

## **Intsha yaKwaZulu-Natali ilwisana nokuntuleka kwamathuba omsebenzi ngokulima izivande okusimeme okuzoqhubeka isikhathi eside**

Njengoba iNingizimu Afrika ibhekene nezinga elingama-46.3% lokuntuleka kwamathuba omsebenzi entsheni, intsha yaKwaZulu-Natali seyibhukulile yabhekana ngqo nale nselele ngokuthi izivulele yona ngokwayo amathuba omsebenzi, futhi lokho sekuholele ekutheni ibambisane nohlelo lwabakwa-Shoprite lwezingadi zokudla zomphakathi ezisimeme futhi ezizoqhubeka isikhathi eside .

Ingadi yokudla i-Hlabana Magalela Supplies e-Newcastle yasungulwa yiqembu lentsha ngowezi-2012. Abasunguli bayo, uMzamo Mhlango kanye noBongani Mtshali, abayisungula ngokubambisana, bayaqhubeka nokufundisa abantu abasha mayelana nokulima futhi lokho bakwenze ngendlela esimeme ukuze kuqhubeka isikhathi eside.

“Le ngadi ngayijoyina ngowezi-2020 ngenkathi ngisesesikoleni samabanga aphakeme ukuze ngifunde kabanzi ngokulima, futhi ngisebenza lapha ngokugcwele, okuyinto engisizayo ukuthi ngizitholele imali,” kusho uBhekumuzi Khumalo (21).

Abaqeqeshi nabeluleki bakhe, okungoMhlango noMtshali, bamgqugquzela ukuthi aziqalele esakhe isivande ekhaya futhi azibhalisele elakhe ibhizinisi lokulima. UKhumalo manje usesebenzisa ukuqeqeshwa okuhlinzekwa ngabakwa-Shoprite ukuzilungiselela ukuqhuba ibhizinisi eliphumelelayo elizokwakhela abanye ontanga yakhe amathuba omsebenzi e-Newcastle.

“Ngenkathi siqala ingadi yokudla ngowezi-2012 inhloso yethu kwabe kuwukulwisana nokuntuleka kwamathuba omsebenzi entsheni njengoba nathi sabe singabanye phakathi kwabantu abasha abaningi abangasebenzi emphakathini wethu. Manje sesisebenzisa ulwazi lwethu esesiluzuzile ukudlulisa amakhono nokuqeqesha abantu abasha abanjengoBhekumuzi, ngenhloso yokwengeza phezu kwalokho abakucosha ezigawini zokuqeqeshwa nokucobelelana ngolwazi ezihlizekwa ngabakwa-Shoprite,” kusho uMhlango.

Abakwa-Shoprite sebesekele i-Hlabana Magalela Supplies kusukela ngasekupheleni konyaka odlule, behlinzeka ngohlelo lokuqeqesha oluqondene nokuthuthukiswa kwemvelo nokulima ngendlela esimeme, phecelezi i-*permaculture*, esikhathini esiyizinyanga eziyi-18 ukuqinisekisa ukusimama nokuqhubeka isikhathi eside kwale ngadi. “Izigawu zokuqeqeshwa zisifundise okuningi mayelana nokulima izivande ngokusebenzisa izindlela zemvelo hhayi amakhemikhali nezibulalizinambuzane. Lokhu kuqeqeshwa kube wusizo olukhulu, futhi siyababonga kakhulu abakwa-Shoprite ngalokhu,” kusho uMhlango.

Bathola futhi namathuluzi okulima izivande kanye nempahla yokuqala yokwakha uhlelo lokuchelela, okuwusizo oluvela kwabakwa-Shoprite. “Sesikulindele ngabomvu ukuthola amathange amanzi ngoba phela ukuntuleka kwamanzi endaweni yethu kuyinselele enkulu emizamweni esiyenzayo yokukhulisa ingadi yethu,” kuphawula uMhlango.

Enye iphrojekthi esekelwa ngabakwa-Shoprite, Iqabungelihle Garden Project endaweni yaKwaMashu bude buduze naseThekwini, ikhiqiza futhi ithengise isipinashi, iklabishi, ubhithrudi kanye no-*green pepper* emakhaya akule ndawo.

Le ngadi yasungulwa yiqembu labafundi bakamatikuletshe abangasebenzi yabhaliswa njengomfelandawonye ngoZibandlela 2017. “Inhloso yethu enkulu kwabe kuwukuhlinzeka umphakathi wethu ngokudla nokwakha amathuba omsebenzi futhi kusenjalo sivikele nemvelo yethu,” kusho uSabelo Mdalose (27), ongomunye wabasunguli bephrojekthi Iqabungelihle Garden Project. “Sikholelwa ekutheni ngokulima singawufukula futhi siwuphakamise umphakathi wethu.”

Iqabungelihle yaqala esiqintini somhlaba ongamamitha ayi-10x20 osesikoleni esiseduzane futhi manje le

ngadi seyikhulile yayofinyelela kumahekthare omhlaba amabili nesigamu.

Abakwa-Shoprite bebeyisekela le phrojekthi ngokuyihlinzeka ngochungechunge lwezigcawu zokuqeqeshwa ezibanjwa nyanga zonke, ezibahlomisa ngamakhono adingekayo ukuze bakwazi ukutshala nokulima ngendlela ezoba nezithelo ezinhle. Kule ngadi kusetshenziswa izinto zemvelo, ezinjengomquba, esikhundleni sokusebenzisa amakhemikhali nomanyolo wokuzenzela.

“Ngosizo lwabakwa-Shoprite, sikwazile ukuthola ishede, amadilamu amanzi, amanethi ezinyoni kanye namathuluzi okulungisa umhlabathi. Imali esiyithola ngokuthengisa imikhiqizo yethu seyiyikhulisile impela ibhalansi yemali ekhona kwi-akhawunti yasebhange ye-Iqabungelihle futhi sinikela njalo ngemifino kumakhaya asemphakathini wethu ngokunjalo futhi nasemakhaya abadala,” kuphawula uMdlalose.

Inkampani yakwa-Shoprite inohlelo olunohlonze lokubhekana ngqo nezinselele zokuntuleka kokudla abahlangabezana nazo nsuku zonke abantu abaningi kakhulu ezwekazini lonke. Ngokweseka kwabo izingadi zokudla zomphakathi eziyi-145, kanye nezivande ezisemakhaya abantu eziyi-1 429, abakwa-Shoprite bagqugquzela ukutholakala kokudla okwanele okuzoqhubeka isikhathi eside futhi bakha namathuba okuthi abantu bakwazi ukuziphilisa.

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