

### **Shoprite donates garden kits to Mdantsane community**

Shoprite donated 'garden in a bucket' starter kits to the community of Mdantsane, in the Eastern Cape, to foster sustainable food security in the area.

The kits – containing essential garden resources including seedlings, hand tools, organic fertiliser and a training manual – equip community members to start their own food gardens. Community members are also provided with the necessary education and training to ensure their gardens' success.

"Shoprite is committed to addressing food security in vulnerable communities across South Africa and this initiative equips families to grow their own food and become more sustainable," said Judy Maluleka, CSI Manager for the Shoprite Group.

Hunger relief and food security are at the core of the Group's corporate social investment programmes. The retailer 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.

"I'm excited to start my own garden at home and can't wait to start adding my own-grown fresh produce to my family's meals," said Noluthando Yolelo, one of the community members who received a 'garden in a bucket' starter kit.

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