

### **300 families receive food garden starter kits from Shoprite**

Shoprite distributed garden-in-a-bucket kits to 300 families in communities across the North West, Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Western Cape provinces in its ongoing efforts to ensure greater food security.

The retailer's Grow Your Own project provides community members, who live near Shoprite-supported food gardens, with garden kits as well as the necessary training and tools required to grow their own food gardens at home.

Each kit contains enough seedlings, seeds and fertiliser to grow sufficient fresh produce for a family of four for at least a year.

To date Shoprite has distributed more than 4 000 kits to communities across South Africa, benefitting over 16 000 people.

"We are committed to building the resilience of the communities in which we trade. Food gardens ensure vulnerable communities are more adaptive, so it is one of the many initiatives we have in place to help address food security across South Africa," says Sanjeev Raghubir, Head of Sustainability and CSI at the Shoprite Group.

Hunger relief and food security are at the core of the Group's Act For Change programme through which the retailer supports more than [230 food gardens](#) – covering over 4.5 million m<sup>2</sup> – indirectly impacting 61 064 beneficiaries.

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Additional information:

The community members benefitting from the garden-in-a-bucket starter kits live in the vicinity of the following Shoprite-supported gardens:

- Davinon Hydroponics Project in Bosplaas, Moretele, North West
- Dirang Batswana Greenery Project in Koster, North West
- Mthimkhulu Community Development Programme in Kleinmond, Western Cape
- Realeboga Bakubung Training and Development Agency in Thaba Nchu, Free State
- Sibonile Agricultural Co-operative in Acornhoek, Mpumalanga
- Winnie Mabaso Foundation in Ennerdale, Gauteng