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BOUNTIFUL CROPS FROM TOWNSHIP TUNNELS ARE DELIVERED WEEKLY

With the spinach in full harvest, loads of it is delivered on a weekly basis to restaurants and retail shops in Bloemfontein. Many of the current 57 vegetable farmers in this Vegetable Tunnel Project enjoy the benefit of a weekly income stream from either selling directly to their communities or from the market sales.



Interesting fact about the spinach plant: One seedling produces about 10 x of 800g bunches during a season = 8kg spinach from one seedling! 3 beds in one of these tunnels take 78 seedlings. That is 624 kg of spinach from one tunnel during a season. Food security? Definitely!

VEGETABLE TUNNELS : PROJECTS 1 - 6

Since September 2012, with the support of Raubex Pty Ltd, Spoudazo was able to establish 57 vegetable tunnels in the townships of Mangaung. These vegetable tunnels have provided food to many informal settlement residents, many of them with no income stream. These tunnels have also brought hope, purpose and income to these families.

This was possible by implementing six projects with an average of nine tunnels per project during the previous three years. Setup took place with the turn of every planting season: during March to April; and September to October.



Through much grace Spoudazo's team gained experience in their efforts to ensure that these six projects are sustainable in the future. During the 6 to 12 month mentorship period for



each tunnel, it becomes easy to see who will be the ones that will take ownership, responsibility and stewardship of these vegetable tunnels. Through the course of the past 36 months, it happened that some tunnels had to be removed and re-established at other beneficiaries, when the initial chosen ones ended up not meeting the criteria for sustainability during their mentorship period.

With the support of Raubex (Pty) Ltd it was possible to re-establish some of these tunnels at other identified beneficiaries, providing them with the opportunity to enjoy food-security for their families as well as the benefit of earning income from the sales of their vegetable crops.

PROJECT 7 WITH 15 TUNNELS IS THEREFORE IN PROGRESS!

As mentioned above, new tunnels are being manufactured and some of these removed tunnels are being re-established. This includes a six month mentorship period with new identified beneficiaries in the townships of Mangaung.

During September 2015, Spoudazo did site identification, soil preparation, started with the manufacturing of tunnels, filled 50kg bags with horse manure (159 bags to be precise!) and completed the set-up of six of these tunnels.



If all goes according to plan, all the tunnels will be setup and planted by middle October 2015. This will mean that most of these beneficiaries will have food on their tables by December 2015.

Thank you Raubex for Project 7 and for the opportunity to continue making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our region!

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.
Malmonides



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