

In its drive toward greater food security, Shoprite supports Lesotho home gardeners

Shoprite has donated thousands of seedlings to community members in Lesotho, also providing training and tools that will enable them to grow their own fruit and vegetables at home.

Hunger relief and food security are at the core of Shoprite's [Act For Change programme](#), through which the retailer has supported food gardens in Lesotho – including the St Cecilia Orphanage Home, God's Love Centre and Action Lesotho – since April 2022.

“Now we're also addressing food security at a household level by giving families the means to grow their own food, thereby helping them be more adaptive and resilient to a changing climate,” said Sanjeev Raghubir, Head of Sustainability and CSI at the Shoprite Group.

The [Act For Change programme](#) working with non-profit [Food & Trees for Africa](#) supports more than [230 food gardens](#) and 4 000 home gardens – covering over 4.5 million m² – indirectly impacting about 60 000 beneficiaries across southern Africa.

In Lesotho, Act for Change has also over the past year:

- served more than 110 000 hot meals through the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens;
- donated more than R2 million worth of surplus food and goods from its supermarkets to beneficiary organisations;
- ensured children at God's Love Centre Early Childhood Development Centre receive at least one nutritious meal per day (11 000+ meals in total).

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