



The iKamvelihle Development Trust has partnered with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Nelson Mandela University (NMU), the Green Development Foundation and some local schools in Cala to initiate a programme that has a focus on mitigation and adaptation actions that can be undertaken in response to the global challenges of climate change and food insecurity. The programme has the support of stakeholders such as the School Governing Bodies (SGBs), the Cala Circuit of the Department of Education, Sakhisizwe Local Municipality, Chris Hani District Municipality, Department of Agriculture, Soil Scientists from the universities of Limpopo and Fort Hare, and the local Traditional Leaders. It was launched on Mandela Day under the theme: **‘Doing what you can, with what you have, where you are’**. The Nelson Mandela Foundation and University have committed to work with these stakeholders to bring 1000 more trees to the community.

On this day, the learners and school communities engaged in practical agricultural activities of planting fruit and indigenous trees. They were encouraged to cultivate community and backyard gardens. The activities were facilitated by the Nelson Mandela Foundation and Nelson Mandela University using a methodology known as the **Transect Walk Dialogue (TWD)**. This is a methodology which presents opportunities for identifying community assets, through the eyes of the community itself and exploring ways in which those assets can be used to address some of the real challenges that our societies are facing, such as food insecurity and the adverse effects of climate change. During this dialogue, the participants also drew inspiration from the legacy of Nelson Mandela, **led by learners and the President of the Cala Village SSS Student Representative Council (SRC), Ms Liyabona Bavuma**. They resolved that in spite of the challenges that are faced by the local communities, it is important that members of society, young and old, should find practical ways of addressing these challenges and promote solution-driven educational programmes.



Voices of the Youth: Praise Poetry by Ziyakha Jack, a learner from Guata Primary School



Learners from Cala Village Senior Secondary School



Ploughing back into the community: A former student of Batandwa Ndondo SSS and beneficiary of the iKDT Programmes addressing participants, Mlisela Ntamo. He is currently a student at NMU



Stakeholder participation: School Principals, Educators and parents engaged in the Dialogue



The Nelson Mandela Foundation representative, Ms Nomahlozi Ramahloki facilitating the Transect Walk Dialogue. Sitting behind her is Mr Z Kene, the Cala Circuit Manager



Dr Bruce Damons from the Nelson Mandela University speaking on the importance of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the Environment

CREATING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN RURAL SCHOOLS

As part of this programme, the four pilot schools planted trees and are planning to establish school gardens as a contribution to the creation of sustainable food systems. School Gardens are important ways to provide meals for learners in schools, supplementing the school feeding schemes and making a direct and immediate improvement in children's diets. The pilot schools are Mnxe Primary School, Guata Primary School, Batandwa Ndondo Senior Secondary School and Cala Village Senior Secondary School.

During the planting ceremonies, the learners were educated on the type of trees being planted, how they need to be planted and the required maintenance for sustainability purposes.



Tree planting at Mnxe Primary School



Learners from Batandwa Ndondo SSS involved in tree planting



Representatives from the NMU, NMF, Sakhisizwe Municipality, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture and the iKDT, at Cala Village SSS during the fruit tree planting.

GET INVOLVED

You can contribute towards ensuring that the programmes that we initiate are sustainable over a long period of time. In this way, you will be lending a hand in enabling the youth from poor and under-resourced communities to have better life opportunities, succeed in spite of inequality in our society and have a brighter future.

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We adhere to sound governance principles and systems and our financial statements are compiled by an **accredited audit firm.**



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- Sakhisizwe Local Municipality, as led by the Honorable Mayor - Mrs B Ponoshe, Ward 4 and 5 Councillors – Mrs Stofile and Mrs Miso, the Local Parliament Constituency represented by Mr Gaxela
- The Chris Hani District Municipality, represented by Mr V Jojo, Mr M Mekuto, Ms Fundiswa Hanisi, Ms Andiswa Banjwa, Mrs Luleka Maphekula Bandla, Mrs Nonelela Matoti Dintsi, Ms Mkhabelo Luyanda
- The Department of Agriculture, represented by Mr L Malgas
- The Local Traditional Leadership, Mr L Figlan
- School Principals, Parents, Learners, School Governing Bodies and School Management Teams of the Beneficiary Schools

Secondly, iKDT is practising a partnership model with institutions of higher learning as well as organizations that are focused on advancing development in remote rural areas. This is model that is worth replicating in other local communities and elsewhere.. It is in this context that we would like to acknowledge the following partners:

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- The Nelson Mandela Foundation and its representative: Ms Nomahlozi Ramahloka, and
- The Strategic Fuel Fund

Lastly and most importantly, the iKamvelihle would not be able to implement its programmes without the consistent financial contribution and support in kind from the following:

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