

INTRODUCTION

At AFGRI we are keen to embrace our role as a good corporate citizen and through various initiatives, have a positive impact on the youth, emerging and commercial farmers, as well as the communities in which we operate.

We consider corporate social investment (CSI) an integral part of our business, and provide numerous resources, including equipment, volunteering initiatives and funding to a variety of community projects with the aim of stimulating and supporting social economic upliftment in Africa.

Our core focus areas are food security, water security, poverty alleviation and education.

FOOD SECURITY



WATER SECURITY



OBJECTIVE:

To support AFGRI's vision of driving food security across Africa through mutually beneficial partnerships and innovative solutions to challenges in food security.

SCOPE:

- Establishing partnerships with private and public entities to solve challenges in this development area
- Providing existing sustainable organisations with relevant food security tools/solutions
- Pioneering technology and innovation that addresses food security issues
- Educating/training youth on food security through relevant youth initiatives

OBJECTIVE:

To support and promote innovative approaches to addressing the challenge related to water security.

SCOPE:

- Supporting organisations/initiatives (most likely Social Enterprises) that are exploring or implementing innovative ideas to support water security
- Establishing partnerships with public and private sector companies to shine the spotlight on the issue and brainstorm joint solutions

POVERTY ALLEVIATION



EDUCATION SECTOR



OBJECTIVE:

To promote the use of agriculture as a driver of poverty alleviation by providing sustenance and access to the economy.

SCOPE:

- Supporting organisations that have a sustainable approach to poverty alleviation
- By providing a platform for people, particularly youth, to access the agriculture industry (up-skilling and job creation)

OBJECTIVE:

To support ring-fenced education projects that have existing relationships with AFGRI, with a focus on paying the salaries of identified educators as well as tuition for identified learners.

IN SOUTH AFRICA WE HAVE SUPPORTED:

AFGRI SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN



FOOD/WATER SECURITY SECTOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18



Common Indicator

Subsistance training in order to produce school vegetable gardens to provide nutritionous food to learners as well as retain income from the produce harvested.

Food Security Support Item Output (School Vegetable Garden)

Training costs; Transport to training costs, Seedlings purchased & delivered; Irrigation System Material & Installation costs; Garden tools purchased & delivered and cultivation costs.





Outcome

- 1) 6,450 seedlings of spinach, 3,450 heads of cabbage/kale, 8,450 seedlings of tomatoes, 8,450 seedlings of onions and carrots planted on a 1,5 hector land. Produce is harvested and cooked in the school nutrition programme to feed total number of beneficiaries as indicated in numbers per school.
- 2) 37 teachers, 185 learners and 37 community member provided with accredited subsistance garden training.
- 3) Boreholes developed in 6 schools in aid of providing access to water to the selected schools, as indicated below.
- 4) Jobs created through training unemployed community members to upskill them in plant production.

37
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

26,034
LEARNERS

By providing sustainable vegetable gardens in schools



Bonganiven Primary School | Daggakraal Primary School | Deo Gloria Primary School | Ekwazini Secondary School | Elizabeth Matsemela Secondary School | Emdibini Combined School | Ezazi Primary School | Goakganya Primary School | Gugulethu Primary School | Harry Oppenheimer Agricultural High School | Ifalethu Primary School | Isaac Mokwena Primary School | Kgabo Primary School | Kwasikhova Primary School | Libertas Combined School | Mahlakodishe Secondary School | Mahlantebe Secondary School | Makwanyane Primary School | Matwabeng Primary School | Matwabeng Primary School | Matwabeng Primary School | Meduwaneng Primary School | Mindo-Thuto Secondary School | Mogale Primary School | Mohalatladi Primary School | Nalithuba Secondary School | Rorisang Primary School | Siphakamile Combined School | Thokozani Primary School | Thutoboloha Intermediate School | Ubuhle Christian School | Violet Jiyane Secondary School Winnie Mandela Primary School | Zibambeleni Secondary School | Zithobeni Secondar



POVERTY ALLEVIATION



AFGRI POVERTY ALLEVIATION SECTOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18



Indicator

Establishing capacity for projects to sustain themselves through the establishment and development of food gardens in order to alleviate poverty.

Goal / Target

To establish self sustained projects, with a focus on rural interventions and imperatives





Outcome

134 community members were training in subsistence farming and plant production, garden tools and seedlings are provided to the organisations. The programme is aimed at providing skills to targetted communities in order to sustain themselves through food provision and income generation from the produce sold.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

1,187
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Through donations of vegetable garden implements to equip the communities to be self-reliant and sustainable.



Bambanani Youth Development | ASNAPP | Rholihlahla Drop in Centre | Buhlebethu Foundation | Osizweni Centre of Hope | INITY | Inspire Children and Youth | Masikhanye Food Gardening | LETCEE | Etafeni Day and Care Centre | Johannesburg Retired Teachers Association | Ntsoanatsatsi Educare Centre

WATER SECURITY SECTOR



AFGRI WATER SECURITY SECTOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18



Indicator

Provision of clean drinking water to communities for consumption and food gardens

Goal / Target

To provide clean, uninterrupted supply of water in communities





Outcome

Development of boreholes and reliable water sources in public schools and communities. This programme provides water supply to schools for drinking, ablution blocks and school vegetables gardens, in promotion of healthy living and to curb high water billing.

COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS
& SCHOOLS

2,818

COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND
LEARNERS

By providing access to clean water to five schools in Nelspruit, and two other organisations.



Roundabout Play Schools (providing access to clean water to five schools in Nelspruit) Unathi Drop-In Centre | Ingugubane Agricultural Project)

EDUCATION SECTOR



AFGRI EDUCATION SECTOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18



Indicator

Providing tuition fees, transport costs to and from school, educational materials and teachers' salaries for effective and quality education.

Intervention Outcome

Improved pass rates for Maths and Science from 29% average to 60% average in Schools where AFGRI Group has intervened with a teacher for the subjects . The workload for the teachers in the school and ECD centre has decreased, which enhanced their delivery of the curriculum. The parents of the 10 learners in Dullstroom whose tuition and school transport costs has been funded by AFGRI Group, have had to save a total of R158,976. This amount has been channeled towards the other needs of the children. The learners' academic performance is maintained at higher achievement level of level 6 (meritorious) and level 7 (oustanding).



SCHOOLS

BENEFITING

147 LEARNERS By providing additional tuition fees, educational material, teachers annual salaries and other resources









Fundisisa Combined School | Belfast Academy The Best Montessori Centre | Golden Gate Hospice Pre-school

EMPLOYEE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

BENEFITING 1,994 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Through the AFGRI Mentorship Programme, Girl Power Day, Raising Leaders Initiative, Mandela Day, Saturday Accounting Tutorial Classes, Sanitary Pads Initiative, tree planting and others.



EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING INITIATIVES ____

AFGRI employees have participated in various community initiatives, to share their skills with beneficiaries with the aim of empowering and developing communities.

Saturday Accounting Program

AFGRI's team improved the Saturday Accounting Tutorial Programme by providing additional tutors, extending the hours and applying new methodologies. The programme was also extended to include Grade 12 learners in addition to those from Grades 10 and 11.

AFGRI is proud of all our employees who continue to show commitment and dedication to this programme, for effectively preparing for tutorial classes and covering more than what the learners do during the week. The programme has already shown substantial improvements in results:

- Grade 10 pass rate improved from 30.11% in 2016 to 93% at the end of 2017.
- Grade 11 pass rate improved from 40.36% in 2016 to 92% at the end of 2017.
- Grade 12 pass rate was 78% at the end of 2017.





Mandela Day

Employees participate in numerous projects in support of this worthy initiative

- In 2013 and 2014, 980 square meters of pavement was completed at Philena Primary School in Olievenhoutbosch.
- In 2015, two vegetable gardens were developed at Saulridge Secondary School in Atteridgeville and the Child Academy in Tembisa to supplement the school feeding scheme.
- In 2016, 20 vegetable gardens were developed for 20 families at Stanza Bopape Clinic in Mamelodi. It is estimated that the income generated from this project is as follows: sale of spinach, R8,000 and R16,950 from the sale of cabbages.
- In 2017, 588 food parcels were donated to provide 23,500 meals (exquating to a meal a day of four for three months) for 65 selected child-headed families.



AFGRI Mentorship Programme

A three-year mentorship programme for Grade 10 – 12 learners from East Bank Secondary School and Steve Tshwete Secondary School, where leaners are mentored through the Girl Power (female orientated) and Raising Leaders (male orientated) initiatives.

AFGRI Winter 'Warming Hearts' Initiative

This is an annual project to encourage employees to donate warm materials to those who are less fortunate, to keep them warm in winter season.

- In 2015, 206 blankets were donated to Huis Janre (Centurion), Miriam Makeba Shelter for Girls (Ebony Park), child-headed households in Atteridgeville and the Tumelo Home for the Disabled in Ivory Park.
- In 2017, 125 beanies and scarves were donated to Isaac Mokwena Primary School in Brits.
- In 2016, 130 new pairs of school shoes were donated to Mahlakodishe Mahlontebe Secondary School in Marble Hall, Zithobeni Secondary School in Bronkhorstspruit and Libertas Combined School in Senekal.





Sanitary Pads Collection Drive

AFGRI's annual campaign to keep girl learners from disadvantaged backgrounds in school during their menstrual cycles, this project provides the opportunity to give girl learners confidence to participate in daily activities, to empower them not to feel ashamed and embarrassed, and to encourage them to embrace their femininity.

- In 2015, 366 sanitary pad packs were donated to Kwedini Secondary School in Middleburg, Mpumalanga.
- In 2016, 766 sanitary pad packs were donated to Mahlakodishe Mahlontebe Secondary School in Marble Hall, Zithobeni Secondary School in Bronkhorstspruit and Libertas Combined School in Senekal.
- In 2017, 1,000 sanitary pad packs were donated to Mmadikana Secondary School, Mabogopedi Secondary School, Purpose Givers Foundation, Harrismith Secondary School and Libertas Combined School.

Special Festive Drive

- In 2015, employees donated 60 party packs and toys for the residents of Tumelo Home for the Disabled in Ivory Park.
- In 2016, employees donated 212 boxes filled with goodies for the Santa Shoebox Project.
- In 2017, employees donated 178 boxes filled with goodies for the Santa Shoebox Project.





Blood Drives with South African National Blood Service

Donation of blood on a quarterly basis.



AFGRI Investment Services Community Initiative

AFGRI Investment Services partnered with Mogale Primary School in Mamelodi and planted 50 fruit and shade trees and donated 140 sanitary pads.

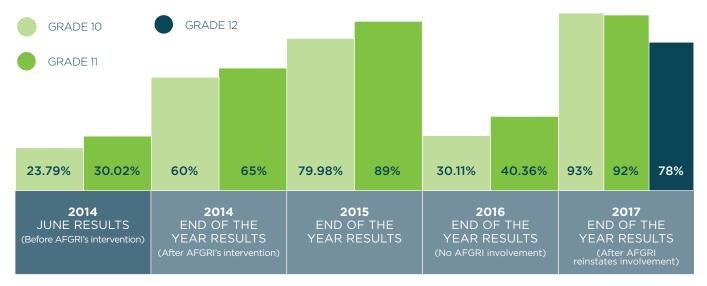




Other Projects

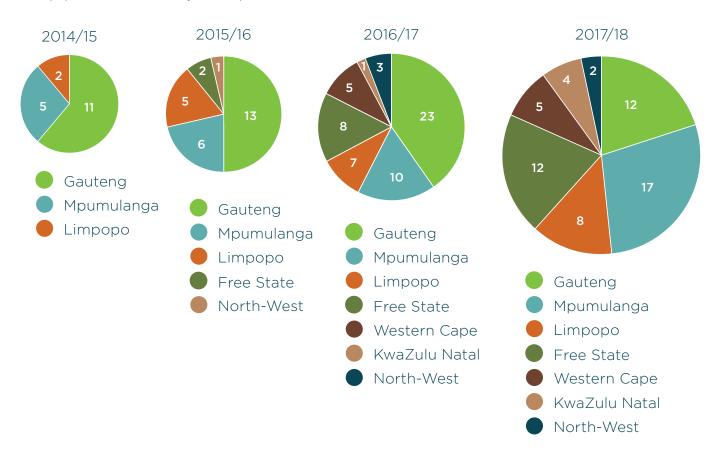
Other projects include Bandana Day to raise funds for the Sunflower Fund and Slipper Day in aid of Reach for a Dream.

AFGRI Saturday Accounting Tutorials at Steve Tshwete Secondary School, Olivenhoutbosch - Flagship Project



THE PAST FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS

Supported Project per Province

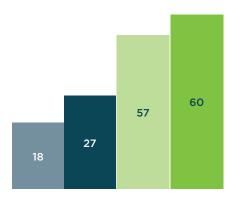


Over R30 million was spent on Community Development and CSI projects the past four financial years.



THE PAST FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS

Number of Projects

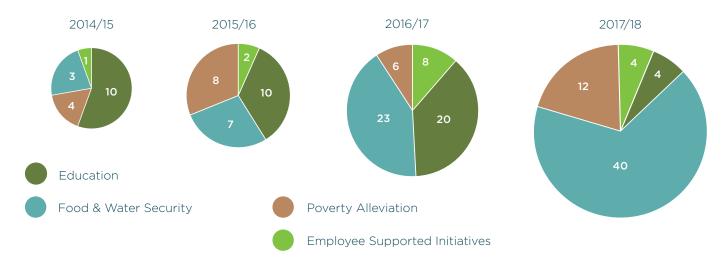


2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18

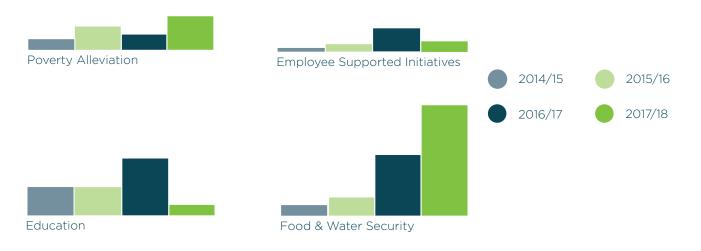
Impact Assessment – number of beneficiaries as reported and verified by supported entities

SECTOR	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL
Education	2,648	2,648	7,437	147	10,232
Water Security				2,818	2,818
Food and Water Security	1,379	4,328	8,482	26,034	38,844
Poverty Alleviation	1,069	1,913	1,094	1,187	4,194
Employee Supported Initiatives	40	840	1,319	776	2,935
Total number of beneficiaries	5,136	9,729	18,332	30,962	59,023

Support per Sector per Financial Year



Impact Assessment per Financial Year





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