

Garden serves as natural laboratory for teacher Nomonde Ntsundwana

Nomonde Ntsundwana is using an innovative way to teach learners at Seyisi Primary School in KwaZakhele in the Eastern Cape.

Known as “Ms Greenfingers”, Nomonde teaches through a flourishing food garden which she views as a natural laboratory where learners gain practical knowledge and do research.

The garden supplies fresh produce to the school’s daily nutrition programme and also generates income for the school through the sale of excess produce. The garden is maintained by the learners, as well as three community members who benefit by selling the produce not used to feed the learners.

To help with the growth and sustainability of the garden, Shoprite partnered with Nomonde to provide compost, seedlings, trees and gardening equipment. This has allowed Nomonde to expand the reach of her education and increase the positive impact of the garden on the community.

As a business with heart, Shoprite is committed to partnering with remarkable women like Nomonde who act for change in their local communities. Shoprite’s partnership with Nomonde stems back to 2012 when she was a finalist in the Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year Competition in the Educator’s category for her work at Canzibe Primary School, where she also started a food garden in 2005.

Watch this video to see the positive impact Nomonde’s garden is making on Seyisi Primary School and the broader KwaZakhele community: <https://youtu.be/5C5ThewMx84>