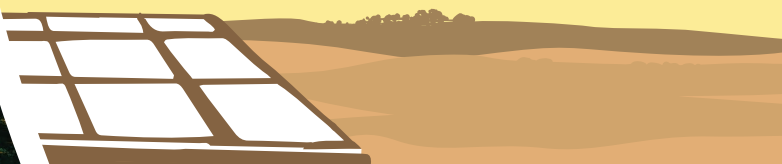


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# QUARTER 3 2022 NEWSLETTER



## READING PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Seven learner assistants, trained by our implementing partner, READ Foundation, were placed in three primary schools within the Naledi Municipality area this quarter. This forms part of a Reading Programme, which aims to assist in reducing the gap that learners experience in school, especially as a result of Covid-19.

This programme will benefit grade 4 learners in Moeti, Colinda and Retlaadira primary schools. The trained learner assistants implement different learning activities to develop the vocabulary of the learners and improve their written language. The learner assistants are supervised and mentored by READ trainers and have an opportunity to study an accredited Professional Development Course.

"The best part for me was seeing eager learners dedicated to improving themselves. I also love it when their faces light up when I enter the classroom," - **Boikhutso Mosala, a learner assistant.**



## EMPOWERING LOCAL SMMES AND CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As part of a continuing commitment towards our entrepreneurs, the Waterloo Solar Hub, provides a wide bouquet of services on an ongoing basis to help SMMEs tackle everyday challenges that they face with their businesses.

SMMEs are offered assistance with things such as completion of tender documents and advice on available opportunities. Furthermore, the Hub offers entrepreneurs the necessary infrastructure in the form of office space and related amenities for the smooth running of their businesses.

**SMMEs that participated in this project created the following employment opportunities:** Bang's Kitchen employs four permanent staff members and two casual employees; Boikanyo and Associates have hired two contract workers; Cloete Holdings have hired four employees; and Malebo M Facilities Management has hired one employee under contract.



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## ECD PROGRAMME

In partnership with the Early Care Foundation and Lunchbox Fund, we are working to facilitate and promote children's access to quality early childhood development (ECD) education and services.

This partnership ensures that practitioners are skilled to improve their classrooms and provide nutritional support to children which impacts their holistic development and growth. In the first quarter, all participating centres were provided with follow-up support and mentoring visits. The aim was to observe if and how practitioners have implemented the learnings and practices from Module 1 into their classrooms.

In August, practitioners participated in Module 2 with a focus on administration requirements in ECD centres, in addition to the provision of 13 000 meals to 520 children, in our beneficiary centres.



## FOOD SECURITY HEARTS AND MINDS PROJECT



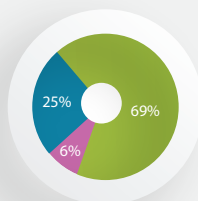
We partnered with U Can Grow Africa (UCGA) to provide seedlings to 40 families within the Naledi municipality. We also worked with the Department of Social Development and the Department of Agriculture to ensure this opportunity reached families who might benefit from it.

As part of this initiative, we implemented two training programmes in the communities of Dithakwaneng and Huhudi. UCGA works to move families from poverty to prosperity, with a focus on developing family-oriented farming programmes.

"The seed boxes have enough seeds and will enable a family of four, to have three vegetables on their table for 12 months of the year. The boxes also provide farmers with the opportunity to grow more than just spinach and cabbage, thereby preparing them for commercialisation and off-take agreements," said **Claire Phutieagae, Community Liaison Officer, Waterloo Solar.**

## QUARTERLY SPEND BREAKDOWN (Q3 2022)

- Economic Development
- Education
- Welfare



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