

## AN ENABLER TO FOOD SECURITY ACROSS THE CONTINENT

IMPACT OVERVIEW

April 2018 - 31 March 2019

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## 01 OVERVIEW





#### INTRODUCTION

At AFGRI we embrace our role as a good corporate citizen and through various initiatives, have a positive impact on our farmers, communities, staff and vulnerable groups (women and youth).

We consider impact investing an integral part of our business, and provide numerous resources as well as funding to a variety of 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. Through our partners, including ABBA, Lemang Agricultural Services, CSI and Youth Employment Services, we achieve our objectives.



#### FOOD SECURITY

In support of AFGRI Group's vision of driving food security across Africa through mutually beneficial partnerships and innovative solutions to the challenges of food security, we aim to:

- Provide existing sustainable organisations with relevant tools/solutions to enable food security
- Pioneer technology and innovation that addresses food security issues
- Enable schools to create other income streams through establishing sustainable vegetable gardens
- Support new-era farmers through education, mentorship and provision of technical advice.



#### **POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

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

- Supporting organisations that have a sustainable approach to poverty alleviation
- Providing a platform for people, particularly youth, to access the agriculture industry (up-skilling and job creation)
- Empowering communities to create sustainable agri businesses

#### WATER SECURITY

In supporting and promoting innovative approaches to addressing the challenges relating to water security, we aim to:

• Establish partnerships with public and private sector companies to create joint solutions

#### EDUCATION

To support education of the youth and our employees through institutions with a focus on:

- Educating/training youth on food security through relevant youth initiatives
- Professional/leadership education of our staff.



## 02 ABBA INITIATIVES

### Creating a productive Africa in order to address food security across the continent

ABBA's mandate is to empower a household by equipping and discipling them for their destiny through the transferring of knowledge, love, hope and faith, who in turn would be expected to pass these on.

#### **Case Study**

## Ebenezer Training College

BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

#### OVERVIEW

Ebenezer Training college is based in Mablauwuni Village, in the dry Matopo area of Matebeleland South. It hosts more than 100 students, who are between the ages of 17 and 23 years, per annum, on a two-year course.

Ebenezer held their 3-month Foundation Course graduation in October 2018 with 62 apprentices passing from the Foundation into the Intermediate course.

Training of out-grower farmers from the community around Ebenezer is continuing with positive results not only increasing production but also catalysing spiritual upliftment within the community. This training happens monthly and covers topics around agriculture, business and life. Around 80 community farmers attend training each month.

The Ebenezer second year students ventured into Bulawayo for the annual Marketing Trip during March 2019 and visited markets, farms, shops and a hatchery. These trips complement the students' classroom studies and gives them an insight into the value chain into which Ebenezer itself fits and the journey of the vegetables, chickens, eggs and milk which they help to produce whilst at Ebenezer.





#### **IMPACT STATS 2019**



**REGISTERED STUDENTS** 62 Second Year & 68 New Intakes



© 80 farmers per month





#### STUDENTS GRADUATED

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#### WIDOW CHICKEN FARMERS SUPPORTED

Through the entire value chain

10,000

Community Farmers in total trained at Ebenezer being continuously supported through the entire value chain since inception



## Abba Agri Services Zambia Limited

SISHEKE, ZAMBIA

#### **OVERVIEW**

Liseli Farm is where the ABBA is based, a farm that started off with the incubation of selected community members, for the purpose of upskilling them through a 7-year foundation training in agriculture, and with the goal of them farming on their own. This is to assist in the provision of sustainable food security and alleviation of poverty.

To date, the farm is producing green maize, tomatoes, watermelon, butternuts and cabbage.

Our efforts in Barotseland with the ABBA is continually astounding us with its progress and social impact on the local people who we now referred to as the ABBA community. Since the inception we have seen and continue to see a major improvement on alleviation of hunger in the area with the training of the local farmers and production continually rising. Hunger is become less and less prevalent. We are looking forward to increasing the impact with our restructuring and further investment that will lead to expansion of the farm.



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#### IMPACT STATS 2019



**PEOPLE TRAINED** Per year through Chicken Layer Operation established to increase poultry production in the area

drought effected Barotseland

supported with food

#### FEEDING PROGRAMS



#### **Case Study**

## Abba Yes Tembisa Urban Agricultural Hub

#### OVERVIEW

ABBA introduced an Urban Agricultural Development training HUB in Tembisa together with the Youth Employment Services during April 2019. 25 Students (influencers) were selected out of the Tembisa youth who joined the program and currently they are being mentored and receiving training as follows:

#### PRACTICAL TRAINING

- Traditional farming
- Aquaculture
- Horticulture
- Aquaponics
- Discipleship/Stewardship

#### THEORETICAL SETA ACCREDITED CERTIFIED TRAINING OVER 12 MONTHS

NQF1 - Basic Plant Production

NQF2 - New Venture Creation Course, Development of Entrepreneurial Skills, Financial Planning & Management

Each influencer is in turn training and mentoring 2 community members per month and assisting them to start their own businesses (home gardens). To date 200 community members have been trained and supplied with seedlings for their own home gardens. Out of the trained households 73% has planted already 17% are in the process of planting and 10% are busy with soil preparation.

The 25 influencers are being mentored by ABBA to start their own co-op in Tembisa to service our new urban farmers even after their internships have been completed. The model has proven to be very successful catalysing agricultural into urban areas whilst also creating SMME producers.



#### **IMPACT STATS 2019**



INFLUENCERS IN TRAINING



ESTABLISHED HOME GARDENS

COMMUNITY

**FARMERS TRAINED** 



IN PROCESS OF PLANTING



20

BUSY WITH SOIL PREPARATION





## Zenzele Urban Agricultural Project

RANDFONTEIN

#### **OVERVIEW**

An alliance has been formed by ABBA Initiatives with Grace Outreach Ministries Africa "GOMA" an evangelistic movement across Africa look at the holistic development of people through the Humanitarian Empowerment Fund (Foundation) with the intention of forming a partnership for the introduction of Agriculture into Urban Areas.

5 People were trained by ABBA who set up a garden at the GOMA centre in Zenzele, Randfontein whilst they were also training other community members.15 People out of the community already established their own home gardens in Zenzele.





#### **IMPACT STATS 2019**







## 03 LEMANG — AGRICULTURAL SERVICES



## Lemang Mandate

- Development and implementation of a proven methodology to enable sustainable and viable production units.
- To unlock the potential of the new era farmers through training and mentorship on a 5 year development programme
- Partnering and developing passionate medium and large new era farmers, targeting women and youth in agriculture
- Accredited and tailor made agricultural courses are delivered through our Training Academy
- Fully supported by agronomy services with precision farming provided to the new era farmers





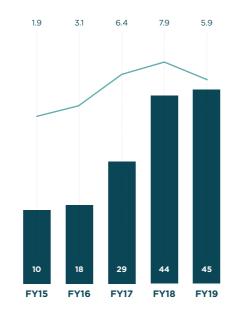
#### **FARMERS TRAINED**

Farmers Funded & Trained. Non Funded but Trained and Micro Farmers



Farmers large to medium non funded but trained Total

#### **FARMERS FUNDED & HA PLANTED**



# of farmers funded

Ha planted '000's FY19 planted 28% less due to adverse and unstable climatic conditions during planting

R193,8M	Total loans accumulated over 5 years
2,7%	Total cumulative defaults due to drought conditions in 2015/16 and low grain prices (2017)
0 %	Total cumulative write offs

- Over **900** farmers have been trained and supported in the last 5 years as part of the development program.
- Loan facility usage was R54,03m past season with a total facility of R125m and accumulated utilization of R193,8m.
- More than 150 farmers benefited from information sharing session Services at Grootvley Farmers Day in Balfour, Mpumalanga.
- Softer loans offered to farmers. Over the past 4 years interest saving of R12,310,859

#### **Success Story**

## Mampe Mmeregi

A woman of farming substance with tenacity to break through and to be a successful commercial farmer.

- Mampe (60) settled on the farm in 2010, a few months prior to her husband's passing
- She had no agricultural training, experience or assistance to run a commercial farming entity
- Lemang Agricultural Services partnered with her in 2014/15 to train her and develop the farm into a commercial entity
- Mampe farms with livestock, grains, vegetables and piggery on a 215ha farm in Nigel, Mpumalanga
- She benefited from our Development Programme with precision farming principles and planning
- She is a beneficiary of our funding plan, continuous technical advise and mentorship
- She supplies to one of the major abattoirs in the Gauteng region with **120** sow unit, producing porkers and baconers for the market, since she involvement with Lemang Agricultural Services
- Her farm revenue has increased **139%** since partnering with Lemang Agricultural Services

#### **Case Study**

## Kings Farm Co-operative

- Loreta Visagie is a female farmer in Sebokeng in Gauteng She farms with livestock and
- grain on 584ha
- She benefited from agricultural courses at Lemang Training Academy as well as Lemang's

provided by Lemang Agricultural

contributed in enhancing farmers profit margins.



- precision farming methodology, supported by technical advise and mentorship
- Her overall farm revenue has improved by R500,000 per annual since her partnership with Lemang Agricultural Services.

## Our on farm impact



257 %

## Farm income percentage increase after assistance

Lemang has achieved financial increase in turn over of the farming operation over the last five years...as new technology, precision farming principles and

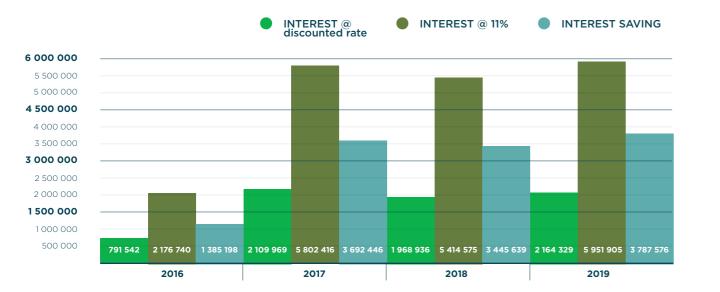
cultivation methodology were introduced. Fallow lands we cultivated and overall better suited cultivars for the production area introduced. The increase in farm income levels is also attributed to better equipment and production means purchased which were financed

## Impact figures

The external factors severely affects profit margins. Lemang has introduced a combined unique solution in order to assist farmers to increase margins of the farming operation.

#### **THESE SOLUTIONS ARE:**

- Softer loans offered to farmers. Over the past 4 years interest saving of **R12,310,859** contributed in enhancing farmers profit margins
- Discounted storage facilities
- Aggregation and discounts on inputs
- Hedging of grain commodity to ensure optimal pricing regime
- Range of insurance products to protect farmer against severe impact of drought, flooding and hail.





## Food Security

#### AFGRI Group CSI partnered with public schools to establish sustainable school vegetable gardens.

- 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 0.5ha land per school.
- Produce is harvested and cooked in the school nutrition programme to feed total number of beneficiaries as indicated in numbers per school.
- **37 jobs** were created through training of unemployed community members and provision for their stipend in mending the garden.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS were provided with sustainable school vegetable gardens

#### **Food Gardens Case Study**

## A tale of eight schools in Bergville and Lichtenberg

#### **BERGVILLE, KWAZULU-NATAL**

#### Dukuza Primary School

#### 618 beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The parents of the children and the surrounding community members have come together to work in the garden, in aims to elevate the maintenance of the vegetable garden and they have also transferred the skills in nurturing it. The harvested produce is then shared amongst the community members and the remainder is cooked in the school feeding scheme for the learners.







#### Bambanani Primary School

## 409 Beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has established a vegetable market, to raise supplementary income towards the necessities of the school. As of July 2019, cash has been raised and banked, with the prospects of raising more towards paying for the school's operational needs. The garden has been able to provide fresh vegetables to the feeding scheme.

#### Insebenzwenhle Combined School

#### 580 Beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has planted the vegetables and incorporated the lessons learned from the subsistence training offered in the programme onto the school's daily learning programme. Learners have established home gardens and are able to feed their families.

#### Madela Primary School

#### 160 Beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has been working in conjunction with Insebenzwenhle Primary School, which they have shadowed from its infancy. This predicament has however changed, as Madela Primary School now independently hosts women groups in the Bergville area to teach them to plant vegetables for income.

#### LICHTENBERG, NORTH WEST

#### Legae Thuto Primary School

#### 1200 beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden.

The school has managed to save **R30,000** towards the purchase of vegetables for the school feeding scheme for 150 school days from August 2018 to March 2019



#### KwaMiya Primary School

#### 710 Beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has established a school vegetable garden and they have since fed all the children in the school feeding scheme with the harvested produce planted. They are currently establishing a market whereby the parents of the learners will take turns to sell the produce to the surrounding communities to raise funds for the school;

#### Ngunjini Primary School

#### 481 beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has **10 volunteers** working in the garden from the community. The seedlings have been transplanted to an extended portion of the garden established, which is earmarked to generate income as and when the crops grow larger to harvest. The garden has been able to provide fresh vegetables to the school feeding scheme since August 2019 todate

#### Phatsima PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### 1247 beneficiaries are fed with vegetables harvested from the school vegetable garden

The school has managed to save **R28,000** from the money that they could have spent on purchasing the vegetables from August 2018 to March 2019 for the school feeding scheme



## Poverty Alleviation

AFGRI Group CSI funded Inspire Children and Youth Trust with cultivation costs, seedlings and garden tools for developing 0.5ha garden. Objective of the garden is not only to feed the families but also to ignite the entrepreneurial skills. The beneficiaries sold the harvested produce to the communities to generate income for themselves and also to invest back in the organisation

- **10 jobs** with salaries were created from unemployed women in this farming community
- **53 women** and children were provided with **3 meals** a day between June 2018 to March 2019
- **65 households (197 people)** received weekly vegetables since September 2018 to March 2019
- The vegetables donated to the community are of the value of **R277,550**
- Additional **R135,000** was generated from selling of the vegetables
- **R124,560** from the money raised was utilised to enable 71 children to participate in the South African Judo competition





97 COMMUNITY MEMBERS BENEFITED

### Education Sector

AFGRI Group CSI provided tuition fees, transport costs to and from school, education materials and teachers' salaries for effective and quality education

- 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 supported learners in Dullstroom, Mpumalanga, whose tuition and school transport costs is funded by AFGRI Group CSI, have saved a total of R164,355.
- The learners' academic performance is maintained at higher achievement level 6 (meritorious) and level 7 (outstanding)
- 37 teachers, 158 learners and 37 community members were provided with accredited subsistence garden training



## Water Security

- 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 vegetable gardens, in promotion of healthy living and to curb high water billing.
- Boreholes development in 6 public schools to enable learners to have access to clean drinking water

## **3,119** COMMUNITY MEMBERS & LEARNERS BENEFITED AT

1. ROUNDABOUT PLAY SCHOOLS (providing access to clean water to five schools in Nelspruit)

- 2. UNATHI DROP-IN CENTRE
- 3. KGABO PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Success all round

## Fundisisa Combined School

#### AFGRI Group CSI partnered with Fundisisa Combined school from 2010

- Placement of qualified Mathematics and Technology teacher for Grade 7 to 9
- Impacted over **3 000 learners** at the school since 2010
- Pass rates have improved from 48% average to 98% average for both Maths and Technology
- The school has managed to save R480,000 since 2010 to March 2019, from the money that the school could have paid the teacher





- 1. FUNDISISA COMBINED SCHOOL
- 2. BELFAST ACADEMY
- 3. THE BEST MONTESSORI CENTRE
- 4. GOLDEN GATE HOSPICE PRE-SCHOOL



## Employee Community Initiatives

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

#### **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 2018, **150 new pairs of school shoes** were donated to Isaac Mokoena Primary School (Brits), Ifalethu Primary School (Hazyview), Tutuboloha Public School (Senekal) and Zibambeleni Secondary School (New Castle).

#### SANITARY PADS COLLECTION DRIVE

**1,000 sanitary pad packs** were donated to Mmadikana Secondary School, Mabogopedi Secondary School, Purpose Givers Foundation, Harrismith Secondary School and Libertas Combined School. (Brits), Ifalethu Primary School (Hazyview), Tutuboloha Public School (Senekal) and Zibambeleni Secondary School (New Castle).





#### SPECIAL FESTIVE DRIVE

In 2018, employees donated **100 school bags** filled with school stationary Dukuza Primary School (Bergville), Gojela High School (Mokopane), Ifalethu Primary School (Hazyview) and Rorisang Primary School (Senekal)



#### BLOOD DRIVES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE

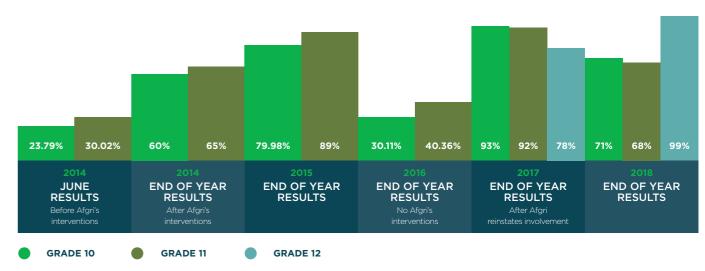
Donation of blood on a quarterly basis.



#### GROCAPITAL ADVISORY SERVICES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

In 2018 GroCapital Advisory Services partnered with Mogale Primary School in Mamelodi and planted **50 fruit and shade trees** and donated **140 sanitary pads**.

## AFGRI SATURDAY ACCOUNTING TUTORIALS AT STEVE TSHWETE SECONDARY SCHOOL, OLIVENHOUTBOSCH – FLAGSHIP PROJECT





#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

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

#### WOMENS' MONTH CHALLENGE

In 2018, AFGRI Group employees donated hygiene female products to **100 survivors** of gender abuse at Frida Hartley Shelter (Yeoville) and Miriam Makeba Shelter for Girls (Midrand). Over R39 million was spent on Community **Development and CSI** projects the past five financial years.



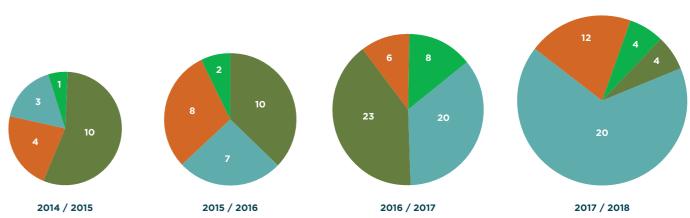
#### SUPPORTED PER SECTOR PER FINANCIAL YEAR

EDUCATION FOOD SECURITY

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

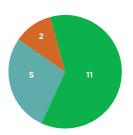
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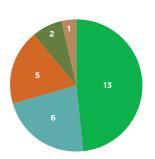
EMPLOYEE SUPPORTED INITIATIVES



### The past 5 financial years

#### SUPPORTED PROJECT PER PROVINCE

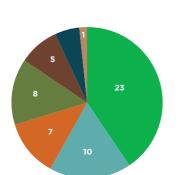




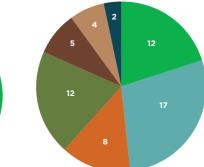
2014 / 2015

GAUTENG MPUMULANGA LIMPOPO FREE STATE WESTERN CAPE KWAZULU NATAL NORTH-WEST

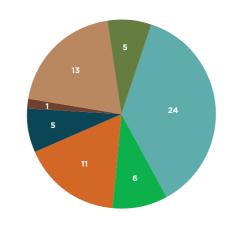
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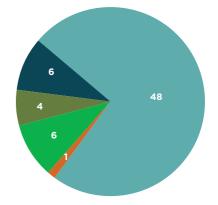


2017 / 2018









2018 / 2019

## Skills Development initiatives

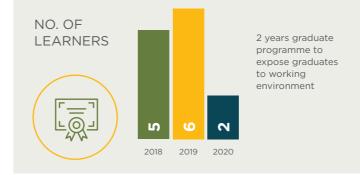
#### APPRENTICESHIPS



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#### **GRADUATE PROGRAM**



#### **BURSARY SCHEME**

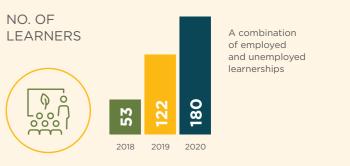


Bursaries to employees and employees' children to obtain a formal tertiary education

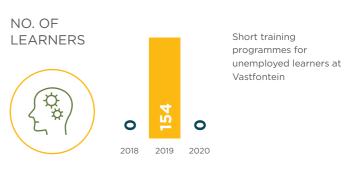


# 05 SKILLSDEVELOPMENT

#### LEARNERSHIPS



#### **SKILLS PROGRAM**



## INTERNSHIPS



Creates a pipeline of candidates for employment. Two learners out of 18 are permanently absorded, 1 on contract and 1 on a graduate programme

### CSI project map

- 1. Baadjebuilt Combined School Carolina, Mpumalanga
- 2. Bambanani Primary School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 3. Belfast Academy School Belfast, Mpumalanga
- 4. Celani Primary School New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 5. Coronation Secondary School Witbank, Mpumalanga
- 6. Dukuza Primarv School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 7. Ekhuthuleni Day Care New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 8. Enhlokweni Primary School New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 9. Fundisisa Combined School Delmas, Mpumlanga
- 10. Gojela Primary School Mokopane, Limpopo
- 11. Golden Gate Hospice ECD Bethlehem, Free State
- 12. Ifalethu Primary School Hazyview, Mpumlanga
- 13. Insebenzwehle Primary School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 14. Inspire Children and Youth Trust Malmesbury, Western Cape
- 15. Isikhalisezwe Secondary School New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 16. Ithuteng Primary School Mokopane, Limpopo
- 17. Kaalspruit Primary School Bloemfontein, Free State
- 18. Kgabo Primary School Atteridgeville, Gauteng
- 19. Kgamanyane Primary School Mokopane, Limpopo
- 20. Kgotsofalo Intermediate School Bloemfontein, Free State
- 21. Kwaguqa Primary School Witbank, Mpumalanga

- 22. KwaMiya Primary School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 23. Legae Thuto Primary School Lichtenburg, North-West
- 24. Mabule Primary School Marble Hall, Limpopo
- 25. Madela Primary School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 26. Mahlakodishe Secondary School Marble Hall, Limpopo
- 27. Maloma Primary School Witbank, Mpumalanga
- 28. Mashung Primary School Marble Hall, Limpopo
- 29. MK Rampine Primary School Lichtenburg, North-West
- **30. Mkhulu Combined School** Middleburg, Mpumlanga
- **31. Mokopane South Primary School** Mokopane, Limpopo
- 32. Moshibudi Primary School Mokopane, Limpopo
- 33. ND Mokonyane Primary School Mokopane, Limpopo
- 34. Ngujinii Primary School Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal
- 35. Peter Mokaba Primary School Moloto, Mpumalanga
- 36. Phatsima Primary School Lichtenburg, North-West
- **37. Phuthanang Primary School** Bloemfontein, Free State
- **38. Raphela Primary School** Mokopane, Limpopo
- **39. Rapoo Primary School** Lichtenburg, North-West
- **40. Roundabout Playpumps** (Endlunkulu, Luthando, Shishila, **Chweni and Saile Primary** Schools)
- Nelspruit, Mpumalanga
- 41. Sakhisizwe Primary School Bethal, Mpumalanga

- 42. Sibukosethu Primarv School Witbank, Mpumalanga
- 43. Siphiwe Primary School Moloto, Mpumalanga
- 44. Siphosethu Creche New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 45. Sobhuza Primary School Carolina, Mpumalanga
- 46. Sofunda High School Middleburg, Mpumalanga
- 47. Sokapho Primary School Moloto, Mpumalanga
- 48. Sonskyn Primary School Bloemfontein, Free State
- 49. The Best Montessori School Dullstroom, Mpumalanga
- **50. Thembalentsha Secondary** School
- New Castle, KwaZulu Natal

- 51. Thembankosi Primary School New Castle, KwaZulu Natal
- 52. Thubelihle Primary School Amersfoort, Mpumalanga
- 53. Tshiamelo Primary School Lichtenburg, North-West
- 54. Tshikanoshi Secondary School Marble Hall, Limpopo
- 55. Witbank High School Witbank, Mpumalanga



FREE STATE

### NORTHERN CAPE

WESTERN CAPE





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