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Please Note: Lima Head Office has moved!

Lima Head Office has moved to its new premises in Pietermaritzburg. Please update your records and use our new address for all future correspondence and visits.

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The Social Employment Fund (SEF)

The dedication and hard work of our Social Employment Fund (SEF) participants have resulted in another successful harvest at the Manenzhe Clinic food garden in Musina.

Fresh carrots, beetroot, leafy greens and cabbages were recently harvested, showcasing the impact of sustainable food production and the commitment of participants to strengthening local food security and nutrition.

Food gardens do more than provide fresh produce. They improve access to nutritious food while giving participants practical agricultural skills and creating productive spaces within communities. Through SEF, these initiatives are helping communities become more resilient and self-reliant.

There's more to come! Stay tuned for updates as Lima moves forward with SEF Phase 5.



Mandela Day Celebrations

Mandela Day brought Lima SEF participants across several provinces together in acts of service, kindness and community support.

Umhlathuze, KwaZulu-Natal

In Somopho, Umhlathuze, SEF participants spent their 67 minutes supporting an elderly community member. The team visited 96-year-old Mr Gabela and delivered groceries to his home, accompanied by members of the local ward committee.

The initiative was made possible through a generous R2,000 donation from Mr B. Mthembu, owner of Shilo Farm, who has also previously donated seedlings to the Somopho SEF team to support household food gardens.

Lima extends its sincere thanks to Mr Mthembu for his generosity and continued commitment to supporting the community.



Blouberg, Limpopo

In Blouberg, SEF participants dedicated their Mandela Day activities to serving and uplifting their community.

Participants harvested fresh spinach and distributed it to vulnerable households. They also visited elderly community members, assisting with cleaning yards, washing dishes and pots, and providing practical support where it was needed most.

Through a donation from Subiaco Mission, clothing and household items were distributed to two vulnerable households, with further donations planned.

The team also spent time with children, reading stories, playing games and creating moments of connection and joy.



Shiela Village, North West

In Shiela Village, Ditsobotla Local Municipality, SEF participants spent their 67 minutes, and much more, creating a lasting impact at Oretshegofaditse Early Learning Centre.

Led by passionate and qualified principal Nelly Mokhuane, who is also a Lima programme participant, the centre is an important space for young children in the community.

Participants spent the day repainting classrooms, building shelves and cleaning the facility, helping to create a safe, welcoming and inspiring learning environment.

The day was about more than cleaning and painting. It was about restoring dignity, supporting early childhood development and investing in the future of the community.



Wegdraai, Northern Cape

In Wegdraai, SEF participants joined hands with Nal'ibali to support their community. The team cleaned one of the local crèches and prepared and distributed soup to children and community members.

These simple acts of service reflect the spirit of Mandela Day: communities coming together to care for and uplift one another.



South Deep Mine

Lima, in partnership with South Deep Mine, the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Red Meat Industry Services, recently hosted a two-day Livestock Production Training Programme at the Bekkersdal Agri-Park.

The training brought together 33 farmers from South Deep's host communities, equipping them with practical knowledge and skills to strengthen and grow their livestock enterprises.

Participants engaged with industry experts, exchanged knowledge with fellow farmers and took part in interactive sessions focused on best practices in livestock production.

As part of the programme, participants also completed a competency assessment, with successful candidates set to receive certificates issued by Red Meat Industry Services in recognition of their newly acquired skills and knowledge.

Through partnerships like these, Lima continues to equip farmers with practical skills and knowledge that strengthen enterprises and support sustainable rural development.



The Do More Foundation

As part of the EAT LOVE PLAY TALK programme, Lima, as an implementing partner of the Do More Foundation in Bushbuckridge, recently joined the Department of Health awareness campaigns focused on breastfeeding, nutrition and nurturing care.

The campaigns brought together mothers, fathers, caregivers and community members to learn more about the importance of breastfeeding and the role families and communities can play in supporting the health and wellbeing of mothers and children.

The engagements provided an opportunity to strengthen awareness and encourage supportive environments where young children can thrive.

Through its partnership with the Do More Foundation and collaboration with the Department of Health, Lima continues to support initiatives that promote healthier families and stronger communities.



Rio Tinto- Farmer Support Programme

Lima joined the City of uMhlathuze's LED Office for Isithangami Sabalimi Nabafuyi, bringing together small-scale farmers and agricultural stakeholders to connect, share challenges and explore opportunities for growth.

As part of the Rio Tinto Farmer Support Programme, Lima showcased the support available to farmers across uMhlathuze, uMlalazi and uMfolozi, engaging with farmers and sharing practical opportunities available to them.

The event was also an opportunity to recognise farmers making a difference in their communities.

Lima donated broiler feed to support high-performing farmers. Among those recognised were Dumisani Biyela and Sibusiso Cebekhulu from Cebekhulu Tribal Authority, both participants in the Lima Farmer Support Programme. The farmers received spinach seedlings and broiler feed in recognition of their contribution and impact.

Events like this create valuable opportunities for farmers to connect, access support and turn opportunities into action, strengthening livelihoods and contributing to food security across our communities.



Women's Month

For 37 years, Lima has been committed to empowering women and creating opportunities for people and communities to build sustainable livelihoods.

Through the Street Business School (SBS) programme, Lima has reached nearly 7,000 entrepreneurs across six provinces through non-accredited enterprise development workshops, while 1,399 participants have completed accredited New Venture Creation training.

Most importantly, at least 70% of the entrepreneurs supported through the programme are women.

Through practical business training, mentorship and ongoing support, women are equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to build sustainable businesses, create employment, strengthen their families and contribute to stronger local economies.

When a woman is given the opportunity to build, grow and succeed, the impact reaches far beyond her, extending to her family, her community and the next generation.

This Women's Month, Lima celebrates the women who are creating opportunities, building businesses and shaping a stronger future.



Women's Month Highlight

Francina Modise

At 73, Francina Modise from Mantserre is a powerful example of resilience and determination, proving that age is no barrier to pursuing your goals and building a livelihood.

Francina started sewing in 2003 and in 2017, became part of a cooperative of 10 women. When the cooperative eventually separated, she continued sewing independently from her sitting room at home.

Over the years, Francina expanded her skills and now specialises in couch covers and church wear. Like many small business owners, she continues to navigate challenges including:

- Operational finance
- A shortage of sewing machines
- Record keeping

Through Lima's Street Business School (SBS) Township Economy Programme (TEP), funded by Tshikululu Social Investments and made possible by Valterra Platinum, Francina completed all eight modules covering business management and record-keeping basics for street businesses.

She says the training taught her that business requires patience, while connecting with other small businesses was one of the most valuable parts of her journey.

Following additional financial literacy training from FNB, Francina also gained a better understanding of the importance of separating personal and business expenses.

Her advice to other women is simple: "Ageing is not a disability or a reason to give up." She encourages women to stand up, continue inspiring younger generations and start small while seeking support from organisations that can help them grow.

We celebrate you, Francina. Lead by example. Never give up. May your story inspire other women to start where they are and keep moving forward.



Lima Staff

Moving, connecting and celebrating together

What a fantastic day!

Our Lima staff stepped out, got active and enjoyed a great day together at the SPAR KZN Women's 10/5km Race.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, support one another and enjoy time together outside of the workplace.

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to everyone who came out to walk, cheer and support!

