quantifying the impact of what we do. For example - If we plant a tree at a school, how do we quantitatively account for the benefit

to the community? Is it the shade it provides to learners on a lunch break? Perhaps we can turn to research that shows improved learner concentration, psychological health and air quality?

What we do know is that there are now numerous studies showing the multiple short and long term benefits of improved environment and nutrition, with more and more being published every day. From an organisational perspective, we're pleased that the link between nature, food security and human society is increasingly being taken more seriously. The only challenge this presents however, is that it highlights how much important work is still to be done, particularly on an urgent basis in the face of the global climate crisis.

Research and Development

Last financial year, the Board of Directors launched an R&D fund at FTFA in line with the aims and objectives of our mid-term strategy. We are pleased to announce that we have already made significant progress both in product and process innovations. Some of you might soon see nurseries around the country utilising bio-degradable tree bags or corporates showing donation impact data, previously thought to be close on unobtainable. When you do, think of us. And know that we will continue to innovate to improve our impact. In this regard we will continue to aggressively pursue R&D focusing on technologies appropriate to South African food security and reforestation.

Future Outlook

If the general trading environment remains similarly tough and competitive, our ability to raise donations will rely on our adaptive capacity and innovation. Regardless of sector, if a non-profit is to thrive, they have to look at diversifying revenue streams and offering additional services and products. FTFA is certainly looking at such options and, along with technologies, may look at creating value propositions outside of the non-profit sector.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wild

Highlights

This financial year saw the improvement of project methodologies and the inclusion of new project types for greater community buy-in and impact. We continued to combine Trees for Homes and Trees for All projects, planting trees in “Eco-clusters” in our greenbelts which enabled impact at both the community and household level. We expanded our Trees for All projects to include orchard and food forest planting for greater fruit production within communities as well as increased opportunities for job creation. As we reflect on the highlights of the year, we thank all our sponsors who have enabled Trees for All to grow from strength to strength.

Fostering Environmental Culture and Conservation with KMSA

As part of a long-term partnership between Konica Minolta South Africa (KMSA) and FTFA's Trees for All programme, we continued to plant along the 'KMSA Mandela Route' in Qunu and Mvezo in the Eastern Cape, and expanded the route to include Port Elizabeth and Robben Island tree plantings.

Trees planted at Robben Island were done so in conjunction with the Robben Island Museum (RIM). The tree planting kick-started RIM's plan to plant 10,000 indigenous trees on the island to rehabilitate the environment, clear alien invasive species, whilst continuing to be a habitat for the Island's wildlife. The tree planting is a benchmark example of cultural and environmental conservation according to Robben Island Chief Heritage Officer, Pascall Taruvinga.

During the financial year KMSA planted 6283 trees at 325 beneficiaries across 6 provinces. We continue to plan innovative and ground-breaking tree planting with KMSA, responding to identified needs in communities.

Establishing a food forest with KLM

To celebrate KLM's 100th birthday, a pioneering 2000 sqm food forest and food garden was implemented at the Mother of Peace Orphanage in Northriding, Johannesburg. The project aims to provide nutritious food, create viable income streams and develop sustainable employment opportunities for the organisation. Over three years, the KLM 100 Food Forest and Garden will grow 270 trees, 2,818 herbs and 13,550 support plants. A Food Forest mimics a natural forest system, and, once established, requires little input or maintenance. We will continue to work closely with the orphanage to ensure they make the most of this increased and varied harvest.

Enterprise Orchards

FTFA has partnered with sponsors such as Fortress REIT and the Shoprite Group to establish three enterprise orchards to assist emerging farmers in the production of high-yield, low input fruit and nuts. Breaking ground on 3 Enterprise Orchard projects this year has enabled FTFA's farmers to vary their produce and access new markets. With the support of sponsors such as these, FTFA has been able to pioneer more impactful projects that directly respond to identified needs in communities..

TREES FOR ALL

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



Total TFA Trees: 15381

TFA Volunteer Days: 58

Beneficiary Organisations reached 584

Estimated Number of Individuals Directly Impacted



Sponsors who sponsored over 100 trees:

Ackermans	500
Camargue	395
Chep	210
EcoCycle	180
EOH	260
Finserv for Good	1038
Fortress REIT	2450
ICLEI	350
KLM	294
Konica Minolta South Africa	6283
Marsh	100
Nedbank	750
Nobelis Solutions	120
One Tree Planted	114
Post Office	300
Revolution Print	120
Shoprite Group	100
Tiger Brands	535
Yellow-woods	348

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 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 SA

This year, Fortress REIT, Tiger Brands and Ackermans have been the biggest supporters of the Trees for Homes Programme, driving measurable change in local communities which benefit from fruit and indigenous shade trees planted at homes.

This year, Fortress REIT partnered with FTFA to roll out Trees for Homes projects in six different communities nationally. These projects formed part of a larger "Eco-cluster" intervention in each of the six communities which combined Trees for Homes with Trees for All, Food Gardens for Africa, and in some cases Enterprise Orchards and the EduPlant Programme. In Vredenberg (Western Cape), communities benefitted from 2,100 trees planted and the establishment of long-term food gardens. In Sterkspruit (Eastern Cape), 1500 trees were distributed to 750 homes in the area, alongside trees planted at schools and support and mentorship

of 2 long term food gardens. Working with Fortress REIT has enabled us to design impactful interventions that most effectively responded to identified needs within communities.

Ackermans continued to support TFH this year by returning to Mamelodi to plant trees, and by initiating a project in a new area, Hammarsdale, KZN. Through Ackermans' support we have continued to plant in and grow the Mamelodi greenbelt, generating far reaching benefits for local community members each year.

Continued Innovation

This year we partnered with Spark Soweto and a private donor to run a Trees for Homes project in Protea Glen, Soweto. This funding gave us the opportunity to innovate around our Trees for Homes methodologies and include the use of technologies such as earth augers. Through this project we trained Community Foresters who offered the service of planting trees at homes, and continue to monitor the trees and troubleshoot as needed. Long term we continue to work with these Community Foresters to enable them to expand their skills and generate their own income from implementing greening and landscaping projects throughout the area.

Areas that received trees

Hammarsdale (Outer West Durban), Cornubia (Durban), KwaMhlanga (Mpumalanga), Orange Farm & Evaton (Gauteng), Mamelodi (Pretoria), Mafahlawane (Newcastle), Vredenburg (Western Cape), Embalenhle (Secunda), KwaBhaca (Mt Frere).

Trees For Homes statistics

Total Trees	Fruit Trees	Shade Trees	Compost (30 dm bags)	tCO2e	Homes Reached	Community Educators Trained	Estimated Direct Beneficiaries
14350	11902	2448	3595	5295.203	7175	210	47355

TREES FOR HOMES

Greening South Africa's communities street by street



GARDENS FOR HOMES

Mass planting of trees grows into homestead gardens in communities

Since 2017 Tiger Brands' support has positively impacted thousands of households across South Africa through the provision of fruit and shade trees. By combining FTFA's Trees for Homes (TFH) and Gardens for Homes (GFH) programmes, communities received household tree distributions as a precursor to receiving home food gardening support. Two community centres, St John's the Divine Orphanage in Mohlakeng and Amantimande Soup Kitchen in Katlehong, subsequently received home food garden support with 500 home food gardens in each area.

2019 marked the closeout of the

two Garden for Homes Project with final resource drops, training and evaluations. The final evaluations revealed a survival rate of upward of 83% across the household gardens. FTFA conservatively estimates that these gardens have supplemented over 25,000 meals across the 2 communities. Furthermore there was an increase in diversity of produce being harvested, ensuring a more diverse range of nutrients supplementing meals. We're hoping to continue to roll out ambitious Gardens for Homes projects such as these which enable significant household impact across the country.



Trees For Homes Sponsors	Total Trees
Ackermans	1500
Yuill Family	750
Tiger Brands	2000
Fortress REIT	9100
Laurie Dippenaar	1000

Programme Manager's feedback

The Food Gardens for Africa (FGFA) programme has had a very successful year, with significant growth in active and productive food gardens across the country. We have seen increased innovation as these food gardens become self-sustainable, expanding into multiple income streams through gate sales and value-added products such as dried vegetables, herbs and pickles, and medicinal herbs. We have been inspired by the dedication and commitment levels of our project leaders and project members as they grow their knowledge and find new opportunities for their fresh produce.

Our geographical reach has expanded with the establishment of 3 new gardens in the Northern Cape. A project called Retshenyegile in Taung in the Northern Cape, provides home based care (HBC) for orphans and vulnerable children as well as patients living with HIV and TB. They produce fresh vegetables and medicinal herbs to distribute to residents when caregivers visit their homes. The project harvests significant amounts of kale too, a nutritional superfood, which, along with bumper crops, is sold to the local community to increase the overall health of the community. An emphasis is always placed on gate sales as a form of ensuring sustainability.

Aim of the programme

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) features food security at #2! Food gardens are essential for ensuring food sovereignty in the face of inequality and climate change. FTFA's diverse network of trainers and projects support all South Africa's regions. FGFA adapts support, training and infrastructure to rural community gardens, urban market gardens and peri-urban homestead gardens. These are in public spaces, on municipal land and school premises.

The aim of the FGFA programme is to contribute towards food security

and the sustainability of small grassroots NGOs, civic organisations and food gardens within schools and communities. Many groups (HBC, Co-ops or SMMEs) apply for assistance to develop or expand their food gardens. FTFA raises funds to assist as many of these as possible through the provision of bio-intensive agriculture training and resources. We prioritise access to water and land tenure and help projects become sustainable by providing the building blocks for their success – which must be combined with the commitment, passion and drive of each and every person who works in the garden. Our focus throughout 2018/2019 has been on strengthening governance, individual responsibility and accountability.

Each project has a large number of OVCs as well as child-headed households. These food gardens provide the farmers, their families and the surrounding communities, with nutritious, healthy, organically-grown food as well as income generating opportunities through the sale of surplus produce. As the gardens become more productive, profits can be used to further support and expand the food gardens as well help them achieve their sustainability goals.

As climate change affects large-scale agricultural yields and food prices rise, the need for food gardens grows. Permaculture Starter Packs (PSPs) offer the basic tools and resources to facilitate motivated communities to productive functional food gardens. The FGFA department has observed how well this system has worked and how easily funders can take it on board. Not only because the phased approach is effective for communities but also because the funding brackets are manageable for small and large companies.

Innovations and Events

Garden in a Bucket

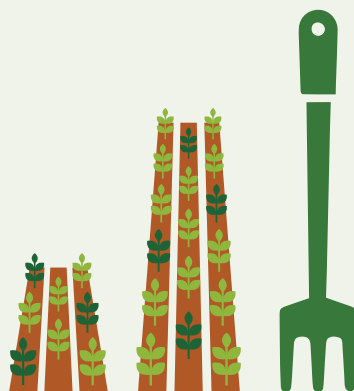
FGFA and Shoprite launched the 'Garden in a Bucket' initiative, providing community members with compost, herbs, seeds, hand tools and a permaculture gardening manual in a bucket with a watering can to

FOOD GARDENS FOR AFRICA

Sustainably feeding the nation



This financial year (October 2018 to September 2019) we introduced:



41 long-term and 89 short-term food gardens.
In total we now manage 118 long-term community based gardens.



118 Long-term community-based gardens are supported by 2 primary funders.

start their own garden in a bucket at home. A practical demonstration by our Ecopreneurs shows each member how to plant and grow in the bucket, encouraging them to expand their garden by planting in different types of containers. This solution is ideal for people living in informal settlements who have limited space for a garden, involving and engaging the wider community in FGFA's food garden and greening initiatives.

Checkers Market Day - Food Garden Participation

A total of 20 gardens (17 of which are Shoprite/ Checkers supported food gardens) participated in the Checkers Market Days, held across the country. The following food gardens participated across the country:

- KwaZulu-Natal: Iqabungelihle Community Garden, Kuhle-Okwemvelo, Qalakabusha (Jumping toad Creche), Nurses At A Go and Sizanokukhanya.
- Eastern Cape: Star Uplifting Centre
- Free State: Kgauelo Ya Sechaba and Phahamang Basadi Community Garden
- North West: Mokaila Community Project and Nthabiseng Skills Training Centre for disabled
- Mpumalanga: Tiyimiseleni Home Based Care
- Northern Cape: Retshwenyegile Home Based Care
- Limpopo: Phafogang Community Garden and We Can
- Gauteng: Community Crisis Centre,

Supa-Dimama Senior Citizens, Carroll Shaw Memorial Centre, Moabelo Foundation and Boikanyo Foundation Garden.

- Western Cape: Vlothenburg Community Centre, Iris House Children's Hospice and Siyazama Community Garden.

The range of vegetables sold on the day included: Brinjal, spring onions, peppers (red, yellow and green), spinach, carrots, butternut, chillies, tomatoes, lettuce, beetroot, cabbage, leeks, potatoes and green beans. The range of herbs sold included: Thyme, rosemary, sage and parsley.

Most successful projects

The Carroll Shaw Memorial Centre, located in Gauteng, stands out for its productivity; Kransvley for income generation and stakeholder engagement, Blessings for integrating with the curriculum successfully, and The Thoughtful Path (Musieville, Gauteng) for mobilising the community and increasing productivity in the shortest time. Oliver's Village Food Garden in Daveyton is another worthy mention. Oliver's Village is a green, off-the-grid farm that has a significant impact on the local community, namely Zenzele informal settlement. They have started a soup kitchen using vegetables produced in the garden, and an Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) which provides free



food and learning for children in the community, with the goal of becoming financially self-sufficient and creating job opportunities.

Thank you to the Sponsors

Tiger Brands has been one of FTFA's biggest funding partners over the last financial year. 239 training sessions have been held at 30 community-based facilities, 396 trainees have participated in these permaculture training workshops. Together with Tiger Brands and our Food Gardens for Africa (FGFA) programme, we are addressing food insecurity in 65 areas around the country, and plan to grow our national impact even further.

Shoprite's Act for Change and CSI funding has been tremendous. Together the FGFA Shoprite partnership is now sitting at 100 long-term community gardens in all 9 provinces including the under resourced Northern and Eastern Cape.

Since October 2018 to September 2019 our other funders have been: The Woolworths Trust; supporting volunteer days in September & October, the Cummins Africa Middle East team who expanded

their support of FTFA from their Harrowdene branch, to the Woodmead centre and now include their Kelvin office too. The Global Giving platform has been a pleasure to work through for this international grant.

Additional donations for Food Gardens include: Eagle Burgman, Krux Productions, Nedbank Trusts, Oricol, Nespresso, L'Occitane, and Clicks. Our amazing new partners: Abalimi Bezekhaya & Mama's Alliance you are amazing too!

The pro bono support from Kulula.com, Avis Budget Rent a Car, City Lodge Hotel Group and Doonholm Herbs have made fundraising for these projects much more feasible. From Robyn Hills and the FGFA team: "We couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you!"

"Thank you to all our sponsors and their amazing teams who have supported us with their funding, time and dedication in developing food gardens across schools and communities; and helping us achieve a more sustainable, lower carbon and greener future".

A heartwarming story



Paulina Ntontela (Goshen, Eastern Cape), was the only gardener in her village when she was awarded with a nursery business through Shoprite. Paulina attended food gardening workshops and was inspired to start her own food garden at home. Soon her garden flourished and after winning the first prize in a competition run by FGFA, she started growing seedlings. Today, Paulina supplies seedlings and herbs to numerous other food gardens in the area.

"My herb garden is my pride and joy. Nothing makes me happier than working in it and now this garden not only feeds my family, but also provides us with an extra income. I'm very grateful to Shoprite for the opportunity I've been given to become self sufficient," says Paulina.



EDUPLANT

National Schools Food Gardening and Greening Programme

The EduPlant Programme continues to address the need for sustainable food production in schools throughout South Africa. The Woolworths Trust has funded the programme for the last 15 years which has made a significant impact in providing training and support to schools to enhance nutrition. The partnership has enabled hundreds of schools and communities to grow food in a healthy, environmentally friendly and sustainable way. Since the partnership began in 2004, the EduPlant programme has facilitated more than 770 permaculture food garden workshops since its inception. Through the workshops, the programme has reached and trained over 18,000 schools and over 51,000 educators.

The year 2019 started positively with a more formalized agreement in place with the Department of Basic Education's National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP). The NSNP officials have been instrumental in ensuring that workshop dates are communicated to schools. A total of thirty-nine One-Day workshops were rolled-out in 2019 and thus reaching a total of 1,551 schools and 2,720 participants. One-day workshops are introductory workshops that provide educators and community

members with information on how to implement and sustain permaculture food garden. These feed into the 36 cluster area where schools participate in seven practical workshops over a period of two years (2019/2020). The two-year programme cycle will culminate in a competition and awards event in September 2020.

EduPlant Impact stories

Not only does the EduPlant Programme teach learners how to grow their own food but it also stimulates interest in the natural environment as career choices. Lillian Maboya and Mashao Seabela are both former learners from Toronto Primary School in Polokwane, Limpopo who have gone to pursue careers in the environment and taken on leadership roles in their respective fields.

For **Lillian Maboya**, the EduPlant competition was the first platform where she presented nationally. The EduPlant Programme competition stage was a different setting compared to her usual after-school gardening in the schoolyard where she was taught about permaculture and climate change. She later carried her passion for the environment throughout high school where she established the



2019 Cluster workshop statistics:



No. of participants
participating in cluster
workshop programme:



No. of schools participating
in the Cluster workshop
programme:

2019 Cluster workshop impact:

336



Schools currently with functional permaculture food gardens

187
approx



Learners have started their own vegetable gardens at their homes

93%



of the schools use their permaculture food gardens to supplement the school-feeding scheme for lunch meals.

81%



of the schools integrate EduPlant teachings into the school's curriculum (mainly Natural Science, Life Skills and Mathematics).

GENC (Green Environment and Nature Conservers) club. Today, Lillian is pursuing her PhD research that investigates paleoclimate archives using geochemical analysis. Lillian believes that her research will build local capacity and placeAfrica on the leading edge of environmental research with solutions that are applicable to Africans.

Mashao Seabela is also an EduPlant alumnus who recently completed his degree in Environmental Science. Mashao was only ten years old when he was introduced to the EduPlant Programme. Mashao remembers the permaculture food garden at Toronto Primary School as his happy place and sanctuary. The EduPlant played a pivotal role in Mashao's life and encouraged him to take care of the planet. Mashao is also a social media influencer and through his work, Mashao encourages his followers to take action and fight climate change.

"EduPlant is alive at home!"

- Robert Chauke, former principal at Dimakatso Primary School

Kamohelo Sefuthu, a learner from Sankatane Primary School and a participant in the programme, remarked that

"We have a garden at home and my parents grow different vegetables. I'm going to share what I learned at the workshop today with them!"



FEED: FARMER ECO- ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Developing farmers
through bio-intensive
agricultural practises



FTFA's FEED Programme, operating from an office in Queensburgh, KwaZulu-Natal, continued to bring about positive change in the lives of communities, schools and youth. Extensive long term training programmes ensured that maximum direct benefit accrued to the approximately 446 individuals, of which 41% are youth.

The commitment and dedication of the project members has resulted in 33% of the projects securing offtake agreements. The offtake relationships include a major chain store, a niche market, a restaurant, green grocer and local vendors. The other projects are committed to ensuring they meet the demands of the community and have embarked on gate sales to ensure their sustainability.

The highlights of the period under review:

- The **Notsheshezi** team have secured an offtake agreement with a major chain store and have maintained their commitment in supplying produce on a weekly basis. Within a space of six months they have doubled their profits with one commodity and are reinvesting their profits. The cropping area was extended from five percent to fifteen percent of the available land.
- **Saint Clements** plant nursery skills training has come to fruition with the members of the nursery supplying seedlings to the local community.
- **Green Corridors** engaged the services of FTFA to train and mentor a woman lead cooperative in Kwadabeka. The training enabled the team to start generating profit from their garden within six months of the training program.
- **Sizanokukhanya** consists of a group of ladies, the majority of whom were young brides sent to the garden to integrate with the community. Our FEED training unlocked their potential: they sourced a niche market for red chillies and green peppers. They have become the key suppliers to

the local farmers market. Sales of their value added products has ensured that these young ladies are integral to growing the economy in the area.

- **Seed Of Hope's** 4 hectare garden is under full production. Employment opportunities are created for the locals during peak harvest periods. Off take agreements have been established with a few retailers. Surplus produce is donated to the pre school and a soup kitchen.
- FTFA had an opportunity to develop an Agricultural Layout Plan for eThekweni Economic Development and Investment Unit. The blueprint will help transform the vacant site into a food forest, provide employment and create viable enterprises for fifty households.
- FTFA's 3-day Agroecology program incorporating permaculture and agricultural studies has been endorsed by the South African Council of Educators (SACE). Educators who attend the 3 day training program will be awarded 15 Continuous Professional Training and Development (CPTD) points. The first batch of teachers have attended and complied with the requirements were awarded their continuous professional development points from SACE.
- 10 teachers and 3 community members attended a Permaculture Design Course (PDC) hosted by FTFA. These individuals who attended the 72 hour course are creating a multiplier effect in their communities and schools. Their knowledge and skills are being shared extensively.

Our beneficiaries continued to receive support from our partnerships with Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries; National Schools Nutrition Programme; Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs; Department of Basic Education, Clairwood Municipal Bulk Market and Green Corridors.

In a bid to have the African Development Bank (AfDB) commit to 100% renewable energy investments, and increase transparency policies, Zero Emissions | Omissions was launched in November 2018 on the side-lines of the AfDB's Africa Investment Forum. The coalition campaign gained over 6,800 petition signatures, with partners and volunteers delivering formal letters to Bank offices in 14 African countries. The campaign is supported by Fridays for Future Uganda youth climate activist Cicilly Adong, who dedicates her strikes to the Zero campaign. The petition results were delivered to the AfDB offices responsible for the Southern Africa region on Africa Day in May 2019, and in September 2019, the President of the AfDB announced that the Bank is getting out of coal. Zero campaign partners once again signed on to a letter calling for the AfDB to produce a public policy that the bank will not fund, provide financial services or capacity support to any coal project on the African continent.

In February 2019, Vuka Week kicked off in Nairobi, Kenya. Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations from across Africa discussed upscaling effective climate action and fuelling the fossil free future. The event was hosted by Afrika Vuka (Vuka means 'Awaken' in isiZulu), the platform seeking to fuel the fossil free movement by connecting climate activists and campaigns. ACRP's East and West Africa Regional Coordinators, Timothy Mugerwa and Mike Terungwa, as well as Climate Reality Leader, Gloria Bulus, represented our continent wide movement, and found time to organise a meet up for all Climate Reality Leaders based in Kenya!

Following the beginning of Greta Thunberg's school strike for climate in late 2018, ACRP and Climate Reality Leaders supported building this youth movement in Africa. Staff and Climate Reality Leaders helped organise and support multiple climate strikes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana,

Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Zambia. The biggest was the Global Climate Strike of September when over 7.6 million people in 185 countries took to the streets.

These climate strikes overlapped with activities for Africa Day and World Environment Day. On Africa Day, activists from across the continent under the banner of Afrika Vuka took part in a coordinated day of action that saw thousands uniting for the fight against the climate crisis in over 20 countries.

Climate Reality Leaders in Nigeria, Kenya, and Botswana also joined this movement, with a focus on women and youth of Africa, by hosting movie screenings, presentations and discussions, and planting plenty of trees!

On World Environment Day, millions took action to #BeatAirPollution. From Botswana to Uganda, we marched through the streets to demand action, planted trees, and did the #MaskChallenge to commit to fighting deadly air.

Raising the environmental injustice of air pollution, ACRP released a mini-documentary about Lephalale, Limpopo – a community fighting to #BeatAirPollution every day. Community activists describe how the air smells of rotten eggs, while a thick black cloud smothers their horizon. The locals call this cloud 'Matimba Cloud', as toxic air pollution spews from the coal-fired power plant. Locals can no longer farm because of polluted soil and water, and take work in the coal mine and coal-fired power plants to put food on the table, even though they do not have electricity themselves.

In August 2019, representatives from eight Climate Reality Project branches joined The Climate Reality Project International Team for a summit in Washington, D.C. The branches shared experiences and best practices from Africa, Australia, India, Europe, the Philippines, Canada, Brazil, Latin America, and the United States of America; and began planning a global Climate Reality Project campaign.

AFRICAN CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

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



In September 2019, ACRP began working on Sink Our CO₂, a new campaign focusing on restoring our natural carbon sinks. The team compiled research on Africa's carbon sinks, and hosted webinars with Climate Reality Leaders on mobilisation opportunities for this action. The team will continue to expand this campaign throughout the 2019/2020 period.

Change makers advancing climate resilience in Africa

As news of the devastation left behind by Cyclone Idai flooded the airwaves, 40 young Africans had gathered with their counterparts from the United Kingdom to discuss building climate resilience.

In collaboration with Wilton Park, ACRP organised the Climate Resilience Conference: 'Alternative Africa Climate Week' where an emerging generation of leaders deliberated key policy issues to hasten sustainable development and climate resilience, as the continent is set to become increasingly vulnerable to extreme weather events and climatic impacts.

Calling themselves 'The Resilient 40', these change makers will expand with the next event in January 2020, where members new and old will come together to continue advancing climate resilience for Africa.

Action 24: Active Citizens for Responsive Legislatures

Continuing the European Union co-funded 30-month action that began in January 2018, ACRP and implementing organisations South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, the South African Institute of International Affairs, and Food & Trees for Africa sustained activities for Action 24; the project aimed at fostering broader and more

effective public participation in environmental governance in the Provincial Legislatures of Gauteng, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, and the Western Cape, with a view to advancing sustainable, decarbonised, and inclusive development in South Africa.

In 2018/2019, Action 24 activities included engaging the provincial legislatures, supporting community-based organisations' efforts to participate in law-making and oversight on environmental issues, commenting on proposed legislation and environmental justice issues, producing a climate and environment scorecard for 2019's general elections, and hosting workshops for civil society and community media.

The project continued the Model Legislature programme for South African youth to practice participating in legislative processes, and produced further educational material in written, audio and video formats.

Policy related work

ACRP and Action 24 provided input to proposed policies for various government departments. This included a submission on the Carbon Tax Bill as tabled in November 2018, commenting on South Africa's Low-Emission Development Strategy 2050, the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, the Annual Performance Plan and Budget of the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, and more. We also called for the public release of the second draft of the Climate Change Bill, which after months of silence from government was announced to be under review at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac).



Our network of funders, beneficiaries, communities, farmers and suppliers is an ecosystem, a network of interconnectedness. The impacts and influence extends further into the sector, South Africa and even further than our boundaries into Africa. Connecting, collaborating and innovating together.

FTFA has continued to grow and thrive in 2019, strengthening those associations and collaborations. Two notable relationships are with Abalimi Bezekhaya & Mama's Alliance. 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.

Our relationships with Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Department of Basic Education has supported the EduPlant programme to reach new schools, otherwise not exposed to Permaculture and the provision of workshops and clusters in their area.

Just like the roots of a tree that search for water and nutrients, so do beneficiaries from all over South Africa, and increasingly the rest of Africa, search for guidance and assistance from FTFA. Each beneficiary receiving support from FTFA absorbs training and mentoring, breathing life into the far reaching corners of South Africa, often faraway forgotten places. We are continually surprised and proud of the

commitment and perseverance of our gardeners and farmers. Beneficiaries strive for resilience, to care for others beyond their project, and to be part of something bigger than themselves. We salute you!

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 meet the climate crisis head on, continues to shape our activities, programmes and partnerships.

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 2018/2019:

- (1) Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
- (2) Department of Basic Education
- (3) Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (eThekweni)

COLLABORATIONS & IMPACTS

Growing a Sector: Supporting a Network



STAFF, FACILITATORS AND VOLUNTEERS

FTFA's True Resource



Food & Trees for Africa wouldn't be a true social enterprise if we didn't treat our own staff, facilitators and volunteers well. We are very proud of the relationships we have with our staff, facilitators around the South Africa and further, as well as the people who graciously give up their time as volunteers.

Programme Managers are responsible for their respective departments and have taken on some pretty ambitious project this year! 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 (who resigned in 2019 and onboarded Amy Giliam) is the Branch Manager for the African Climate Reality Project. Assisting them have been Jeminah Mkhize, Mike Pierce, Thando Jafta, Luyanda Ntuli, Sylvia Mokete, Leigh-Ann Luthuli, Zanele Xulu, Curtis Kuyanie, Noelle Garcin, Nicole Rodel, Mpho Manenzhe, Yasmine Luhandjula, Nosiphelo Nikani and Vusi Ndukuya.

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

Our Durban branch is staffed by Pat Anderson, Nontobeko Duma, Mlungisi Mvelase, Nkululeko Didi, and Philani Dube.

Other support staff included Irene Kerby, Livhuhani Sikhwari, Elton Nzimande, Noma Moyo, Mary Masuku, Teboho Mosehle, Sylvester Nzimande, Rabson Donga, James Taylor, Jess Wright and Curtis Katz.

A highlight of the year was definitely the Secret Sunrise team building using bluetooth

headphones. The dance session was facilitated by an instructor who led the group through the joy of dance exploring our minds and bodies. This global movement uses popular well known music to celebrate music, love and connection as a group. The group particularly enjoyed singing along to "This little light of mine". The dance sessions was paired with a session about fear busting, equipping us with tools to manage anxiety which may arise from fear. A thoroughly enjoyable and empowering experience!

Annually we celebrate 1 September, Spring Day. A spring harvest table was set out with sandwiches, fruit and cooldrinks, followed by ice-cream for everyone. Tshepiso and James were crowned Spring Queen and King. Such a special way to celebrate new beginnings and old friendships!

One of the advantages of working at FTFA (and there are many!) 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.

Our passionate and knowledgeable facilitators have flourished this year, growing our projects from strength to strength. Tim Abaa has been recognised at the most improved facilitator. Operating a nursery in Orange Farm and facilitating workshops in the area, Tim has thrived as an FTFA Ecopreneur and goes above and beyond expectations. Tim also keeps bees and produces jars and jars of delicious honey.

1. **Plant trees** as gifts to celebrate a special occasion or birthday; or to commemorate the passing of a loved one.
2. Partner with FTFA to facilitate your next **team building or volunteer day**. We offer planting trees and food gardens around South Africa.
3. **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, or once of donation.
4. **We use Zapper & SnapScan** to make donations easier for our supporters. You can also activate a monthly recurring donation on the SnapScan app making monthly donations super easy.
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6. Skilled and passionate graduates and professionals are welcome to **intern or volunteer with us**. By sharing your skills with us, you'll help our organisation 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 here.**

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

*Please fill in the information below and fax, post or email back to us. Please print clearly.
Please fill in with as much detail and include pictures if possible.*

On receipt of your application, we will contact you to verify the details of your project. We will let you know once funding has been secured for your project. Please be patient as sourcing funding takes time.

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. What is 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/OR

☐ **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? If yes, explain further: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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 FTFAs programmes DO NOT apply to INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, however we will consider support for community groups, schools, orphanages, hospices, churches etc.



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