



## At the forefront of the fight against hunger and malnutrition

The Shoprite Group is committed to building the resilience of the communities in which it operates. They are home to its customers, employees and suppliers. The Group focuses on core issues that negatively impact communities, including hunger and malnutrition, and employs both short- and long-term strategies to fight the scourge.

*6.8 million South Africans go hungry every day\**

### Community Food Gardens

The Group's investment in food gardens generates multiple benefits. It helps to support food security at community level, generates livelihood opportunities and, through our market days, enables access to retail value chains.

- Starting with one in 2015, the Group now supports **119 community food gardens** and **475 home gardens**.
- A total of more than **28 000 individuals** benefit from this programme.
- Since inception, our food gardens have produced the equivalent of **638 736 meals**.
- Our home gardens have produced the equivalent of **21 988 meals**.
- The Group supports community food gardens in the following ways:
  - ❑ 18 months of permaculture training
  - ❑ Business training where appropriate
  - ❑ Access to market through market days at Shoprite & Checkers supermarkets
  - ❑ Donations of seedlings, other plant materials and garden tools
  - ❑ Water and other garden infrastructure, like shade nets, fencing, etc. where necessary
  - ❑ Provision of gardening starter kits ("garden-in-a-bucket") to community members interested in planting their own home gardens
    - ❑ These kits contain seedlings, hand tools, organic fertiliser and a training manual

### Surplus Food Donations

- Shoprite and Checkers supermarkets as well as the Group's distribution centres have donated surplus food and products to the value of **R95.1 million** in the last year.
- More than **400 vetted organisations** benefited from the redistribution of these unsold edible and usable items.

### Early Childhood Development

- One in four South African children under the age of five are stunted\*\* and therefore the access to nutritious meals for preschoolers is a top priority.

- In light of this, Shoprite and Checkers supermarkets support **109 preschools** across South Africa.
- We have served over **785 000 meals** to learners attending these schools in the last year - in excess of 2 000 meals per day.
- Employees' children account for **37%** of the children cared for at these preschools.

### **Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens**

- The Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens helps the Group to provide immediate hunger relief.
- The Group has a fleet of 26 vehicles located around the country.
- Each unit can serve up to **1 000 nutritious meals** of fortified soup and bread per day.
- In 2019 the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens provided **3.9 million meals** to destitute communities - in excess of 10 000 meals per day.

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\*[Stats SA Report on Food Security](#)

\*\* <https://www.unicef.org/pon00/leaguetos1.htm>