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Scatec

Our Lima Scatec team was proud to collaborate with the !Kheis Local Municipality, the Community Work Programme (CWP), and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to launch the One Million Trees Campaign in the Northern Cape.

This initiative forms part of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Flagship Programme, which aims to plant 10 million trees over five years through DFFE's National Greening Programme, an important step toward combating climate change and promoting environmental sustainability.

Lima committed to transporting trees to all seven communities within the municipality. In celebration of Heritage Day, the campaign set a target to plant 90 indigenous trees and 100 fruit trees.

To mark the close of this impactful campaign, Lima was honoured to be invited to Groblershoop High School, where we planted trees alongside enthusiastic Grade 8 and 9 learners.



South Deep Gold Mine

The Lima facilitation team, in partnership with South Deep Gold Mine and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, hosted a vegetable production training at Sakata Seeds in Lanseria.

Eighteen farmers from the South Deep host communities participated in this practical and informative session, which covered market trends, seasonal demand, record keeping, financial literacy, and access to local markets.

Farmers also received hands-on training in land preparation, soil testing, seed selection, crop rotation, pest and disease management, irrigation techniques, and post-harvest handling, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to boost productivity and improve crop quality.

Participants expressed heartfelt gratitude to Lima, South Deep Mine, GDARD, and Sakata Seeds for empowering them with valuable skills that support sustainable and profitable farming.



Grain Information Day

Lima, together with South Deep Gold Mine and the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), also hosted a Grain Information Day for 34 farmers from the South Deep host communities. The event connected farmers with agricultural experts to explore practical ways to strengthen crop production, improve farm management, and build resilience within the grain sector.

Partners, including Pannar Seeds, GDARD, Senwes, and Marksure, provided insights on sustainable farming, market opportunities, post-harvest practices, and risk management.

This session created a meaningful platform for farmers to ask questions, share experiences, and explore new approaches to increasing productivity and resilience.

At Lima, we remain committed to supporting smallholder farmers with the knowledge and tools they need to thrive.



Poultry Training

The poultry training hosted by Lima and South Deep Mine took place at the KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute from 1–5 December. The focus areas were broilers and egg layers.

Topics Covered:

- Introduction to the poultry industry
- Poultry house cleaning
- Brooding chicks
- Bird health
- Biosecurity
- Feeding management
- Water supply
- House design
- Environmental management
- Egg production, handling, and storage
- Record keeping



During the practical sessions, participants were able to see how theoretical knowledge translates into hands-on poultry management, from following the egg through incubation to hatching and broiler growth. The facilitator ensured clear explanations, practical demonstrations, and examples to simplify complex topics.

Participants entered with limited experience and left equipped with knowledge that will strengthen their farms.

Three poultry farmers from the South Deep Host Communities, Monase Mashaba, Kamohelo Kgasa and Phathuxolo Magadla successfully completed the course and received their NQF Level 3 certificates.

Allan and Gill Gray Philanthropies

Lima proudly hosted the AGGP Open Day in Hammarsdale, a celebration of collective impact and the remarkable growth of entrepreneurs in our Enterprise Development Programme.

Beneficiaries showcased their businesses through inspiring exhibition stalls, demonstrating real progress in strengthening the rural–township local economy.

Speakers included Lynnette Parsons, Lima’s Managing Director, who expressed appreciation to our partners and congratulated the entrepreneurs on their impressive growth; Mrs Nomfundo Dlamini, Head of Ecosystem Enablement at Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy SA, who emphasised the importance of public–private partnerships; and representatives from KZN EDTEA, eThekweni Metro Local Economic Development, and Hammarsdale–KwaXimba Enterprises, who shared insights on strengthening local economic ecosystems.



The AGGP Open Day also celebrated the heart of the programme, our entrepreneurs! From agro-processing and catering to haircare, retail, and innovative township services, beneficiaries presented vibrant stalls that reflected real growth and confidence built through skills training, mentorship, and market exposure.

The AGGP programme, implemented by Lima and supported by Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropies, strengthens the rural–township local economy by:

- Providing hands-on enterprise development support
- Building practical business skills
- Creating networks of peer support
- Helping entrepreneurs grow, formalise, and access new opportunities

Our beneficiaries continue to demonstrate that with the right support, young entrepreneurs can drive meaningful change within their communities.



Risepreneur Programme: Lima Interns Spotlight

Through the Risepreneur Programme, young entrepreneurs are empowered with mentorship, skills training, and the opportunity to pitch their business ideas. We are excited to share that Thobeka and Kgothatso, two of our interns, were selected as programme finalists after completing rigorous business assessments and pitch preparation.

They confidently presented their enterprises, Thobeka specialising in sneakers and dresses. Their strong presentation earned them a Group 2 Reward, along with a prize and a certificate of recognition.

This achievement reflects their dedication, growth, and passion for entrepreneurship. The programme has equipped them with valuable skills in pitching, marketing, customer relations, financial planning, and business development, strengthening their vision for the future of their business.

We are incredibly proud of Thobeka and Kgothatso and look forward to seeing them continue to rise!



Social Employment Fund

Lima has officially entered Phase 4 of the Social Employment Fund (SEF), a programme that continues to strengthen communities through meaningful, dignified work opportunities.

SEF hosted an in-person networking session with 39 Strategic Implementing Partners from across the country. Being part of this network reminds us just how powerful collaboration truly is. These organisations work in more than 3,000 community sites nationwide, showing up every day in neighbourhoods, public schools, clinics, food gardens, ECD centres, and safe spaces.

Through SEF, community organisations are not only helping families and strengthening local support systems; they are also creating conditions that allow local economies to grow.

The results speak for themselves:

- 155,000+ participants have accessed meaningful work opportunities since 2022
- Over 2,000 community organisations mobilised
- Young people gaining real workplace behaviours like reliability, teamwork, and problem-solving
- Communities becoming safer, more connected, and more hopeful

Lima is proud to continue playing its part in this collective effort.



Eastern Cape Development Corporation-Blended Finance Farmer Support Programme

Through the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), rural enterprises across the province are receiving vital support that strengthens food security, boosts economic activity, and creates meaningful employment. Farmers in the programme have benefited from upgraded infrastructure, access to essential inputs, and hands-on technical guidance, all contributing to long-term stability and improved agricultural productivity.

Lima plays a key role in this process, from assessing applications and conducting site visits to offering ongoing training, stakeholder engagement, and post-investment support tailored to each farmer's needs.

One of the standout successes is Necton Farm, which received 3,800 Highliner Silver Brown layer chickens in October 2025. The birds began laying immediately, and egg production quickly scaled from 5 crates per day to approximately 30 crates daily, with egg sizes ranging from pullet to jumbo. Daily routines such as feeding, cleaning, and waste management are consistently maintained, supporting excellent flock performance.

Funded support for the farm included a fully equipped chicken structure, four months' supply of feed, cages, egg trays, and an Isuzu single-cab bakkie for distribution. The farm now employs five permanent staff and benefits from the placement of two Fort Cox students, who assist with feeding, egg collection, cleaning, and grading.

Necton Farm is also expanding its market reach, with branded eggs ready for sale and strong interest from buyers such as Rhodes University, Spar, Pick 'n Pay, and Lalibella Game Lodge.



Together, we made this year count

As we reach the end of another impactful year, Lima would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has walked this journey with us. From our dedicated teams on the ground to our project partners, funders, community leaders, and the farmers and participants we serve, your commitment has been the driving force behind every success story.

This year has reminded us of the power of partnership. Whether it was strengthening livelihoods, improving food security, developing local enterprises, or expanding opportunities for youth and rural communities, we achieved more because we worked together.

Thank you for your trust, your collaboration, and your belief in the work we do. We wish you a restful festive season and a hopeful, productive start to the year ahead.

From all of us at Lima, thank you, and see you in 2026!

Lynette Parsons
Managing Director