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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Friends and Partners,

The past decade's stagnant economic growth, unchecked corruption, and crumbling public services have left many of our compatriots disillusioned, questioning the promise of a brighter future. In this pivotal moment in our history, it is clear: our government has faltered, leaving its people in dire need.

It's time that the grandiose promises of repair, which dominate the political discourse in South Africa are urgently fulfilled. We must not forget that, perhaps, the fundamental issue in our country remains largely ignored: every South African's right to enough food and adequate daily nutrition – a cornerstone for the

well-being and potential of every South African. Alarming, it is estimated that at least one in four of our children five years and under are stunted from malnutrition, a catastrophic reality that threatens the essence of progress and prosperity in our land.

At SA Harvest we confront this challenge head-on. Every day we prove that the spectre of hunger haunting our country is not only needless but entirely solvable. Through our efforts, we've delivered millions of nutritious meals to those in need at a cost of less than R1 per meal, by rescuing surplus food and redirecting it to where it is most needed. Our work is a testament to what can be achieved, yet it's a mere drop in the ocean of what is required.

Our collective aim – bolstered by your unwavering support – is to elevate the issue of hunger to the forefront of the national agenda. We cannot unlock our nation's full potential if our people retire to bed with empty stomachs. The aspirations for educational transformation and improved health outcomes will remain unattainable dreams if we neglect the fundamental need for proper nutrition. Food is not just sustenance; it is the bedrock on which our national ambitions must be built.

This year, let our voices rise in unison to demand the change South Africa so desperately deserves. Let's champion the cause of eradicating hunger, ensuring every South African has access to the daily nutrition necessary for a life of dignity and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued interest, your unwavering belief in our mission, and your generous support. Together, we can redefine the future of our nation, one meal at a time.

Gidon Novick

Chairman, SA Harvest

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Since SA Harvest was launched in 2019, just before Covid shut-down, we have delivered more than 56 million nutritious meals to over 200 beneficiaries countrywide to feed hungry men, women and children. We cannot forget that about 20 million South Africans are on a spectrum of severe food vulnerability ranging from running out of money to feed their families early in the month to going to bed hungry every night, which includes millions of children.

How can this be when there is a surplus of good food in South Africa and that wasted food alone could feed all those in need?

The answer in essence is that our government does not do nearly enough! From SA Harvest's point of view, we are dedicated to working with the government to implement solutions that could significantly help to end hunger in South Africa relatively quickly. While we have done amazing work to deliver millions of free nutritious meals in four years, we are cognisant that charity alone does not end hunger. It is only the integration of charity feeding and systemic solutions that can.

By systemic solutions we mean attending to those issues that cause hunger in the first place - unemployment, unaffordability of nutritious food, poor education and training, lack of entrepreneurial skills, inappropriate attitude towards the massive informal sector, and much more.

It is the government's moral imperative to meet their constitutional obligations as expressed in Section 27(1)(b) (all South Africans have the right to enough food) and Section 28(1)(c) (every South African child has the right to basic nutrition). With 20 million South Africans without enough food and a devastating 27% of our children up to the age of five suffering stunting and wasting from a lack of nutrition, the government must immediately cease to ignore the most important basic human right in this country.

In 2023 SA Harvest delivered 16 million nutritious meals to those in need and we will continue to do this with great energy and enthusiasm! We have also put together a powerful team comprising senior advocates, a well-known firm of attorneys, economists, researchers and others to develop a legal argument that would force the government to do what has to be done. **Our first priority is to work with them to implement the myriad solutions that could make a massive impact on ending the injustice of hunger in South Africa. We will soon be ready for that.**

Uniquely in South Africa we are integrating systemic and food charity solutions and, in so doing, we are making a significant impact. We are proud of what we are doing and we, together with the people we feed, owe it all to our donors, both fiscal and food; to our beneficiaries – managed and run mainly by older gogos, true South African heroes – who prepare the food and feed the hungry every day, working from early in the morning to late at night; to our magnificent SA Harvest team who are dedicated to their for-purpose work and are committed to excellence throughout the organisation; and to our partners in all sorts of fields including logistics, marketing, community upliftment and more.

I am grateful to all of you for enabling us to do the work that is necessary to help end the scourge of hunger in our land and to keep our planet alive and healthy. By rescuing 56 million meals from going to landfill, we prevented the emission of more than 1,6 million kg of methane gas into the atmosphere.

Thank you!

Alan Browde - CEO, SA Harvest



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SA Harvest's Board of Directors has provided the incredible support needed to ensure the organisation could grow its reach and impact in a short space of time. The 2023 Board consists of eight members.



Chairman
GIDON NOVICK

Gidon Novick founded South Africa's first low-cost airline, kulula.com, and the niche hotel brand, Home Suite Hotels. He has also been CEO of Vitality, the world's largest wellness programme. He provided the seed capital for SA Harvest and is intimately involved in the formulation of the organisation's strategy as part of his personal mission to build a sustainable non-profit organisation in SA.



CEO and Founder
ALAN BROWDE

Alan Browde, who grew up in Johannesburg, began his career at Stellenbosch Farmers Wineries. He moved into the advertising industry and became MD of Grey Action, the marketing services provider to the Grey Advertising Group's clients. He then ran his own marketing services company for 25 years before launching SA Harvest. Alan and Ronni Kahn, OzHarvest Founder, were neighbours in Johannesburg and have remained life-long friends.



Founder OzHarvest
RONNI KAHN

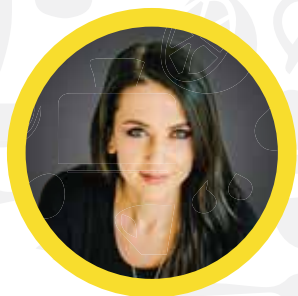
Ronni Kahn has built OzHarvest into a leading food rescue operations in Australia since she founded it in 2004. In the close on 20 years of operation, OzHarvest has delivered 250 million meals. Ronni was responsible for having the laws around food rescue amended in Australia to encompass the Good Samaritan Law. She is the recipient of the Order of Australia, the highest award for an Australian citizen.



Board Member
VIKA SHIPALANA

Vika Shipalana, Founder and CEO of VS Luxury Group, a Johannesburg-based marketing consultancy, was born and raised in the Eastern Cape. She has seen the devastation that hunger can cause in families and communities and is passionate about providing for those in need and helping them to provide for themselves. As a seasoned marketer and saleswoman, Vika is using her skills and networks to advance the cause and mission of SA Harvest.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Board Member

CHARLENE LINGHAM

South African-born Charlene Lingham co-founded global digital marketing firm, Clicks2Customers, with her husband Vinny Lingham. She moved to Silicon Valley in 2007 where she worked as a growth marketing consultant for Facebook and various startups. She was formerly a US-based ambassador for the Nelson Mandela Foundation and now leads global social impact projects for the Lingham Family Trust.



Board Member

MILES KUBHEKA

Miles Kubheka is a visionary, leader, public speaker and trailblazer for purely traditional South African food. Miles is a successful gastronomist and the founder and owner behind Vuyo's Restaurant brand.

As a key changer in the South African food landscape, he has opened restaurants, food carts and trucks. He believes every person in South Africa should have access to good, nutritious food, and his mission is to make it happen.



Board Member

OZZY NEL

Ozzy Nel is COO of SA Harvest. He has extensive experience in the food and hospitality industry, having studied and worked as a chef, manager and team builder. His skills, insight, and hospitality experience together with his passion for supporting vulnerable people, have ensured that he is a perfect fit in the SA Harvest structure.



Board Member

COSMAS RUNYOWA

Cosmas Runyowa is a qualified Chartered Management Accountant with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) degree, a diploma in Taxation, and a qualification in the Dynamic Management Programme from Duke University. He has also completed a programme for leadership development (PLD) with Harvard Business School. Cosmas has extensive experience in the financial services industry, and is COO of Investec's South African Private Banking Operations.

MISSION & OVERVIEW

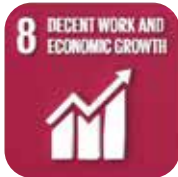
Our alignment with UN's global SDGs:



Through our systemic interventions we contribute to reducing poverty via food sovereignty.



Everything we do contributes to our mission which is to end hunger in South Africa.



Central to our systemic interventions is providing job opportunities for unemployed youth.



Preventing food from going to landfill plays a significant role in preventing climate change

We are on a mission

To end the injustice of hunger through integrating food charity and systemic interventions, and by leveraging appropriate technology.

At a glance

- SA Harvest began operations in 2019.
- We are part of the global Harvest group in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, UK, Vietnam, and Japan.
- We started with one truck and one driver in Cape Town. We now have four branches – Western Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape – 35 employees and a powerful network of partners.

How we do it

- We rescue from the food chain edible, safe food that would have gone to landfill and deliver it to community-based organisations that feed hungry people on a daily basis.
- We combine the feeding process with systemic solutions, including employing unemployed youth to work in our branches; formal training of both employees and beneficiaries to reduce their reliance on charity; and preparation of possible solutions to ensure the fulfilment of obligations as set out in sections 27 and 28 in the Constitution of South Africa.

Our impact

- Since inception, we have delivered more than over 56 million nutritious meals to over 200 vetted beneficiary and community-based organisations across South Africa.
- We have prevented 15,6 million kg of food waste from going to landfills.
- We have prevented more than 1,6 million kg of methane gas emissions.
- We have developed the most advanced, bespoke technology platform to ensure safety, efficiency, nutritional balance, and accurate data-recording in the food rescue space in South Africa.
- Strict and successful alignment with the global goals most relevant to our mission – SDG 1) No poverty; 2) Zero hunger; 8) Decent work and economic growth; 13) Climate action.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Causes of food insecurity and what is needed to achieve food security in South Africa



Prof Hettie Schönfeldt,
University of Pretoria

Bio

Hettie C Schönfeldt is a Tier 1 South Africa Department of Science and Innovation/ National Research Foundation (DSI/NRF) Research Chair (SARChI) in Nutrition and Food Security and professor in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NAS) at the University of Pretoria.

She is also an extraordinary lecturer in the School of Health Systems and Public Health. In November 2023, she was appointed as a member of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) by the Bureau of the UN Committee on World Food Security.

The South African population is experiencing a nutrition transition in which stunting, wasting and underweight among young children co-exist with increasing levels of overweight and obesity among older children and adults. In 2023 the national prevalence of overall stunting, wasting, and underweight in children aged 0-5 years were 28.8%, 5.3%, and 7.8% respectively. In the past 10 years, the combined prevalence of overweight and obesity in adult females has increased slightly from 64% to 67.9%, while that of adult males has increased substantially from 30.7% to 38.2%. Diets are often of poor quality, which contributes to high levels of micronutrient deficiencies and stunting, as well as diet-related chronic diseases (such as diabetes and hypertension).

Food insecurity not only affects the quantity of food consumed, but it also affects the quality of the diet. Low-income households rely more on energy-dense staple foods and less on nutrient-dense fruits, vegetables and animal source foods, inducing an excess intake of energy and a deficient intake of micronutrients. When energy intake chronically exceeds requirements, overweight and obesity result, which provides the false picture that food is readily available and consumed. Thus, an individual can be obese but at the same time have a micronutrient deficiency. Micronutrient deficiencies often have no noticeable signs except in extreme cases, and are for this reason often termed 'hidden hunger'. The relationships between food insecurity, undernutrition and obesity are complex and require further investigation in urban and rural settings.

Increased food and fuel prices, the Covid-19 pandemic, population growth, urbanisation and the state of the global economy, as well as climate change, are challenges that increase the risk of food insecurity and threaten attaining nutritious and sustainable diets. According to the Global Food Security Index, South Africa had a food security index of 61.7/100 in 2022 (ranked 59th out of 113 countries). According to Statistics South Africa 80% (14,2 million) of nearly 17,9 million households in SA in 2021 reported adequate access to food, while 15% (2,6 million) and 6% (1,1 million) reported inadequate and severely inadequate access to food, respectively. Rural areas, in particular, face challenges such as limited access to resources and infrastructure, which contribute to higher levels of household food insecurity.

When considering the combined 'perfect storm' of the negative health outcomes associated with the nutrition transition, coupled with household income pressure, high food inflation and the prevalence of food insecurity, the unaffordability of healthy eating is evident.

Policy actions aimed at increasing household expendable income (with a particular focus on vulnerable population segments) can help to relieve consumer debt, inequality and poverty. Economic instruments such as taxes and subsidies can be an important measure in promoting nutrient-rich foods, as opposed to ultra processed foods high in saturated fat, sugar and salt (negative nutrients). Consumer education, food labelling and marketing practices that are not misleading and adhere to legislative requirements, can help consumers to make more informed healthy food decisions.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP CONTINUE

Research on food systems and diets often treats food groups that are not adequately consumed such as fruits and vegetables as a single food group, rather than looking at diversity within species, or amounts or variety consumed. There is a need to better understand the different ways that food systems can make fruits and vegetables available, accessible, affordable and desirable for all people, across places and over time, to meet dietary recommendations.

One of the most urgent priorities is to address the current mismatch between the food produced and the food that is needed to support healthy and sustainable diets globally. This can be achieved by rebalancing agriculture sector subsidies to enhance local and global supplies of nutrient-rich foods. To enable this transition, policy must be redirected away from a narrow focus on solely agricultural output evaluated by energy output, towards increasing efficiency for the entire food system.



Policy interventions also need to consider the accessibility of nutrient-rich food to all by ensuring foods move along food supply chains more efficiently, reducing food losses and food waste, and lowering the cost of food production. Trade mechanisms such as formal trade agreements, tariffs, and food safety regulations can be used to shift the mix of foods available domestically, as well as their prices. Accessibility can be improved especially in rapidly growing urban centres, by investing in hard and soft infrastructure such as roads, cold storage, electrification, and access to credit. These mechanisms can help move perishable nutrient-rich foods along the supply chains quickly and more efficiently, preventing food losses and waste, and increasing profitability for small-holder farmers and small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) in particular.

Improving availability and accessibility of nutrient-rich food, produced sustainably, will only deliver limited environmental and dietary health benefits unless it is coupled with interventions targeting accessibility to healthy and sustainable diets. Interventions are needed to promote pro-poor growth and provide safety nets to decrease household level food insecurity. Innovation and technology can play a role too, such as reformulation of foods to reduce negative nutrients and/or add positive nutrients such as iodine, complete protein, vitamin A, iron and zinc (lacking in a mostly staple-based diet through various pathways such as fortification), prevention of food losses and wastes and by keeping costs down. A key consideration of all these interventions is the need for coordination across all policy levels and collaboration among all stakeholders in the food supply chain.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

SA Harvest introduces tech to track nutrition

In June 2023, SA Harvest announced an innovation to its bespoke technology platform that enables the tracking and analysis of the nutritional value of food it delivers, underscoring the organisation's commitment to providing food that nourishes people.

The conviction that the right to nutritious food as stipulated in Section 28 of the SA Constitution must be a top priority with all food rescue operations has been a cornerstone of SA Harvest's operating policy since its inception in 2019.

SA Harvest's state-of-the-art technology assesses the nutritional content of the food parcels dispatched to beneficiary organisations. The nutrition tracker employs data from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), identifying 60 essential nutrients in over 1 000 food items. It calculates the weight of each micro and macro nutrient relative to the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA), contributing to a holistic view of the nutritional value of food 'bundles' delivered to SA Harvest's beneficiaries. The tracker includes a scoring system that rates the nutritional value of the food bundle, setting a potential industry-wide standard for hunger relief efforts.

SA Harvest's dashboard also provides an aggregate of data, useful for identifying specific nutritional needs and shaping future procurement focus.

Mandela Million Meals Month

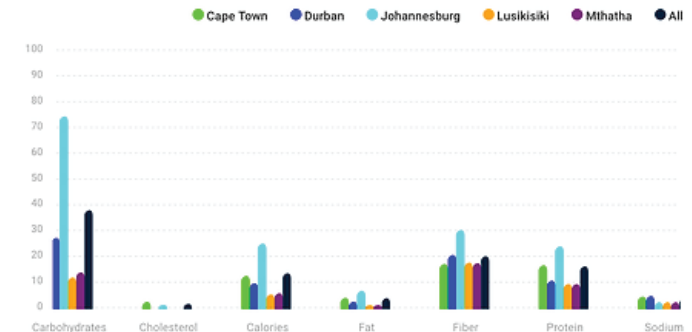
The Mandela Month Campaign launched in July under the banner of SA Harvest's advocacy arm, #UnionAgainstHunger, raising awareness about the ongoing injustice of hunger in South Africa, mobilising action to end it, and aiming to distribute a million meals in the month.

The campaign called on food donors, partners, corporates, and the South African public to join SA Harvest in their mission by pledging a symbolic donation representing Mandela's 67 years of service – funds or in-kind donations in multiples of 67. The #UnionAgainstHunger Million Meals Month food drive also invited companies to form long-term partnerships with SA Harvest in its mission. Ultimately 1.3 million nutritious meals were delivered by SA Harvest in Mandela month.



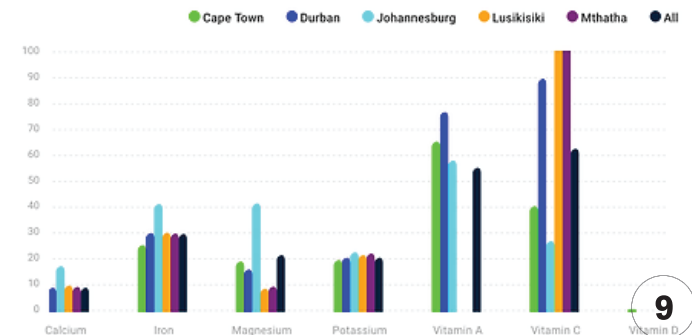
Macro Nutrients by City

Values are shown per meal



Micro Nutrients by City

Values are shown per meal



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 CONTINUE

Honouring 20 women in Cape Town

In Cape Town, SA Harvest celebrated Mandela Day by honouring 20 remarkable women from diverse regions, who rise each morning to cook for and feed their communities.

The special event, held at the Makers Landing Kitchen, offered these community heroes the chance to explore new culinary techniques, working with a UCOOK box of ingredients. The woman also had the chance to win a prize from the Silo Hotel, while the creator of the best-looking meal won a dining experience for two at the Den Anker restaurant at the V&A Waterfront.

Each woman also received a gift of a ride for two on the Cape Wheel. Sweet Lion Heart donated special cupcake treats, Flower Cafe adorned the venue with flowers, and Sir Fruit provided liquid refreshments.

SA Harvest and Chefs cook for Mandela

Chefs with Compassion annually sets a #67000litres challenge to chefs, cooks, corporates, restaurants, culinary schools and NPOs around the country to cook soup for those in need in their Mandela Day Challenge. In 2023, in Durban, the hospitality and restaurant industry embraced the campaign through SA Chefs, in partnership with SA Harvest, which provided essential ingredients and logistics support. A total of 25 kitchens participated, with contributions ranging from 20 to 720 litres.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 CONTINUE

Sharks join SA Harvest to combat hunger in Zululand

The Sharks Foundation and Hands of Hope initiative joined hands with SA Harvest to deliver essential food items to an underserved rural area KwaZulu-Natal. Two 8-tonne trucks filled with food supplies travelled over 200 km to Babanango Game Reserve to address the chronic lack of relief efforts in these areas.

The varied supply of food was designed to provide crucial sustenance to vulnerable families in the region, and translated to 10 000 meals. The collaboration between SA Harvest and The Sharks started in 2021 during the KZN riots, with SA Harvest using a warehouse at Durban's Hollywoodbets Kings Park Stadium, the home of The Sharks.

Members of The Sharks participated in the food delivery mission and encouraged the recipients. The joint initiative was supported by the OneFarm Share programme, the Tzu Chi Foundation, Crown National and SMG.

For Mandela Day, a multi-sector collaboration led by SA Harvest and the Hollywoodbets Sharks brought joy to 300 elderly people in KwaMashu. The joint effort included Chefs with Compassion, Talksure, OneFarm Share, ClemenGold, Unitrans, SMG, SSG and Hollywoodbets, who together delivered soup, blankets, and citrus fruit to the beneficiaries.

“We are part of the community and partnering with SA Harvest allows us to expand our reach and multiply our impact – creating a circle of care that leaves no one behind.”
Dr Eduard Coetzee, CEO, Hollywoodbets Sharks

Sasfin's #Restaurant67 for community heroes

Sasfin embraced Mandela Day by celebrating SA Harvest's beneficiary organisations and presenting a delicious meal, beautiful décor, entertainment, and wholehearted appreciation at their special #Restaurant67.

Amazon and SA Harvest serve kindness to heroes

Amazon Web Services staff joined hands in a culinary collaboration with the V&A Waterfront, Makers Landing and SA Harvest, to share a day with women from 14 beneficiary organisations. The women spent the morning engaged in cooking activities and in learning about reducing food waste from the 25-member Amazon team.

Akim Riemer of Green Guerrillas shared fascinating insights on urban agriculture, soil farming and waste stabilisation, the magical healing power of soil-blind tasting microgreens, and a green juice demonstration and tasting.



Rugby legends take warmth to Alexandra

The SA Rugby Legends Association (SARLA) undertook their Winter Warmer campaign in partnership with SA Harvest, Cell C, DSV and Richmark Holdings, providing blankets, food hampers, and bulk food ingredients to Omosa Development Centre to benefit 400 children.

Rugby legends Mac Masina, Warren Brosnihan, Jannie du Plessis, Jonathan Mokuena, John Allan, Krynauw Otto, Henno Mentz, Dave von Hoesslin, Grant Esterhuizen and others, teamed up to deliver the supplies. Additional donations to the campaign were provided by Rise Against Hunger, OneFarm Share, and the Tzu Chi Foundation.

The Omosa Development Centre, founded by Alice Modiri, provides daily meals to children from ECDs, orphanages, and organisations for children with disabilities.

“With initiatives like SARLA Winter Warmer, we're making a difference along with SA Harvest and our sponsors Cell C and DSV, and we hope to collaborate in this type of community work for years to come.” John Smit, CEO of SARLA

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 CONTINUE

SA Harvest calls for an end to food waste

To mark World Food Day in October 2023, SA Harvest responded to the day's theme – Water is food, water is life – by calling for an end to food waste and increased sustainable irrigation technologies.

Alan Browde, SA Harvest: "In South Africa over 60% of available freshwater resources are used in agriculture, primarily in irrigated agriculture. We have an urgent need to adopt sustainable irrigation technologies that optimise food production and foster positive environmental outcomes without increasing water usage. In 2017, the WWF reported that one-fifth of SA's water is used for food that is wasted. About 1.7 km³ of water (about 560 000 Olympic sized swimming pools) is extracted from ground and surface water bodies to produce food that is wasted in South Africa."

SA Harvest held a poster contest to encourage greater awareness of the vital role water plays in our food system and inspire the next generation to protect our water and ensure a sustainable future for all.

Dr QU Dongyu, Director-General of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization: "We need to stop taking water for granted. Making informed decisions about the products we buy, wasting less water and preventing flooding and pollution are easy ways for everybody to contribute to a future of prosperity for people and the planet."

East Coast Radio calls in Big Favours

SA Harvest and East Coast Radio partnered in December 2023 in the Big Favour Season of Sharing, spearheaded by Darren Maule, Sky Tshabalala, and Carmen Reddy, to raise funds to help feed those in need.

The telethon was hosted by East Coast Radio and brought in an impressive R1,6 million from generous listeners and businesses, enabling the donation of food hampers to those who needed them. The hampers contained fruit and vegetable seeds for planting and a variety of nutritious groceries and produce.

The hampers were handed out to disadvantaged schools in Newcastle (Isiphosemvelo Secondary School), Pietermaritzburg (Ikhwezi Primary School), Mzinyati (Maduna Primary School), and Iqadi (Mbasela Primary School), benefiting 560 families and representing a total of 171 563 meals.

Melrose Arch music with the Drakensberg Boys

Melrose Arch presented Carols on the Piazza with the Drakensberg Boys Choir on 25 November, with the proceeds benefiting both SA Harvest and the Drakensberg Boys.

The event was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience and raised thousands of rand for SA Harvest.

"Carols on the Piazza is a heartwarming event that brings our community together to embrace the joy of the season of giving. We are honoured to be able to donate 100% of the concert proceeds to SA Harvest and the Drakensberg Boys Choir." Khanyi Moyo, Marketing Manager of Melrose Arch



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 CONTINUE

SA Harvest and *Daily Maverick* in December 2023

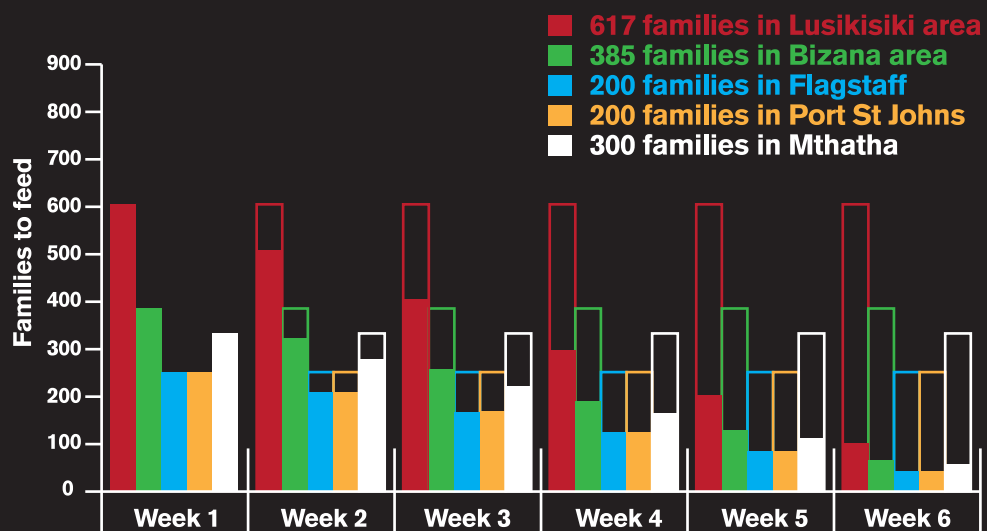
As the December 2023 holiday approached, the SA Harvest team was acutely aware that communities across the Eastern Cape faced a challenge. The closure of schools and pre-schools meant that many children would go without their one guaranteed meal a day during the break.

SA Harvest and *Daily Maverick* joined hands to tackle the issue. SA Harvest used data and the efforts by the team to identify the most vulnerable families in the region and *Daily Maverick* appealed to readers to support the cause to feed those in need. The *Daily Maverick* initiative attracted generous donations from readers. Their contributions provided the resources to impact in the lives of thousands of families in the Eastern Cape and to ensure sustenance for children, bridging the gap until schools reopened their doors.

Boxer Superstores packed the food parcels at store level during their busiest season, and even helped to deliver the parcels in some areas. From December 2023 to January 2024, the Lusikisiki team distributed food parcels to 1 702 families in strategically targeted areas – Lusikisiki, Port St Johns, Flagstaff, Mthatha and Bizana.



FOOD PARCELS MADE TO LAST FAMILIES FOR SIX WEEKS:



TECHNOLOGY

The brain at the heart of SA Harvest's operations

SA Harvest's bespoke and innovative technology platform is at the heart of its operations:

- It enables tracking and tracing of every food item from collection and warehouse to distribution.
- It tracks expiry dates and other necessary data to ensure consistent food safety.
- It measures the average monthly nutritional value of the food delivered to beneficiaries.
- It stores information on donors, beneficiaries and users in the food rescue process.

This platform integrates all its functionalities into a single system, streamlining the food rescue process.



THE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM IS EMPOWERING SA HARVEST TO BECOME EVEN MORE EFFICIENT IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER AND FOOD WASTE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

How it works

Donation tracking – when a supermarket, manufacturer or farm donates food, the platform logs the details for efficient sorting and distribution.

Beneficiary management – the platform tracks the creation and distribution of food parcels to beneficiary organisations, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Nutritional tracking – by recording the nutritional value of donations, the platform ensures a balanced variety of food items are delivered in each parcel, promoting healthy meals for recipients.

Impact reporting – the interactive dashboard provides insights into SA Harvest's reach and impact, which is crucial for securing funding and demonstrating our effectiveness to donors.

Data repository – the platform stores data on donors, beneficiaries, and internal users, which can be used for further analysis and improvement in our operations.

Looking ahead

SA Harvest is exploring new initiatives to expand the platform's impact:

- Data sharing with the City of Cape Town, *Daily Maverick*, the National Road Freight Association, various food and fiscal donors and many more, which could lead to further innovation in the food rescue ecosystem.
- Carbon reduction for donors by partnering with organisations such as Tweak Carbon and leveraging the platform's data. This could assist donors to generate accurate ESG scorecards that reflect their contribution to reducing food waste and carbon emissions through food rescue.
- Wakamoso integration – SA Harvest is also considering integrating technologies developed by Wakamoso, a company that empowers communities through data, to further optimise SA Harvest's food rescue operations and maximise impact.

LOGISTICS

Keeping the wheels of SA Harvest turning

Logistics is the wheel that keeps SA Harvest's wealth of operations turning – ensuring that food rescue and redistribution run smoothly and safely from beginning to end. And while SA Harvest does have a fleet of vehicles that are constantly on the move, its transportation capacity is vastly expanded by the generous support of various logistics partners, without which, food distribution would be severely hampered.

In 2023, SA Harvest received a donation of **1 000 tonnes of citrus from ClemenGold**. This meant that **68 tonnes had to be transported every week** from the packhouse in Nelspruit to Durban or Johannesburg. An appeal went out to the **logistics and transport industry to help ensure that this nutritious fruit reached beneficiary organisations** and the **response was amazing!**

Unitrans and Maersk provided trucks for the first four weeks. OneFarm Share sourced much-needed agri-bins from CHEP, enabling the transporting of loose fruit. Other partners who came on board to enable the successful distribution of the citrus included Unitrans Group, Teralco Logistics, Xinergistix and Allied Transport – and SA Harvest now eagerly anticipates continued collaboration with logistics and transport organisations.

Looking ahead

Transport companies with vehicles of all sizes are encouraged to register with SA Harvest as partners, providing logistical support and transport when their capacity allows. The greater the logistical and transport support SA Harvest is given, the greater the amount of food that will be rescued and the number of beneficiaries served.



Logistics and SA Harvest in 2023



MAERSK

Prins Vervoer BK



PARTNER CASE STUDY ONEFARM SHARE

OneFarm
Share

Powered by
Standard Bank

in partnership with
HelloChoice

Making an impact from farm to fork

OneFarm Share is an integrated impact platform in a partnership with Standard Bank and HelloChoice. It is addressing food waste and food insecurity, while also supporting and developing emerging farmers. SA Harvest has been working with OneFarm Share since July 2021 to make a meaningful impact in the critical areas of food security and waste reduction.

The OneFarm Share platform procures fresh produce for donation from two primary sources:

Emerging farmers

offering them valuable offtake and strong support on their paths to commercialisation; and

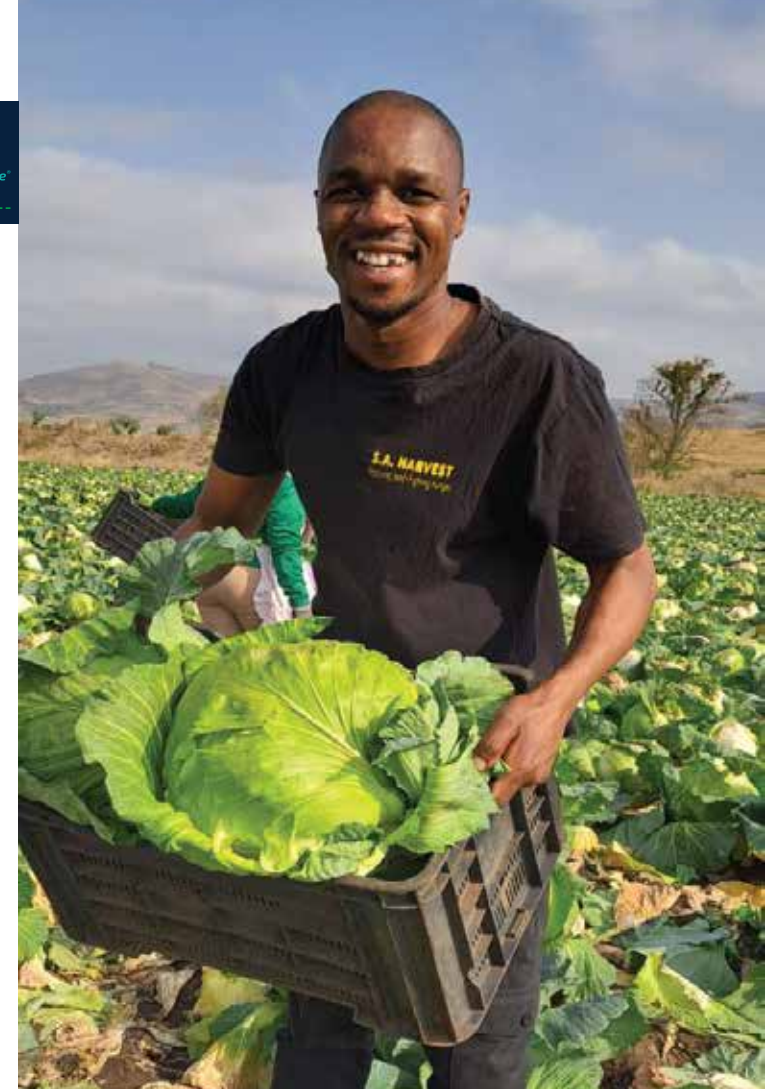
Commercial farmers and produce markets

where the fruit and vegetables would have otherwise gone to waste. Food waste carries a significant social, economic, and environmental cost.

The SA Harvest and OneFarm Share partnership is enabling valuable strides in addressing pervasive waste and the country's hunger crisis, all while supporting farmers and making improvements across the agricultural value chain.

“Through the partnership between OneFarm Share and SA Harvest, South Africans have been served meals incorporating nutrient dense, locally grown fresh produce.”

GRANT JACOBS, HELLOCHOICE DIRECTOR



ONEFARM SHARE & SA HARVEST IN 2023



2 883 TONNES of fresh produce distributed to beneficiaries by SA Harvest via OneFarm Share. This equates to over **11.5 MILLION MEALS** over the year.



Since inception, the total volume of produce delivered through the partnership is **8 207 TONNES**, equating to more than **32.8 MILLION** nutrient dense meals.



7 REGIONS REACHED

547

PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTORS TO ONEFARM SHARE:

444

SMALLHOLDER FARMERS (129 WOMEN)

78

COMMERCIAL FARMERS

14

PACKERS/PROCESSORS

11

MARKET AGENTS

56

NUTRITIOUS FOOD BASKET ITEMS



PARTNER CASE STUDY BP SOUTHERN AFRICA

SA Harvest's official fuel partner



bp Southern Africa (bpSA) became SA Harvest's official fuel partner in mid-2022 with the goal to 'deliver 55 million meals to those in need over three years', and SA Harvest looks forward to continuing our partnership with bpSA over the next two years.

In 2023, bpSA's contribution helped SA Harvest's fleet of vehicles deliver food daily to over 40 beneficiaries in Durban, Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Nelspruit and the Gqeberha region. The partnership has helped to deliver 20 million meals that fed 1.4 million individuals. In the process, 6 million kg of food was saved from going into landfill, equating to 390 000 tonnes of methane gas that were not released into the atmosphere.

Through the partnership, bp Southern Africa will contribute towards reduction in methane emissions from landfills, in support of bp's global Net zero carbon ambitions. In total, bp's support will have prevented more than 1 million kg of methane gas over the three-year period.

The reduction in methane released into the atmosphere is in line with bp's global drive to reach Net zero.

Sister organisation to SA Harvest, OzHarvest, celebrated seven years of successful partnering with bp Australia in 2023.

"We are committed to contributing to communities in which we operate in a meaningful and impactful way for a sustainable future."
TAELO MOJAPELO, BP SOUTHERN AFRICA CEO

BPSA AND SA HARVEST IN 2023



20 MILLION
meals delivered



40 BENEFICIARIES
Reached



390 000 TONNES
of methane saved

55 MILLION
in **3 YEARS**

**FUEL PARTNER ENABLING
DELIVERY OF 55 MILLION
MEALS IN 3 YEARS**



PARTNER CASE STUDY CLEMENGOLD

1 000 tonnes of nutritional ‘gold’ delivered

ClemenGold approached SA Harvest to help redirect their surplus citrus to our vetted beneficiary organisations.

ClemenGold, the global mandarin brand from South Africa, annually distributes more than 4 million pieces of citrus to about 160 000 beneficiaries at crèches, old age homes, hospitals, schools, and other non-profit institutions in areas where nutrition is a daily challenge. But logistical challenges were limiting the impact of this initiative. In 2023, ClemenGold entered into a partnership with SA Harvest to donate 1 000 tonnes of citrus over the 2023 season, to be distributed by SA Harvest and its transportation partners to beneficiary organisations in Durban and Johannesburg.

Strategic collaboration and logistics management were engaged to successfully deliver the sustenance, and this collaborative effort demonstrated the power of working together to drive positive change.

Feeding the hungry with nutritious food is a cornerstone of SA Harvest’s philosophy, and food-insecure communities often face barriers to accessing nutritious food, resulting in issues such as starch-excess obesity, malnourishment, and various diet-related health conditions. The donation of citrus fruit directly impacted and nourished people in communities that need it most, particularly children.

Partners who came on board to enable the successful distribution of the citrus included Unitrans Group, Teralco Logistics / Xinergetics, Allied Transport, as well as CHEP and OneFarm Share, which supplied crucial agri-bins for transporting loose fruit.

SA Harvest is grateful for this opportunity and eagerly anticipates continued collaboration in serving vulnerable communities.

“Taking hands with SA Harvest enables us to have an even bigger impact and reach areas beyond our immediate surroundings.”

ADÉLE ACKERMANN, MARKETING MANAGER FOR CLEMENGOLD INTERNATIONAL

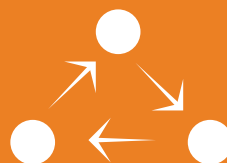
CLEMENGOLD AND SA HARVEST IN 2023



1 000 TONNES
of citrus donated



**68 TONNES OF
FRUIT** a week from Nelspruit



**3 LOGISTICS
PARTNERS** involved



98 community organisations
IN DURBAN
64 community organisations
IN JOHANNESBURG



5 484 KM
travelled



1 170 STURDY
agri-bins from CHEP



PARTNER CASE STUDY LUSIKISIKI



Partnerships meet needs in Lusikisiki

The SA Harvest Eastern Cape branch in Lusikisiki story is an encouraging one, marking a big step forward in our entrepreneurial development programme and addressing education in nutrition and plant production.

While SA Harvest had been active in the area for over two years, the branch was established when nine Lusikisiki youth (all graduates unable to find employment) were employed in 2022 to run the branch while at the same time being trained as agri-food entrepreneurs through a SAQA accredited programme.

The graduates were given intensive training through an entrepreneurial incubator initiative with support from Naspers Labs, while working with communities and community organisations that SA Harvest had been working with. They were trained by SA Harvest's Joburg team, covering a wide spectrum of essential tasks, from beneficiary vetting to warehouse maintenance, health and safety protocols, and first aid.

In addition, and based on SA Harvest's understanding that agriculture holds immense potential as a powerful catalyst for achieving food security and poverty reduction within the region, the Lusikisiki team completed a National Certificate in Plant Production, which has equipped them to become agri-entrepreneurs in the future. Ultimately, these employees will branch out on their own with their acquired skills, opening up opportunities for the next cohort of young people to be trained and prepared for their entrepreneurial journey.

***Daily Maverick* collaborates with SA Harvest**

As the December 2023 holiday approached, the SA Harvest team was aware that the closure of schools meant that many children would go without their guaranteed one meal a day. One in three households in the Eastern Cape are food insecure, and one in four children are stunted from a lack of nutritious food. SA Harvest identified the most vulnerable families in the area and *Daily Maverick* appealed to readers to support the cause to feed those in need. Their contributions ensured that food parcels could be distributed to 1 702 families in strategically targeted areas. Boxer Superstores also stepped in and packed food parcels and helped to deliver them.

iThemba Kuluntu NPO

Through the relationship with *Daily Maverick*, SA Harvest has secured a groundbreaking relationship with the iThemba Kuluntu NPO in the Pondoland region near Port St. Johns, which will enable building sustainable solutions for the future. SA Harvest and iThemba Kuluntu are establishing a small commercial farm and training centre, empowering communities with skills and knowledge needed to support school soup kitchens and advocate for better education standards. (still very unsure of this collaboration)

“It takes a village to raise a child and set them free to dream – join us and be a part of their village.”

OZZY NEL, SA HARVEST

PARTNER CASE STUDY AGRIMARK

Agri-bins a game-changer

The potential to rescue loose fruit from packhouses and farmers had been largely untapped because of logistical issues and a lack of large agri-bins.

In 2023 OneFarm Share brokered partnerships with CHEP and Agrimark, which provided the necessary infrastructure to move huge volumes of produce from various regions. The introduction of the bins is a game-changer in SA Harvest's food rescue operation as it enables the collection of loose fruit, increasing the volume of donations significantly and providing packhouses with an efficient solution to their surplus and excess fruit.



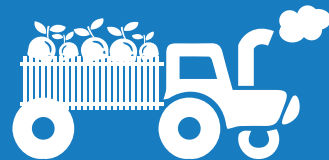
AGRIMARK



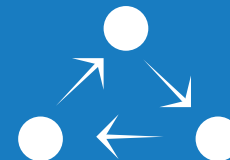
AGRIMARK & SA HARVEST IN 2023



1 000 TONNES
of citrus donated



**68 TONNES OF
FRUIT** a week from Nelspruit



**3 LOGISTICS
PARTNERS** involved



1 170 STURDY
agri-bins from CHEP

BRANCH REPORTS **Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal**

Gauteng Branch

SA Harvest in Gauteng made remarkable progress in 2023 in our mission to rescue food and deliver it to vulnerable communities. Our team was bolstered by the addition of six IDC students who volunteer twice a week, gaining valuable hands-on experience in our daily operations and contributing to our workflow.

The marketing team also expanded, with Zanele joining as our Marketing Assistant. Her efforts have boosted our outreach and engagement with the community, raising awareness about our cause and expanding our support network.

A notable highlight was Celani's promotion from Warehouse Assistant to Johannesburg Warehouse Manager. His leadership and dedication have been exemplary, earning him the respect and admiration of the entire team, and his effective management has significantly improved our operations.

We continue to serve a strong beneficiary base, ensuring weekly deliveries to support those in need, which in turn, services vulnerable communities. Our activity levels saw a slow start but ramped up significantly with notable contributions, including a substantial maize meal donation from the Tzu Chi Foundation and a generous Twypack citrus donation. We also initiated a successful daily donation partnership with Krispy Kreme, which will continue for the next 12 months.

Team spirits are high with everyone motivated and committed to our cause. Looking ahead to 2024, we aim to grow our food donor database to take on more beneficiaries and expand our impact.



Western Cape Branch

The Western Cape team's highlights of 2023 included a substantial donation from Buttanutt Milk. Their generous contribution of over 100 tonnes of milk to SA Harvest had a profound impact on operations and the communities served.

The health benefits of Buttanutt Milk are numerous. Beneficiaries report that the milk is particularly beneficial for children, especially when used with porridge in the morning, and the elderly appreciate the milk for its positive effects on their bones, immune system, and cardiovascular health. The demand for this milk is so high that whenever supplies run out, numerous requests for more are received.

The Cape Town warehouse also received several other large donations throughout 2023, significantly enhancing our capacity to support those in need. These donations allowed for expanded reach and improved logistics, ensuring timely and efficient distribution of food supplies. The team also established a stronger beneficiary base, with weekly deliveries ensuring consistent support. These beneficiaries are doing incredible work, making a tangible difference in their communities by effectively utilising the resources provided.

The dedication and hard work by the Western Cape team have been instrumental in these successes, as they have continually adapted and improved operations. Looking ahead, there is great optimism for building on this momentum in the coming year, further strengthening the impact and support for vulnerable communities.



BRANCH REPORT CONTINUE

Eastern Cape Branch

One of the greatest milestones for the Lusikisiki team in 2023 was achieving their National Certificate in Plant Production. They look forward to putting this knowledge into use in the near future on unused land in the area, and the agrarian nature of the town makes this a perfect fit.

The team also distributed food parcels to indigent households, covering Mbizana, Flagstaff, Lusikisiki, Port St Johns and Mthatha. This initiative brought change to the community and gave hope to people who have accepted poverty as a way of life. The branch supports 26 beneficiaries, which include soup kitchens, food distributing NPOs and unfunded preschools. The team is looking forward to having a warehouse and supporting beneficiaries on a weekly basis, as well as providing food parcels to families when schools are closed and children are unable to receive their daily meals from school.

The team is ready and committed to distribute as much as they can in 2024 and would like to express their deepest gratitude to SA Harvest management for making all this possible.

KwaZulu-Natal Branch

The Durban Branch in KZN was excited to welcome two new team members, Josey Zakumba, Assistant Manager, and Luyanda Takayo, Warehouse Assistant, in 2023, who have both been excellent additions to the team.

We started 2023 slowly in terms of operations and tonnage, but things improved. We faced two main challenges. First, logistics for beneficiaries were complicated, and to resolve this, we divided our service area into four sections: Central, North, South, and West. This division is significantly improving our logistics planning for 2024. Second, the number of beneficiaries increased in 2023 due to floods, making it difficult to feed everyone. During the floods, donor contributions were higher, but by the end of last year, we reduced the number of beneficiaries to match the available food supply. This adjustment helped us become more sustainable in food distribution for 2024.

We had many sporadic donors in 2023. We are now focusing on sustaining our current donors and attracting new ones. This effort is promising as we have already secured two donors: one sporadic and one sustainable. We look forward to continuing our efforts and making a positive impact in 2024.

BRANCH REPORT CONTINUE

Who are our beneficiaries?

Our generous donors and partners across the country made all this possible in 2023:

SA HARVEST – NATIONAL BENEFICIARY COVERAGE

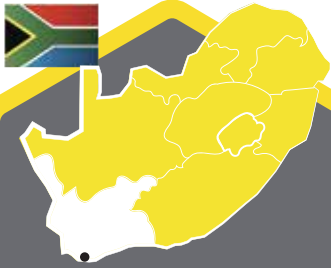
BENEFICIARY TYPE	HOW MANY?	MEALS DELIVERED
Disability	3	1 79 575
ECD	38	1 749 621
Food distribution	116	4 480 412
Old age home	7	444 706
Orphanage	6	326 744
Rehabilitation	4	191 610
Shelter	10	578 326
Soup kitchen	112	7 572 395



BRANCH REPORT CONTINUE

IN OUR SA HARVEST BRANCHES IN 2023

* Since October 2019



CAPE TOWN WESTERN CAPE

85
beneficiaries

356
people employed
by beneficiaries

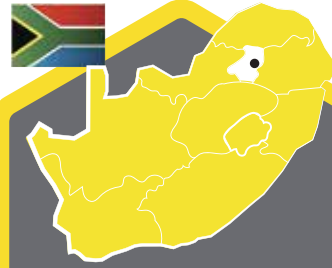
1678 volunteers

5,950,520
meals in 2023

17,884,507
meals all time*

30,000 kg
of methane gas
saved

5
members of staff



GAUTENG JOHANNESBURG

75
beneficiaries

640
people employed
by beneficiaries

531 volunteers

5,084,002
meals in 2023

18,720,433
meals all time*

30,000 kg
of methane gas
saved

7
members of staff



KWAZULU-NATAL

126
beneficiaries

361
people employed
by beneficiaries

573 volunteers

3,986,889
meals in 2023

15,074,310
meals all time*

18,000 kg
of methane gas
saved

6
members of staff



EASTERN CAPE LUSIKISIKI

15
beneficiaries

78
people employed
by beneficiaries

46 volunteers

365,819
meals in 2023

665,649
meals all time*

3,000 kg
of methane gas
saved

7
members of staff

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SA Harvest thanks all our 2023 food donors*



- A** 360 Farming
Agri Gro
Amaro Foods
Amazon
Anchor Yeast
- B** Barry Farmer
Bidfood
Boxer
bp VA Office
Bravo Food
Bread of the Nation
Buttanut
- C** Camps Bay High School
Candlewood Farm
Cape Mushrooms
Carisbrooke Valley Citrus
Cash & Carry
Cater Chain Food Services
CCS Logistics
Checkers Virginia
Chefs With Compassion
Clemengold
CNS Foods Durban
Colgate
Cookie Factory
Crown Foods Group
Crown International
Cucumber King
- D** Dawn Fresh
Degno
Dennegeur Farms
Denny Mushrooms
Diepsloot Farm
Digistics
Domino Foundation
Dr Kamiel Farm
- E** Econo Foods
Elgin Free Range Chickens
- F** Fair Cape Cpt
Famous Brands
Ferreira Fresh
Food Lover's Market
Foodirections
Forever Farming
Forries Farm
Fresh Mark
Fresh To Go
Fresh Veggies
FutureLife
- G** Gedlumlhanga Youth Co-op & Farmers
Gideon Milling
Goodlands Farms
Graaff Fruit
Grain Field Chickens
Green Pastures
- H** Hex Berries
Highlands Farm
Hodari Foods
Home Bao
Howbill Farming
Hoxies
- I** I&J
IFF
In2Food
Indigo Fruit Farming
- J** Jazy's Gourmet Pizza
Jhb Market
- K** Karsten
Kekkel en Kraai
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- L** Liberty Foods
Lucerne Farm
- M** Maersk
Makers Landing
Market Demand Fruits
McCain Foods SA
Mimosa Packhouse
Montagu Foods
Morester Farms
Mtasi Green Farm
- N** Naturally Organic
Nature Hills Farm
Neighbour Roots
Neo Trading
Nestlé
Northwood Farm
Nutripick
- O** Okja
OneFarm Share
Oude Muur
Oxford Fresh Market
- P** Pepsico
PnP Hyper Durban North
Pondoland Maize
Premier Foods
- Q** Quantam Foods
- R** RCL Foods
RCL Foods Do More Foundation
Rennie Farms
Rhodes Food Group
Rich Valley Co-Op
Rise Against Hunger
Rora Orchards
Royco Mars
Rugby Legends
Rush Nutrition
- S** Sawmill Fruit Terminal
Schoonbee Landgoed Estates
Sea Harvest Corporation
Shoprite Checkers
Siqalo Foods
Sir Fruit CT and JHB
Siyanda Fruit & Veg
SKF Boerdery
Skyview Distribution
SNAC Solutions
Southern Block Farming
Spar
Springfield Fresh Produce
Stellenpack
Sunnyfield Group
Sunshine Bakery
Sunspray Food Ingredients
- T** Talksure
Terugploeg
The Beverage Company
The Health Food Co
Tiger Brands
Tightlight Fisheries
Trufruit
Twypack
Tzu Chi Foundation
- U** Uber Eats
UCOOK
Unilever Food Solutions
United Packhouse
Urban Foods
Uthingo Mills
- V** Valota Farms
Vector Logistics
Vector Logistics
VN Boerdery
- W** Woolworths Head Office
- Y** Yokos

OPERATING FINANCIALS - 2023 (SA Rands)

Revenue and reserve	R 25 564 567,00
Operating expenses	R 23 335 151,00
Operating surplus.....	R 2 229 416,00

Operating expenses

Accounting fees	250 000.00	Municipal expenses	216 838.00
Advertising and marketing	514 996.00	Packaging	231 652.00
Bank charges	184 467.00	Printing and stationery	28 589.00
Computer expenses	176 885.00	Procurement	193 393.00
Consulting fees	430 872.00	Project costs	5 930 832.00
Courier and freight	13 779.00	Refrigeration costs	45 500.00
Depreciation and amortisation	333 525.00	Rent paid	731 322.00
Digital platform	106 414.00	Repairs and maintenance	174 432.00
Employee costs	8 746 868.00	Secretarial fees	4 500.00
Entertainment	25 975.00	Security	10 731.00
Fair value adjustments	828 149.00	Staff uniforms	65 795.00
Fuel costs	1 019 448.00	Staff welfare	114 400.00
Insurance	179 815.00	Subscriptions	4 120.00
Legal expenses	7 580.00	Supplies and warehouse equipment	110 085.00
Management travelling expenses	535 710.00	Telephone expenses	262 002.00
Motor vehicle expenses	549 218.00	Toll fees	20 381.00
Motor vehicle rental	826 275.00	Training	460 603.00
		Total	23 335 151.00



LET'S KEEP MOVING MOUNTAINS

**“I can enjoy this, but I give up; I could eat that sugar, but I give that sugar...
you would be surprised of the beautiful things that people do to share the joy of giving.”**

MOTHER TERESA