



ROTARY CLUB OF ATLANTIS SCHOOL GARDENS PROJECT 2021

Rotary Club Atlantis school vegetable garden project





Rotary Club Atlantis intervention plan

- ▶ Rotary Club Atlantis embarked on extensive community vegetable gardens since November 2020 (during adjusted Level 3 period)
- ▶ Primary schools (12) were identified of which 3 had existing active gardens, yet not in full operation due to lack of resources.
- ▶ The most secure body/resource in Atlantis, namely the City of Cape Town Regional Office, was not in a position to provide assistance and support during this period This Club was therefore called upon for assistance and guidance.



The intervention by Rotary Club Atlantis

- This Club constituted a Steering Committee 5 of members
- A focused Business plan was drawn up
- An action plan supported the above, including a monitoring system
- Schools were visited to secure commitment
- From the 12 primary schools 6 current principals and 3 former principals are members of Rotary Club of Atlantis
- The Atlantis Principal's Forum also bought into the idea.
- Irrigation systems were supplied to Orion Organisation for Disabled, Emmanuel Care Centre for with Children with Disabilities, Office of Sub-council 1 and Parkview Primary School.



Building partnerships

Strong and sustainable partnerships were built with the following resources:

- Department of Agriculture supplied start up vegetable garden kits.
- Durbanville Boere vereniging - Klipheuwel Farm supplied compost without any cost.
- The Hobbs family contributed seedlings and plants for free
- Goedverwacht Trust provided seeds
- Hope and Reconciliation Trust provided seed
- Secured mutual relationships between organisations and schools in the Atlantis community
- Wolwefontein Garden Development at Melkbos/Andrew Grant



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Meeting the need of the community

- ▶ After four months in the project
- ▶ 9 primary schools and 2 High Schools have gardens. The harvest are used to supplement the feeding scheme and generated an income for the unemployed
Grosvenor Primary, Saxonsea Primary, Wesfleur Primary, Parkview Primary, Reygersdal Primary, Berzelia Primary, Hermes Primary, Protea Park Primary, Hermes laan Primary, Atlantis Secondary High and Proteus High
- ▶ 4 special need school has a garden: Orion, Emmanuel, School of Skills and Robinhill
- ▶ Soup kitchens in different areas in Atlantis are provided from the harvest.
- ▶ Short term employment opportunities for unemployed garden workers in the community.



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The sustainability plan

All participants and organisations were educated in the following:

- ▶ Catching up seed from their crop
- ▶ Compost making
- ▶ Safe and correct use of garden equipment
- ▶ Correct irrigation
- ▶ Use of water sparingly
- ▶ Network with other participants and exchange goods - barter
- ▶ Marketing and sales of crop



Marketing and promoting Rotary Club's image in Atlantis

Involvement and ongoing discussions with the following:

- ▶ Department of Agriculture
- ▶ Durbanville Boerevereniging
- ▶ Schools and WCED
- ▶ National School Nutrition Programme - Feeding schemes
- ▶ Schools for Learners with Special Needs in Atlantis
- ▶ Households
- ▶ Media; Newspapers - Impact and Weskus Nuus
- ▶ Social media
- ▶ Radio Atlantis

The way forward and challenges

- ▶ Principals and School Governing bodies must buy in to the idea.
- ▶ Learner involvement:
 - The After school game changer can start a gardening group which will resolute under the environmental group.
 - Natural Science and Technology subject teachers must form part of the vegetable garden committee. To incorporate lessons in the garden.
- Funding is a challenge
 - fencing, storage, netting and filtraton of water



A vote of thanks

- ▶ To all members, partners and peer Rotarian clubs for your support with this project. You have change the lives of many households.