

Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchen serves Noordgesig community

Shoprite's Mobile Soup Kitchen served warm, nutritious soup and bread to the community of Noordgesig in Soweto, on Tuesday, 8 March 2022.

This marked the start of an ongoing relationship with the community, including the Noordgesig Primary School, enabling the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchen to serve on a regular basis.

Hunger relief and food security is at the core of the Shoprite Group's corporate social investment programmes and its Mobile Soup Kitchens are one of the many ways in which the retailer fights hunger in communities across South Africa.

"Our extensive hunger relief programme started with the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens, which have been serving vulnerable communities across South Africa for 15 years, but today also includes surplus food donations and community food gardens," said Judy Maluleka, CSI Manager for the Shoprite Group.

Through its Act For Change programme, the Group:

- served more than 4 800 000 hot meals through its Mobile Soup Kitchens in the past year
- supported more than 450 beneficiary organisations with surplus food and goods donations to the value of R138 million, enabling them to serve more than 40 million meals;
- and supports more than 160 community food gardens and over 2 500 home gardens, which impacts almost 17 000 beneficiaries. In the past year, more than 570 community members were trained in sustainable food gardening, assisting them to generate an income while growing nutritious and organic food.

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