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ABOUT THIS REPORT

THIS REPORT OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE SAB FOUNDATION INITIATIVES' IMPACT FROM JANUARY 2015 TO MARCH 2024.

In alignment with the foundation's commitment to rigorous annual impact assessment, this report presents a detailed analysis of programme outcomes. Key metrics including revenue generation, job creation, and business skills development, and broader social and environmental impact are assessed.

By providing insights into the foundation's achievements, this report contributes to ongoing efforts to measure and optimise programme effectiveness. The SAB Foundation also releases in-depth impact studies on the Tholoana Enterprise and Social Innovation Programmes.

To access these studies, please go to our website: www.sabfoundation.co.za/impact

"The investment we received from SAB Foundation was used to acquire an additional crane truck that is being currently used to scale up our cullet recovery operations. We service over 200 informal glass collectors across Gauteng."

– Social Innovation Awards participant.

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A NOTE FROM BRIDGIT EVANS

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR IMPACT REPORT FOR THIS YEAR, WHICH MEASURES THE IMPACT THAT THE SAB FOUNDATION HAS MADE SINCE 2015 UP TO MARCH 2024.

We are pleased to present our impact report for this year, which measures the impact that the SAB Foundation has made since 2015 up to March 2024. As always, the impact is significant and something that we are proud of – positive growth in terms of job creation, turnover, business stability, and more.

This year we have added a further level to the reporting into our Social Innovation programmes, which you will find at the end of this document.

We have added a snapshot of the wider impact that our programmes have had – the stories and qualitative measurements behind these initial numbers.

This comes after we have spent some time looking at HOW to report on our impact and accurately capture what we do. It's all well and good to provide a shopping list of statistics and big numbers, but this often doesn't tell the whole story – especially in the diverse social innovation space, where every entrepreneur is tackling a different issue, and the measures of success are not always job creation or turnover.

We wanted to find a way to bring these successes to life, and to show what happens when these ideas and businesses are supported and scaled, and the real-world impact that they are having.

We have chosen to benchmark them against the 17 United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals – a globally accepted way of measuring and tracking social impact.

When seen in this context, the impact of our work is exponential due to the investments we make into businesses that deliver both social and economic value. The UN states a goal of tackling poverty for example, and against this, two of our beneficiaries are making a tangible contribution.

Xhuma is a digital banking app which has assisted 95% of their users to understand and stick to their budgets; while Spoon Money has used stokvel principles to assist over 1 700 women to create more stable households.

Under the goal to tackle hunger, meanwhile, Bee Loved Honey has a plan to build a million beehives across rural South Africa in the next ten years; while Reel Gardening has built 4 500 school vegetable gardens to date.

We hope that you enjoy seeing this snapshot view of the impact that the SAB Foundation is having in the social innovation space. We are incredibly proud of this, and can only be excited to imagine what further impact we – and our beneficiaries – will be able to achieve in the coming years.

Bridgit Evans,
Executive Director, SAB Foundation



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INTRODUCING THE SAB FOUNDATION

ESTABLISHED IN 2010, THE SAB FOUNDATION IS A RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM SAB'S ZENZELE SCHEME - AIMED AT BROADENING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK INDIVIDUALS.

It operates as an independent trust and its governance resides with a board comprising notable South African businesspersons along with executives from the parent company.

The foundation strives to fulfil its objective by the provision of funding for small, medium and micro-sized enterprises, in order to contribute to the economic and social empowerment of historically disadvantaged persons. This is done primarily (but not necessarily exclusively) by means of entrepreneurship development and with a priority focus on providing opportunities within small, medium and micro-sized enterprises for women, the youth, people living in rural areas, as well as persons with disabilities.

“The advisory support from the mentor and access to professional support paid for by SAB Foundation was invaluable. Access to experts such as lawyers, tax experts, etc. is a luxury for start-ups. This support was invaluable for my business growth and learning.”

– Social Innovation Awards participant.



AS AT MARCH 2024

The **SAB Foundation** has deployed over **R668 million** in grant funding, business development support and interest-free loans to **7 409 entities**. Of this investment, **R409 million** is in grant funding, **R214 million** is in business development support, and **R45 million** is in interest-free loans. To date **R12.8 million** has been repaid.

OF THE 7 409 ENTITIES SUPPORTED



3 924
fall under rural
micro-enterprises



3 159
fall under entrepreneurship
programmes



326
fall under social
innovation programmes



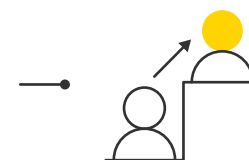
90%
of businesses
are operational¹

¹ Of 7 409 entities that we have supported, we have been able to track 6 932 entities – of those that responded to our annual surveys, 90% reported that they were still operational.

OF THE R668 MILLION INVESTED



R409 million
grant funding



R214 million
business support



R45 million
interest free loans

BUSINESS SECTORS SUPPORTED INCLUDE



Transportation



Logistics



Housing



FMCG



Financial services



Human rights



Accommodation



Environment



Community



Infrastructure



Healthcare



Agriculture



Education



Chef training

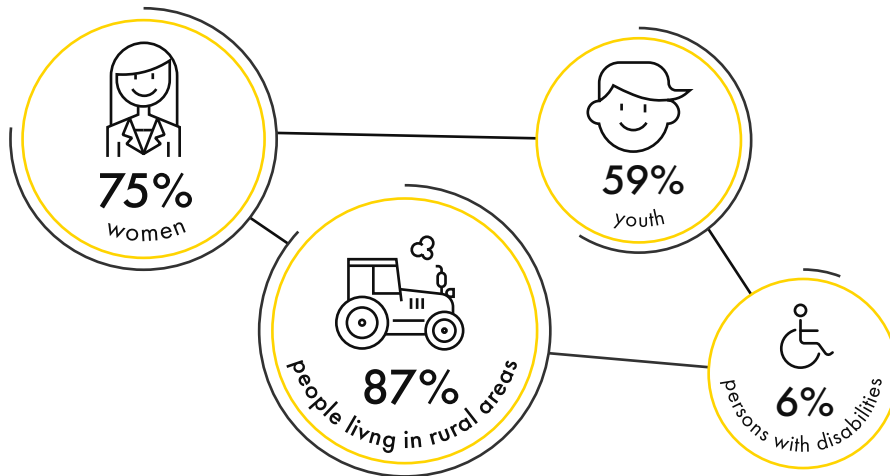


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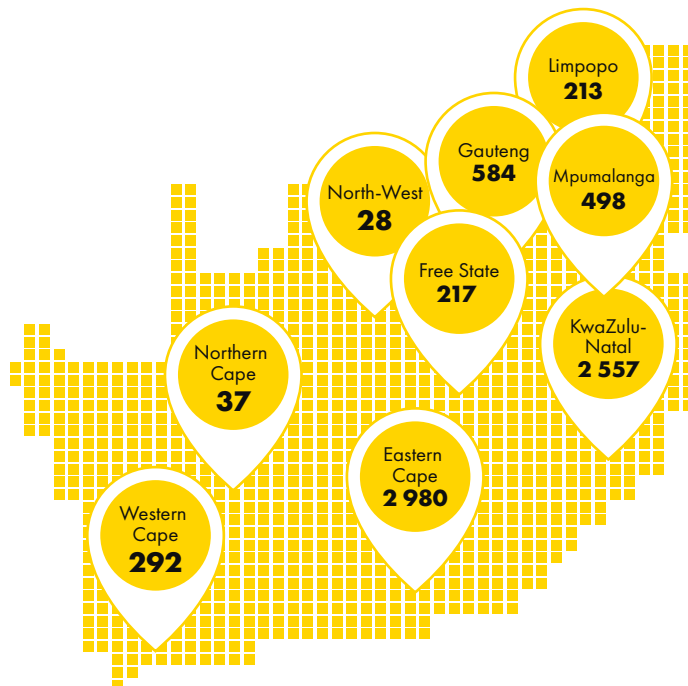


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ENTREPRENEUR DEMOGRAPHICS

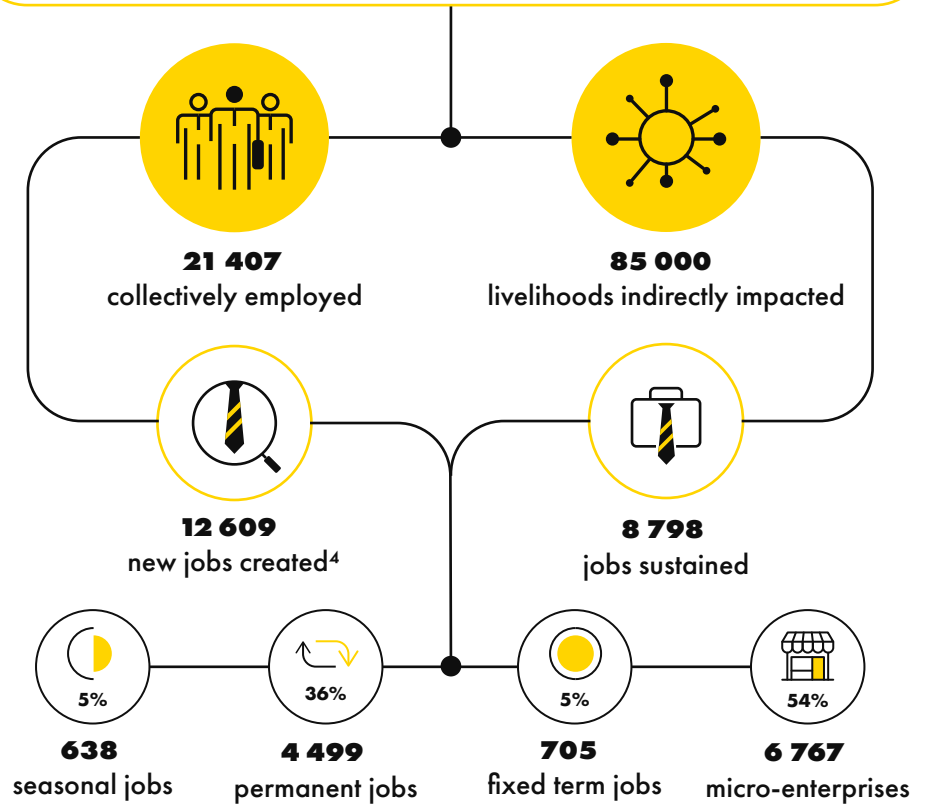


NATIONAL FOOTPRINT



JOB CREATION AND TURNOVER²

Combined annual turnover of entrepreneurs across all programmes increased from **R951 million** at inception to **R2 billion**, resulting in a turnover increase of **119%**³.



² Our impact data is collected for seven consecutive years and therefore the SAB Foundation notes that some of the entrepreneurs received support from other donors and/or stakeholders during the five-year period and would like to acknowledge their contribution to this overall impact.

³ Since 2022 the collective annual turnover includes that of our farming and agro-processing rural micro-enterprises which have been previously excluded in previous reports.

⁴ The jump in the number of new jobs created as compared to our previous report is a result of the jobs created by rural micro-enterprises which have been excluded in our previous reports.



South Africa's economic realities place a significant burden on working individuals.

Beyond their personal responsibilities, many South Africans are primary breadwinners for extended families. Our entrepreneurs exemplify this, with each supporting an average of four dependents.

This multiplier effect amplifies the impact of our programmes, extending economic benefits far beyond the business owner.

Our programmes have generated a substantial ripple effect. With over 21 000 individuals employed by our programme participants, we estimate that approximately 85 000 people have benefitted indirectly. This highlights the programme's crucial role in supporting not only individual livelihoods, but also broader community well-being.

Our programmes are structured to provide multifaceted interventions. As such, the scope and reach of their indirect impact beyond job creation, turnover and direct socio-economic deliverables have

“Having established a good customer base in my community has been a great achievement for my business. Although my market is informal, the level of consistency of orders is quite helpful in guiding my growth direction. This puts me in a position where I can now successfully map my sales plan, marketing plan, and business model.”

– **Tholoana Enterprise Programme participant**

“With SAB Foundation support, I have managed to acquire a brick supply contract from PNL Hardware and improve my business operations by buying new machinery that produces better bricks. My turnover has increased compared to the previous year and I have acquired business skills such as strategic planning and cost-of-operation calculations.”

– **Tholoana Enterprise Programme participant**



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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

4.1 SOCIAL INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

We define social innovation simply as business solutions to social problems.

We support social innovation because we believe that innovation is critical in solving our many social challenges at scale and in a cost-effective way.

As with our approach to supporting entrepreneurship, the SAB Foundation aims to build a critical mass of social innovation through our work at universities. The most dedicated social entrepreneurs or innovators are selected, and we work with them over an extended period.

Our flagship Social Innovation and Disability Empowerment Awards and Social Innovation Fund bring about scale, job creation and real sustainable social change.

We look for innovative products, services, business models and processes that directly address the challenges faced by low-income women, youth, persons with disabilities, or people living in rural areas.

“The business support from the SAB Foundation has allowed us the means to expand our support programme and increase our social impact. Through the support, we developed a hybrid model with a separate social enterprise entity to support our non-profit. This has opened new opportunities and markets for us.”

– Social Innovation Foundation participant.

4.2 UNIVERSITY SEED FUND – PIPELINE

The SAB Foundation partners with the Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education Entrepreneurship (EDHE) Intersvarsity competition.

This identifies top student entrepreneurs at South African public universities and affords them an opportunity to pitch their innovative business ideas. In the process, universities are provided a platform to showcase their entrepreneurial talent and demonstrate the ways in which they support and grow the next generation of business leaders.

We have supported EDHE programme social impact category since 2019, investing over R1 million in 11 studentpreneurs.

Through the SAB Foundation's support, EDHE has introduced a mentorship programme pilot consisting of at least four one-on-one mentorship sessions and a monthly group session for the winners.



At the recent competition, the below three businesses were awarded in the social impact category:

FIRST PLACE: Foodable

An enterprise dedicated to food security, actively working to minimise food waste from fast food chains. The approach involves the creation of tokens, which a buyer can exchange for meals at partner restaurants. These tokens are available for purchase by anyone and can be gifted to those in need or retained for personal use. Subsequently, Foodable compensates the restaurants with their portion of the token's value. This strategy curbs food waste ensures meal provision for needy people and bolsters local businesses.

SECOND PLACE: Cloudy Deliveries

A bicycle delivery service, employing young individuals to undertake deliveries for local restaurants, supermarkets, and various other stores within the community. This initiative provides a valuable service to local businesses and creates employment opportunities for the youth.

THIRD PLACE: Buddyz, on a Move

The business employs a three-pronged strategy to tackle the education crisis. The approach encompasses providing creative arts programmes, inventive speaking activities, and social learning tutoring environments. The initiatives integrate to cultivate a rich learning experience. This strategy aims to bolster confidence, augment cognitive abilities, and nurture practical communication skills among learners.

Since 2015, we have also partnered with the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) in hosting annual competitions, coaching and training events for social entrepreneurs called the Festival of Ideas (FOI).

The festival provides a platform to showcase businesses and business ideas that drive a social or environmental mission to achieve social change. Aspirant social entrepreneurs have the opportunity to pitch their unique businesses or business ideas to a panel of experts for a chance to win mentorship and start-up funding.

The SAB Foundation has invested over R2.1 million to support 27 businesses. During the recent FOI, three businesses were recognised and awarded as stated below:

FIRST PLACE: INO-Biodiesel

INO-Biodiesel is a green energy which produces green fuel from waste cooking oil for a running engine, construction, farms, mining equipment, fleets and airplanes. Their vision is to leave behind a greener fossil fuel and carbon-free environment for future generations. The idea was conceptualised to identify opportunities that promote sustainable fuel development by working with women and youth living in rural communities. With the support from GIBS and the SAB Foundation, INO-Biodiesel invested in processing tanks installation at their new production plant. With the profits made, they managed to buy up land in Limpopo for their initiative with women and youth living in rural communities through regenerative agriculture.

SECOND PLACE: RMB Distributors

RMB Distributors produces purified water to respond to the constant water crisis in their community in the Northern Cape. The business also recycles and manufactures its own bottles from waste recycled material, creating employment opportunities for the immediate community.

THIRD PLACE: Tsa-Afrika

Tsa-Afrika is an artisan manufacturing company that produces concrete products for both residential and industrial applications. They also enable access to the market by selling local artisans' products on their website.

The funding enabled them to create an eco-conscious e-commerce platform connecting rural artisans with consumers, partnering with Huawei for content creation and targeting Rustenburg and Polokwane regions initially, focusing on categories like furniture, clothing, and accessories, to empower rural communities and create job opportunities.

4.3 SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARDS

The Social Innovation Awards programme focuses on supporting businesses with a product or service that can improve the lives of women, youth, people living in rural areas and persons with disabilities.

We find, support and scale social innovations through funding and tailored mentorship which can directly and indirectly improve quality of life.

This programme is aimed at innovators, entrepreneurs, institutions and social enterprises with prototypes or early-stage businesses that can solve social issues in our country.

These products, services, business models and processes directly address social challenges while simultaneously creating a sustainable business model.



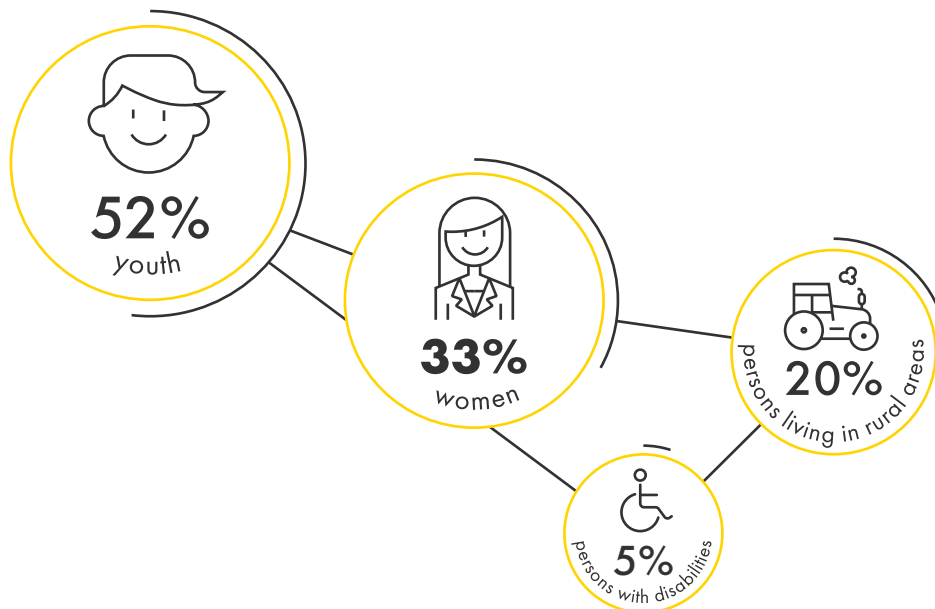
4.3.1 SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARDS IMPACT

Over **R78.6 million** has been deployed in grant funding and business support to date, to support **186** social innovators.

The innovators concentrate on addressing social issues in a variety of sectors, including housing, healthcare, education, disability services, energy provision and conservation efforts; water supply and sanitation initiatives; community safety measures, as well as agricultural sustainability practices.

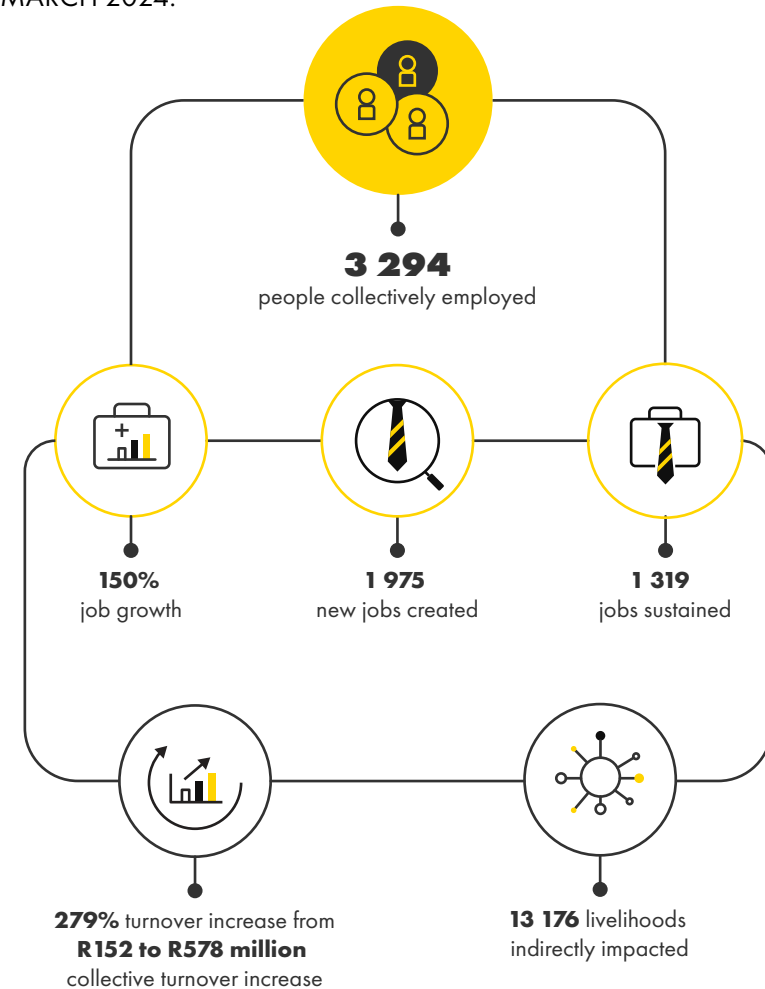
Furthermore, they also focus on recycling projects to reduce waste output along with financial inclusion programs that aim at increasing access to finances, across the population.

DEMOGRAPHICS



JOB CREATION AND TURNOVER:

AS AT MARCH 2024:



4.4 SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND AND ACCELERATOR

The SAB Foundation established the Social Innovation Fund in 2017, an accelerator and funding initiative for previous winners of the Social Innovation and Disability Empowerment Awards.

Our goal is to provide social innovators access to additional financial resources, as well as to a business acceleration programme that will help their organisations expand. The fund was established in response to there being a national 'missing middle' of growth phase funders for social innovation in South Africa.

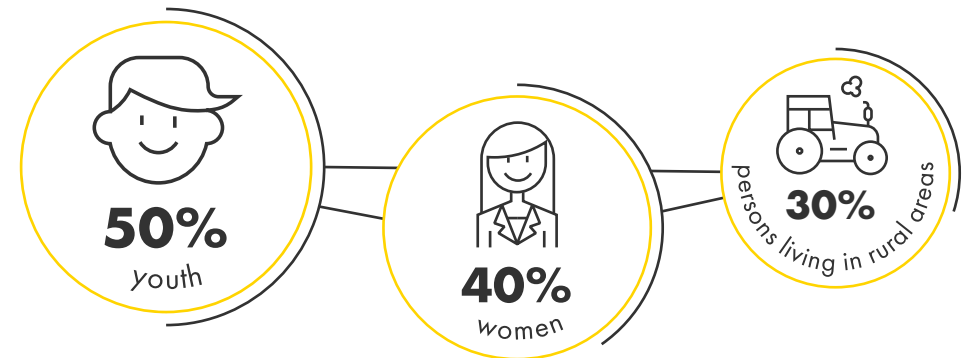
Our objective is to help social innovators tackle obstacles such as identifying and reaching target markets, devising a clear revenue generation model with a financial plan and strategic direction, and obtaining essential capital for growth.

Through the fund, we hope to make an impact that will inspire other organisations to provide funding in support of this crucial work. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare social innovators who are attractive prospects for commercial investors for funding, once they complete the programme.

4.4.1 SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND AND ACCELERATOR IMPACT

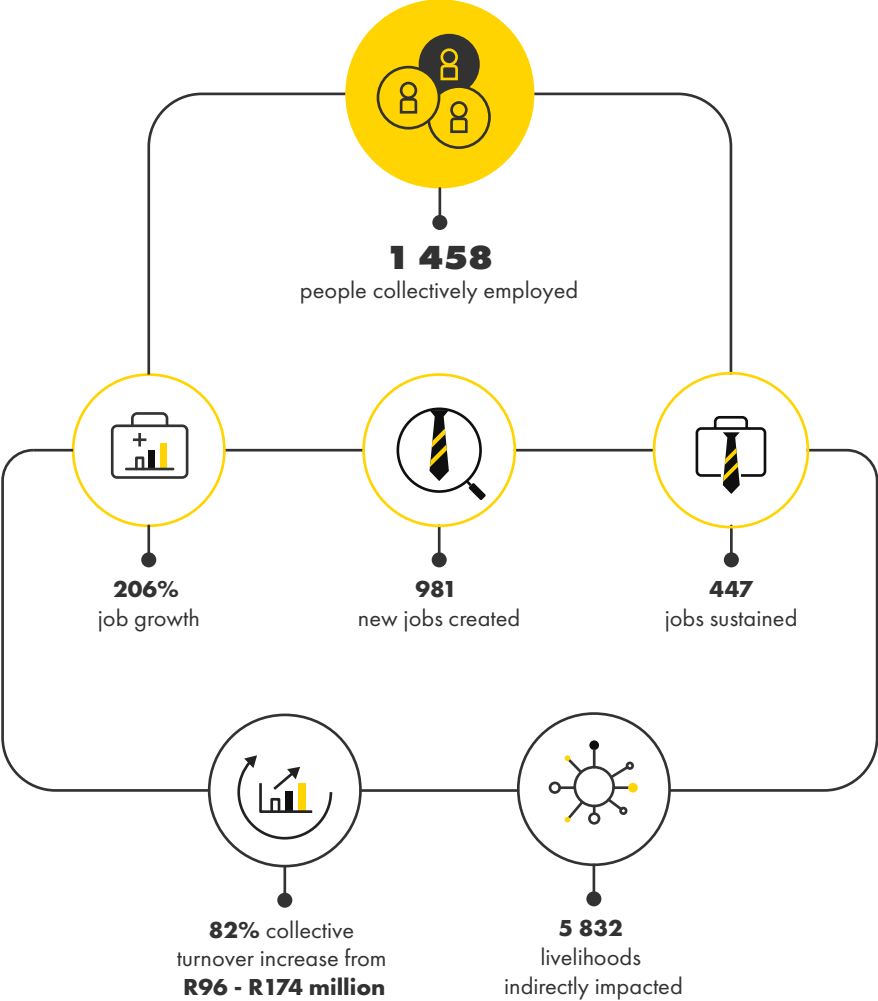
Over **R47.4 million** has been deployed to support **40** social innovation and disability empowerment alumni from the following sectors, amongst others: health and medical, recycling, manufacturing, education, and the environment.

DEMOGRAPHICS:



JOB CREATION AND TURNOVER:

As at March 2024:



4.5 DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT

Our Disability Empowerment programme is aimed at innovators, social entrepreneurs, institutions and social enterprises whose innovations focus on providing solutions for persons with disabilities.

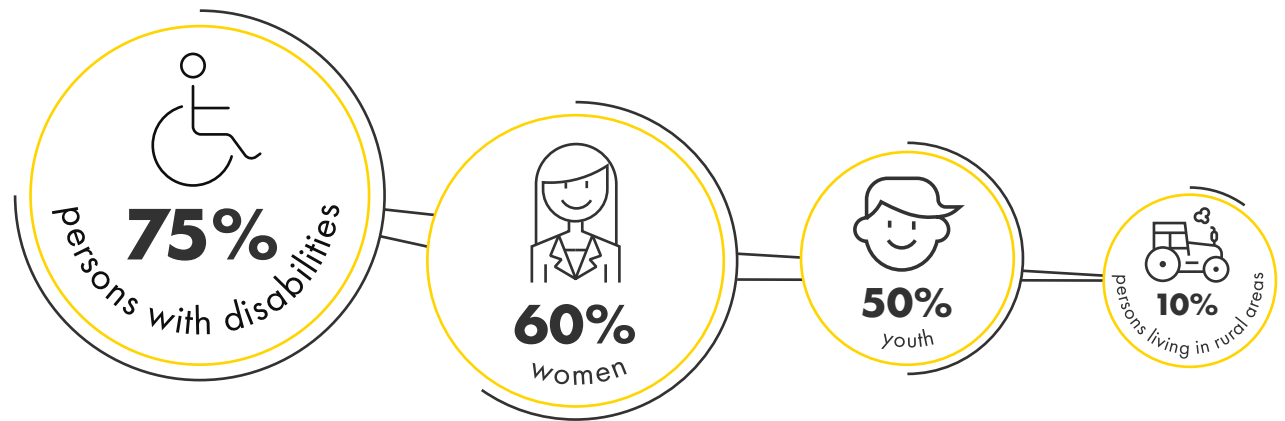
The Disability Empowerment Awards are an extension of our Social Innovations Awards and support innovators and entrepreneurs with grant funding, tailored mentorship and business development.

In partnership with the Medunsa Organisation for Disabled Entrepreneurs (MODE), at a grassroots level, we also work to equip persons with disabilities with skills and knowledge. This serves as a pipeline for entrepreneurs with disabilities for the Tholoana Enterprise Programme.

4.5.1 DISABILITY EMPOWERMENT IMPACT

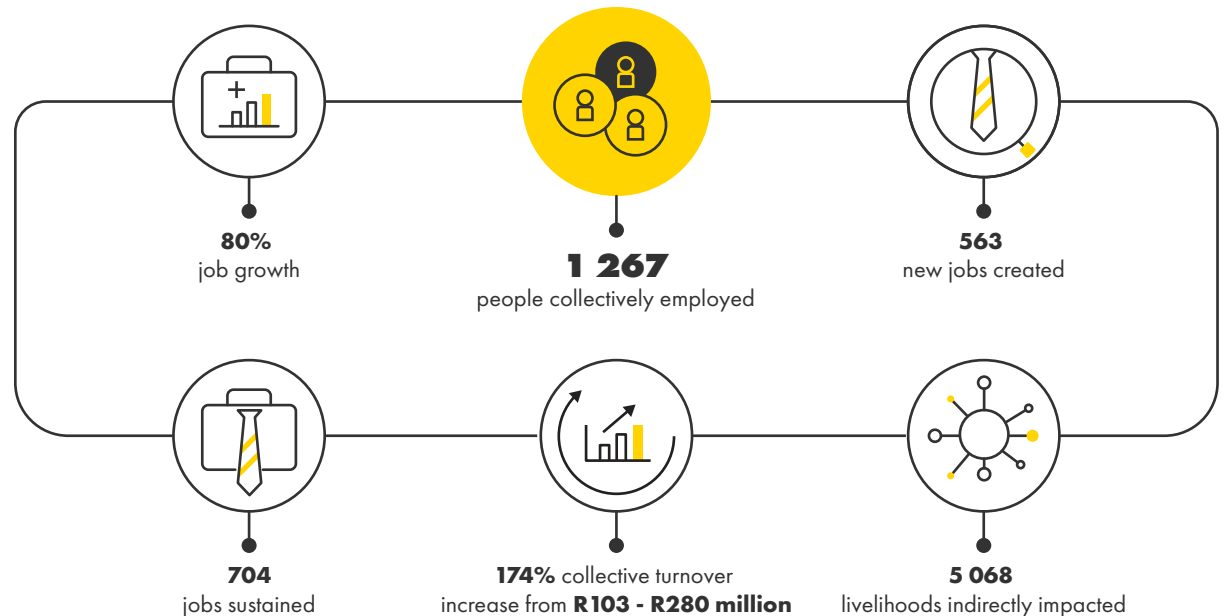
Over **R552 million** in grant funding and business support has been deployed to support **309** entities. Of these, **268** are entrepreneurs with disabilities and **41** are businesses that are improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities, either through assistive technology or access to employment.

DEMOGRAPHICS:



JOB CREATION AND TURNOVER:

As at March 2024:



“Before receiving support from the SAB Foundation, I ran my company by myself and was often frustrated due to the challenges faced in my entrepreneurial journey. The immeasurable support from the SAB Foundation has helped bring hope to the community we serve. To date, we have employed over seven team members and empowered over 14 community members who have assisted in the development of our operation site.

The company has displayed great potential for growth and development over the past couple of months and has advanced in creating impactful change in our community. We have also taken advantage of this opportunity to establish recognition of our product and service offering on the market and have made plans to grow and scale in the near future.”

– **Social Innovation Awards participant.**

“Our biggest success this year has to be the agreement we have in place with the local government, which enables our waste reclaimers to earn a minimum wage of R4 000 per month based on meeting KPI targets.

This is 270% more than the average waste reclaimer earns monthly. Through our participation in the 100+ accelerator, which is linked to the SAB Foundation through ABInBev, we have invested in machinery that will allow us to process plastics collected into flakes.

This will enable us to earn up to 300% more for the material. The funding has also enabled us to focus on adding another new revenue stream by having advertising boards on all our trucks and trollies.”

– **Social Innovation Awards participant.**

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMMES

We believe that to ultimately grow high-value businesses that create jobs, we need to create a critical mass of entrepreneurial activity.

The most dedicated entrepreneurs are selected, and the foundation works closely with them over an extended period to bring about scale and ultimately job creation. We execute this strategy through rapid start-up courses targeting the unemployed in partnership with SocioNext and through our flagship Tholoana Enterprise Programme and the Tholoana Alumni Fund.

While the SAB Foundation selects businesses from urban centres, we focus much of our efforts on working with businesses outside the major metropolitan areas. The major reasons for this are to support rural entrepreneurs in line with the foundation's mandate and to take advantage of the gap in support that exists for businesses outside the major cities.

“Through mentoring, courses, and collaborations with other innovators I have grown in confidence as a business owner. I have also been able to pivot and create new areas of the business while the product development has been in process.

There is no way I would have been able to do this without coaching, information, and learning from the journey of others as we do this together. I never thought the community aspect would play such a big role. This would not have happened without the coaches and mentors.”

– Social Innovation Awards participant.

5.1 THOLOANA ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

The Tholoana Enterprise Programme stands tall as a flagship initiative that demonstrates exceptional commitment to rural enterprises and businesses operating beyond the mainstream supply chain.

Upon acceptance, participants undergo a comprehensive journey of self-assessment, goal setting, and strategic growth planning tailored to their business needs. The programme provides inclusive wrap-around support, including mental health assistance, to help entrepreneurs achieve their full potential.

The programme is one of the very few supporters of rural businesses and businesses that are outside of major supply chains. Although one of the goals is to assist these businesses in accessing corporate supply chains, often they also provide goods and services to geographic areas in which they were previously unavailable.

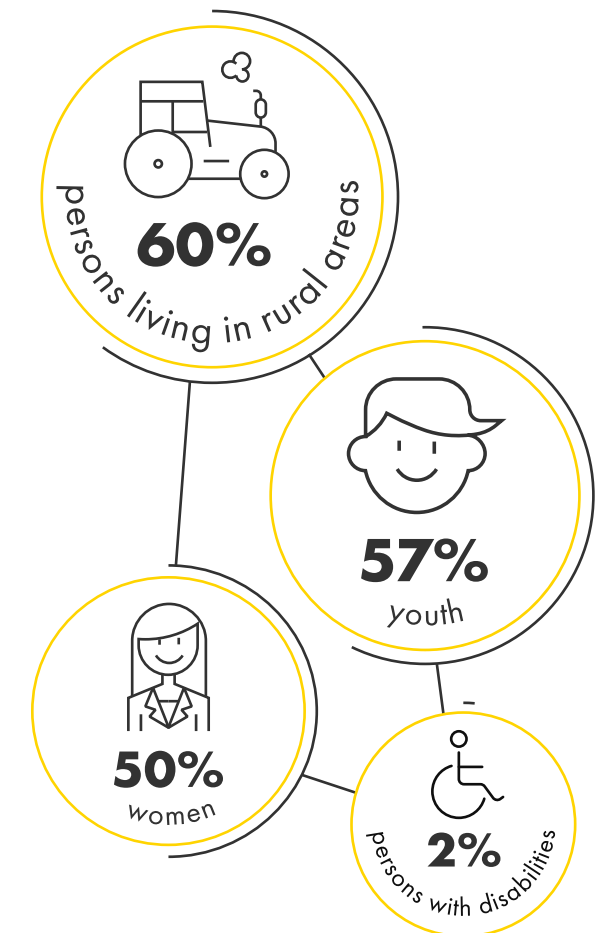
With this programme, we invest in entrepreneurs with a particular emphasis on women, youth, people living in rural areas and persons with disabilities who show the potential and commitment to grow a business and create jobs. This is done through a structured, two-year business support programme, seed funding and assisting with access to markets.



5.1.1 THOLOANA ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME IMPACT

Over **R282.2 million** in grant funding, interest-free loans and business development support has been deployed to support **679** entrepreneurs.

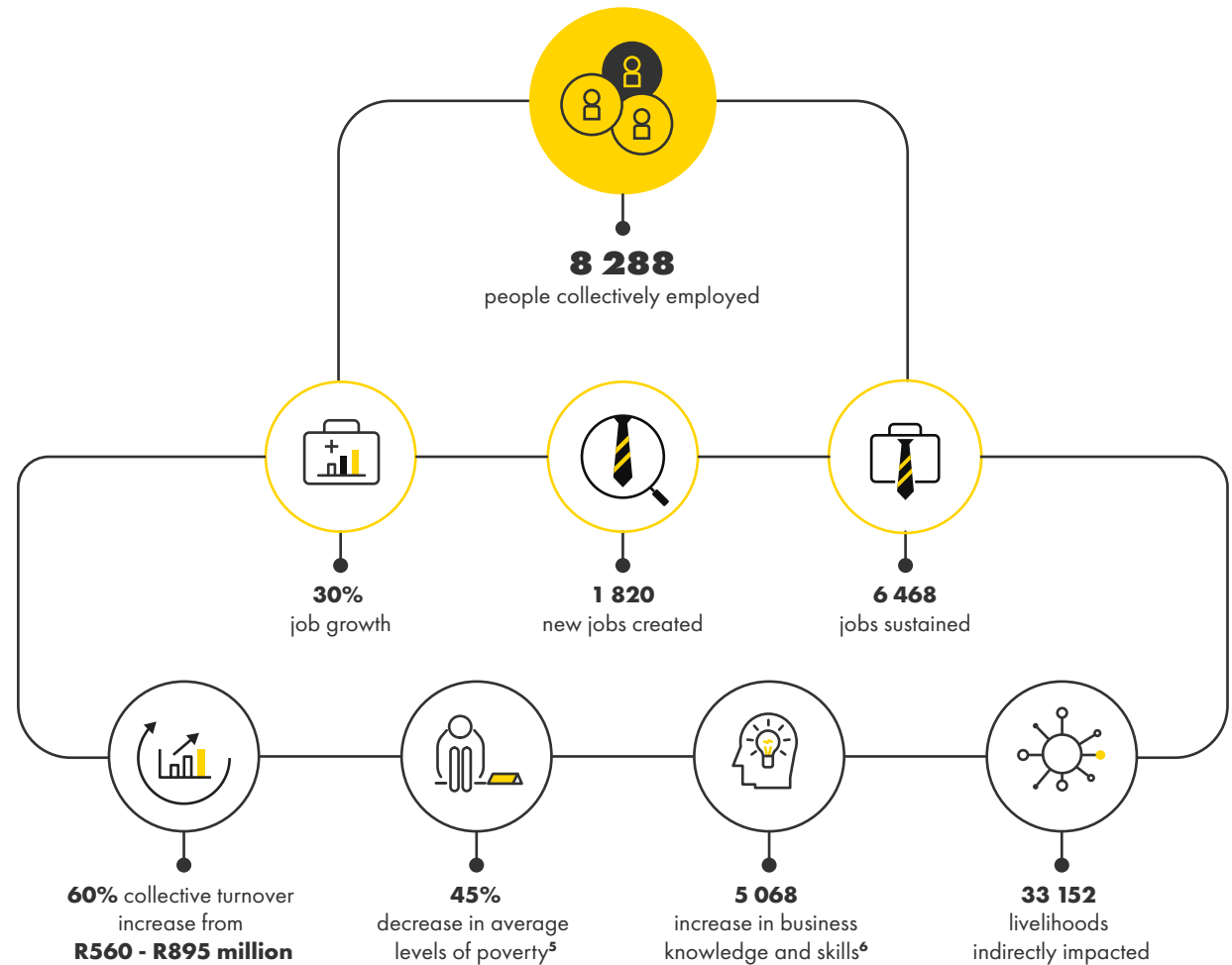
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Of the **679** entrepreneurs supported, we have tracked **526** from ten cohorts between January **2015** and March 2024. The following is their impact:



⁵ The Lived Poverty Index measures several different indicators, including shelter, clean water, nutrition, electricity, cash income, medical treatment, fuel to cook and money to send children to school. Average levels of lived poverty decreased by 45% from inception to 2023.

⁶ There was an average overall increase of 45% in business knowledge and skills amongst entrepreneurs from inception to 2023.

5.2 THOLOANA ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME ALUMNI FUND

The Tholoana Enterprise Programme Alumni Fund was launched in 2019 to address an issue that was identified in our annual surveys: that access to further funding was a challenge to the entrepreneurs in our ecosystem.

The fund allows selected alumni to access further support in the form of grants and interest-free loans if they meet certain criteria. This growth fund aims to further increase participants' turnover and create as many new jobs as possible.



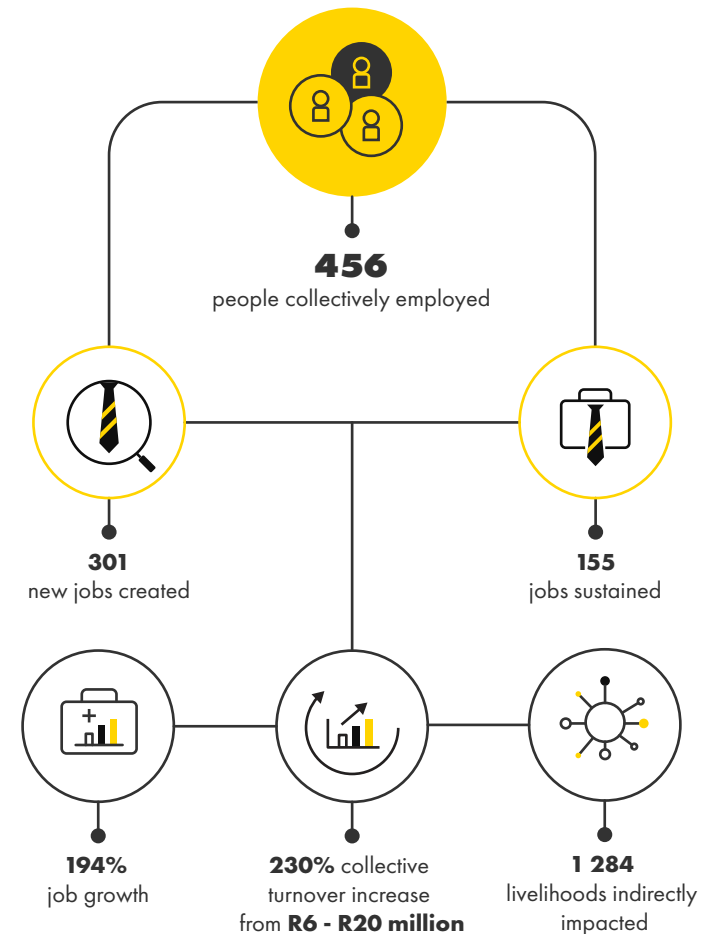
Funding terms are determined on a case-by-case basis according to the cash flow cycles of the business. Most commercial banks do not offer bridging finance or capital investment to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as it is considered too risky. Interest charged to SMEs by financing houses can be as high as 36%. This offering has been put in place to assist SMEs in fulfilling a new contract or investing in capital for a growing business.

5.2.1 THOLOANA ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME ALUMNI FUND IMPACT

Over **R10.3 million** has been deployed to support **15** Tholoana Enterprise Programme alumni, of which **60% are women** and **60% are youth**.

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AS AT MARCH 2024:



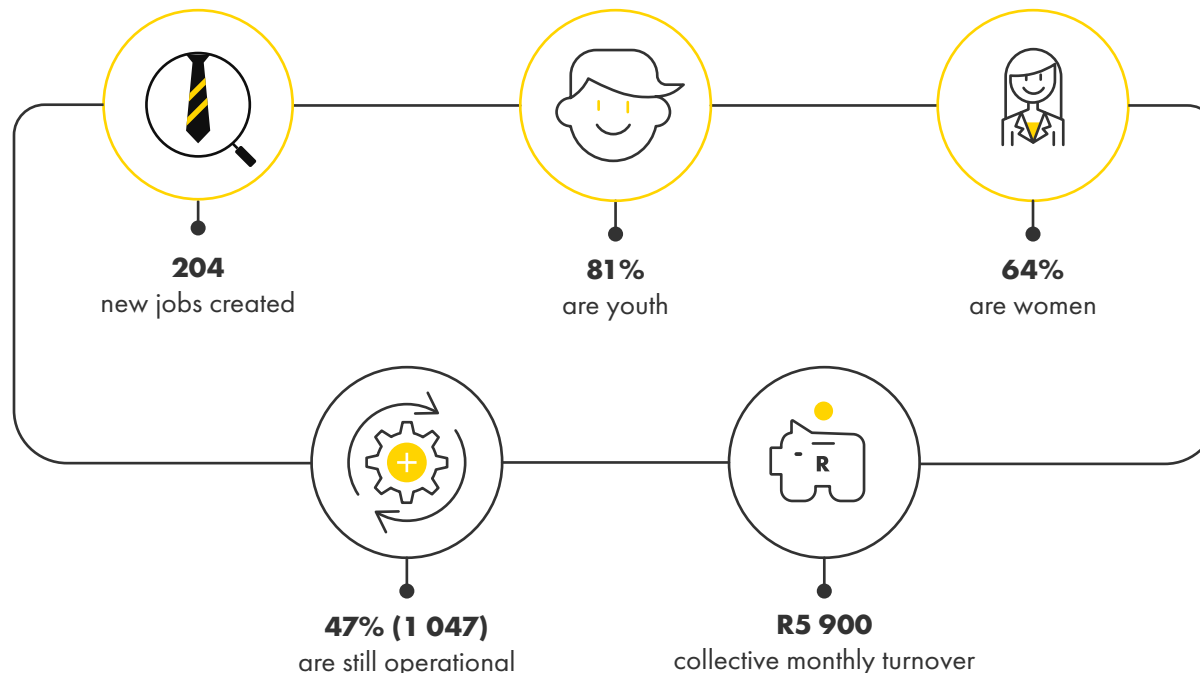
5.3 SOCIONEXT

From 2016 until 2023, the SAB Foundation collaborated with SocioNext to organise week-long acceleration programmes in peri-urban and rural areas aimed at unemployed individuals.

The workshops were aimed at equipping participants with the essential abilities and self-assurance needed for establishing a business within their community. As part of the programme, attendees collaborated on creating business proposals whilst also performing market research, making sales pitches and presenting them to potential investors. Our primary objective was to cultivate a thriving network of individuals that will serve as a pipeline for the Tholoana Enterprise Programme. As of 2023, the programme has since been discontinued.

5.3.1 SOCIONEXT IMPACT

As of March 2023, over **R23.2 million** has been deployed to support **2 227** entrepreneurs. Of these entrepreneurs:



“Alex from Deaf Empowerment Firm was my mentor and a very competent mentor indeed. Being a Deaf person herself, made her aware of the needs but also the challenges that Deaf people experience. Alex works closely with Further and through their partnership, the right support was given to me and our institute in development strategies that will solve the needs of Deaf people, in particular the sign language accessibility needs, which is also the essence of the programme we are running.”

– Social Innovation Awards participant.

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ALUMNI PROGRAMMES

“The business coach assigned for the year was immensely valuable including the various training programmes.

These gave rise to systems being put in place such as a financial model, MEL, a social media strategy, presentation and pitching skills, as well as self-development and self-empowerment programmes for myself and my team.”

– **Social Innovation
Awards participant.**

6.1 FINANCING FOR IMPACT PROGRAMME

The Financing for Impact Programme is a collaborative initiative led by the SAB Foundation in partnership with the National Treasury’s Jobs Fund and LEAD Impact Capital.

This R88 million fund is designed to provide affordable financing to graduates of various SAB Foundation programmes. It specifically targets entrepreneurs aiming to grow their businesses and create sustainable jobs.

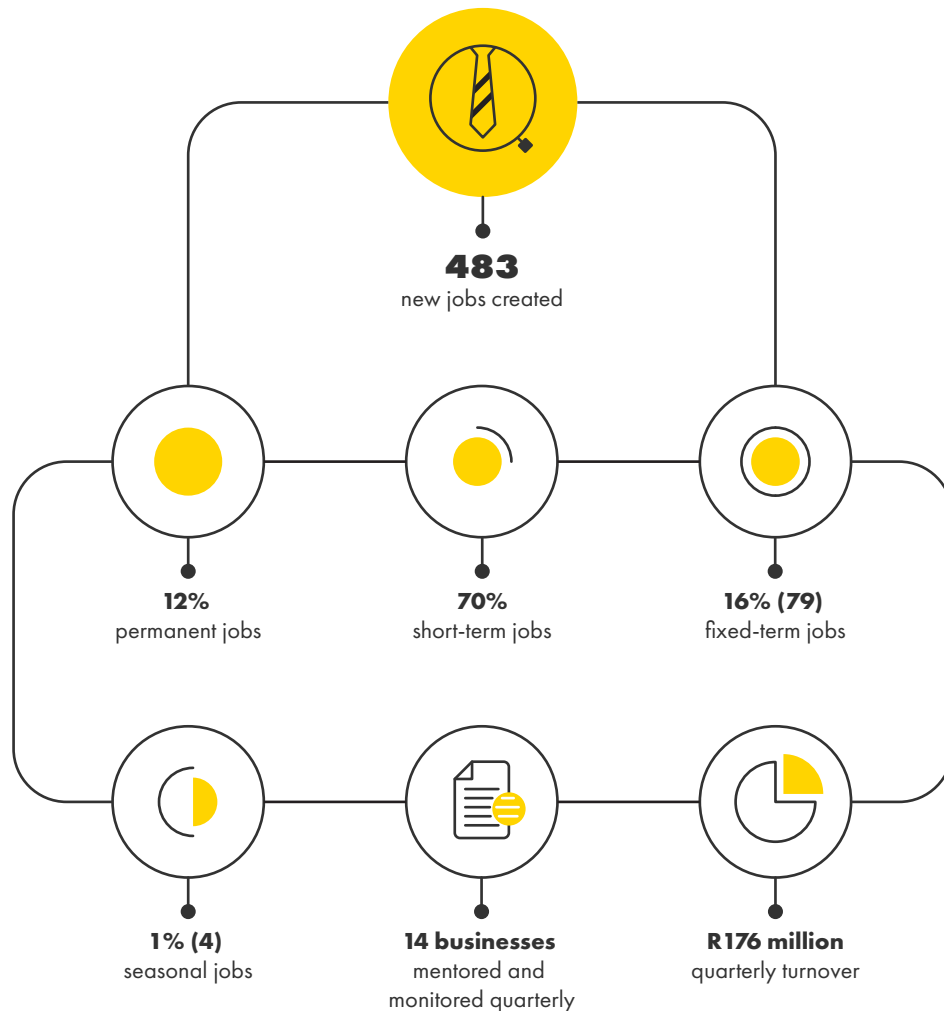
The fund offers loans ranging from R200 000 to R10 million, with interest rates capped at prime +3%. The financing can be used for asset and equipment acquisition, growth initiatives, and cash flow management in response to validated market opportunities. Businesses applying for these loans must have been operating for at least three years, demonstrate job creation potential, and show the ability to service the loan.

The SAB Foundation supports applicants through investment readiness webinars and a thorough due diligence process, ensuring that funded businesses are well-positioned for growth and success.

Through this fund, we aim to demonstrate that supporting entrepreneurial ventures with affordable financing can yield significant economic and social returns, while also addressing challenges related to access to finance for small and medium enterprises in South Africa.

6.2 FINANCING FOR IMPACT PROGRAMME IMPACT

Of the **256** businesses that registered, a total of **84** applications were submitted. **18** loans totalling **R36 million** were made to **16** businesses of which **50%** are women, **20%** are youth, **30%** are people living in rural areas. To date **R3 403 614** has been repaid.



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RURAL CATALYST PROGRAMME: AGRO- PROCESSING AND RURAL MICRO ENTERPRISES IMPACT

Our Rural Catalyst Programme was set up to look at innovative ways to create jobs through entrepreneurship in rural areas and find business models that could successfully expand or be replicated in other areas.

The following are some of the initiatives under this programme:

QOBO QOBO ESSENTIAL OILS: In conjunction with Qobo Qobo Essential Oils, the SAB Foundation established independent farmer units to grow rose geranium and rosemary in Keiskamahoe, Eastern Cape.

MADIMBO MACS AND MAC SWARM GROUP: The SAB Foundation has invested in a macadamia farming venture that capitalises on the flourishing sector within the Venda area of Limpopo Province. The project, which involves Madimbo Macs and Mac Swarm Group, is led by an accomplished macadamia farmer who had the vision to create a learning and support system for many other small macadamia growers in the area.

PICK N PAY ENTERPRISE AND SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES: The programme aims to provide emerging small farmers with tools, training and mentorship to become successful and sustainable small-scale suppliers to the broader retail market. The SAB Foundation has contributed R5 million in partnership with Pick n Pay and the National Treasury Jobs Fund to support five emerging farmers to become Pick n Pay suppliers.

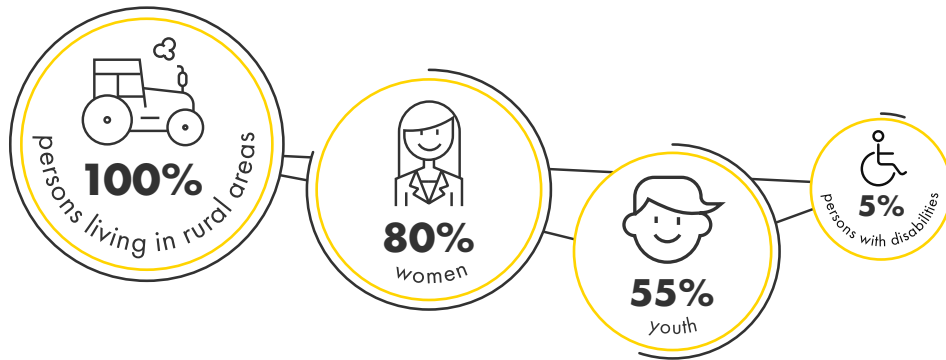
UBONGWA COTTON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PTY LTD: The SAB Foundation provided funding for a community project to better the cotton production yield on the existing farms in the Jozini area by looking at alternative ways of doing business. The aim was to increase revenue and uplift the community standards of living and continuity of the already existing cotton farming.

SAVEACT: In conjunction with SaveAct, the SAB Foundation creates rural logistics channels for social innovation products through entrepreneurship and sets up small farming businesses in hard-to-reach rural areas.

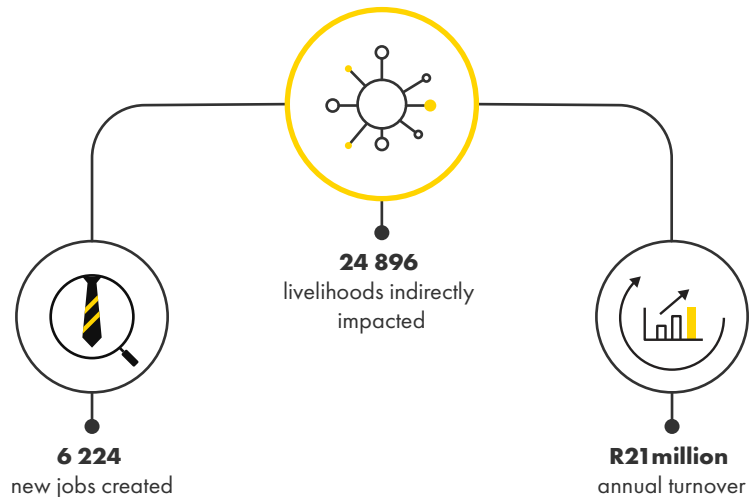
7.1 RURAL CATALYST PROGRAMME: AGRO-PROCESSING AND RURAL MICRO ENTERPRISES IMPACT

Over **R90.7 million** has been deployed in grant funding and business support to date, to support **3 924** micro-enterprises and entrepreneurs.

DEMOGRAPHICS:



JOB CREATION AND TURNOVER:



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CASE STUDIES

EDWALENI HARDWARE AND HOMEWARE

- BUSIE NXUMALO

Busie Nxumalo, founder of Edwaleni Hardware and Homeware, grew up in the rural area of KwaNgcolosi, an underdeveloped region in Kwazulu-Natal where daily life was challenging, yet full of practical learning.

Her upbringing was steeped in resourcefulness and having skills passed down by her parents, she learned to make soap, jam, candles, and even mud blocks for building houses.

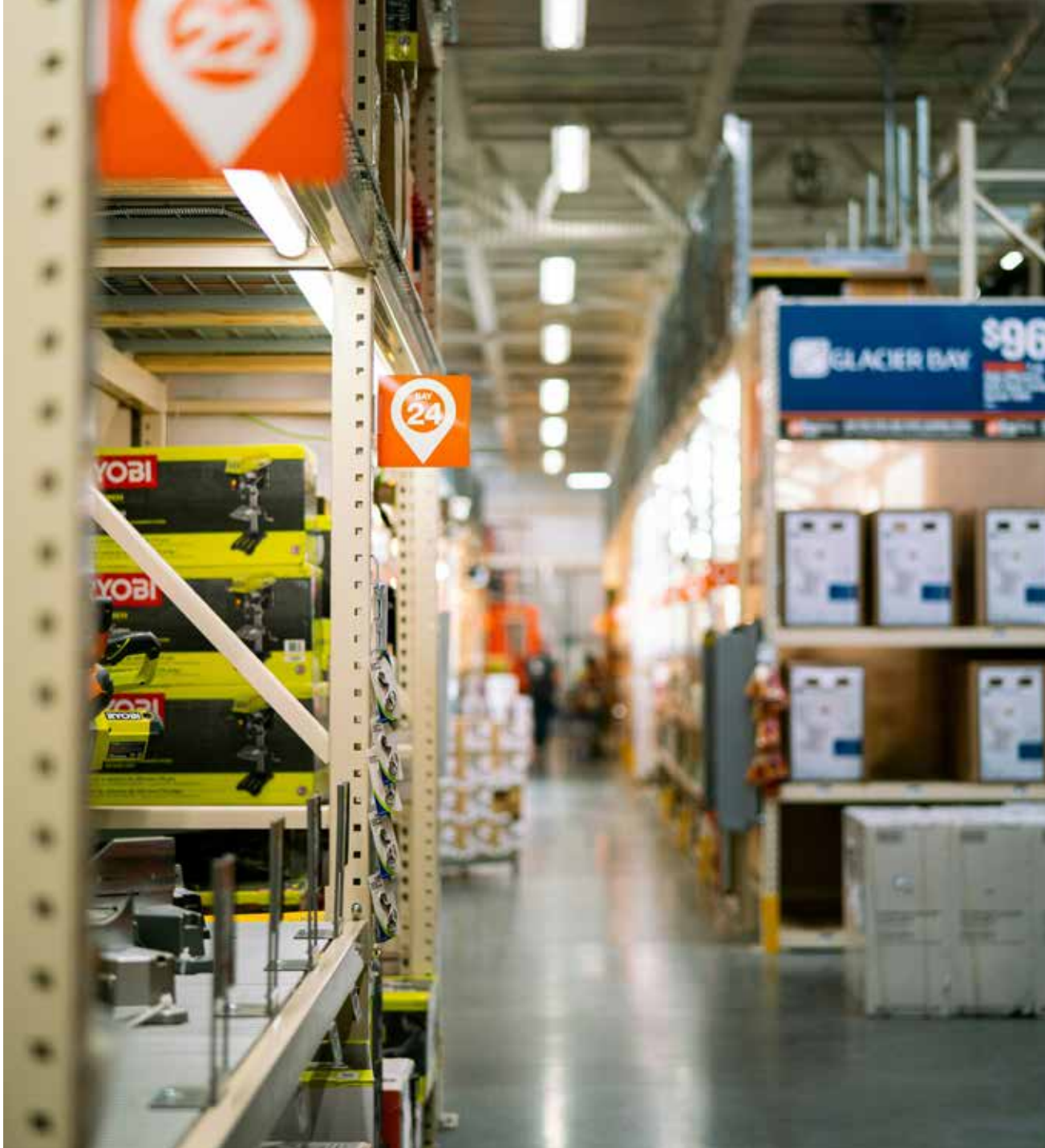
Her entrepreneurial journey began in the construction industry, working as a project manager in her family's business. While managing projects in remote and rural areas, she identified a significant gap in access to essential building materials. The high cost of transportation and the unavailability of basic supplies, such as cement locally, inspired Busie to start her own hardware business.

Recognising the potential impact on her community, she began manufacturing quality blocks, which quickly gained popularity. The increasing demand led her to invest in a larger block machine capable of producing 6 000 blocks during the day and another 6 000 blocks at night, significantly boosting both production and employment in the area.

Busie joined the SAB Foundation's south-after Tholoana Enterprise Programme in 2022 and upon graduation she received a grant of R250 000. Before joining the programme, she faced immense challenges, to the point where she considered closing her business. However, the support and guidance from the Tholoana Enterprise Programme helped her identify and address critical issues in her business operations. As a result, her business saw a remarkable turnaround.

Since joining the programme, Edwaleni Hardware and Homeware has seen significant growth. Initially employing six people, the business now employs 27 employees, with an additional 10 permanent seasonal workers hired annually between September and November. The business' annual turnover has increased by 340% from R500 000 to R2.2 million, a testament to the business' substantial progress. Beyond job creation, the business indirectly positively impacts 25 to 30 families. Busie credits this success to the support she received during her participation in the Tholoana Enterprise Programme. This enabled her business to acquire a block machine, generator, security systems, new signage for marketing, and a website. Her staff has also benefitted from training in housekeeping and production, which has further enhanced the business's efficiency and profitability.

Looking ahead, Busie dreams of expanding her hardware business to three more rural areas and empowering women in those communities to produce blocks, which she would then purchase. Her vision is to not only grow her business but to also uplift others in similar underdeveloped regions.



“I would like to send a word of appreciation to the SAB Foundation for choosing me as a beneficiary of the Tholoana Enterprise Programme.

What you have done for me has also benefitted other families who were unemployed and are now able to generate an income.”

– **Busie Nxumalo, Founder of Edwaleni Hardware and Homeware.**

EXCEL@UNI

- LUNGELU GUMEDE AND LUDWICK MARISHANE

Born and raised in Johannesburg Gauteng, Lungelo Gumede demonstrated an early passion for entrepreneurship, starting with managing a tuck shop during his school years.

This entrepreneurial spirit led him to secure a scholarship that enabled him to pursue a BCom degree at the University of Cape Town. Despite consistently excelling academically, Lungelo encountered numerous obstacles, including family difficulties and mental health challenges, which ultimately led to the loss of his scholarship. Recognising that he and Ludwick Marishane his co-founder had both experienced gaps in the support available for scholarship-funded students, they identified a critical need for a more comprehensive support system.

In response, Lungelo and Ludwick launched Excel@Uni in 2016, a platform designed to provide holistic support to students. The initiative is built on four pillars: peer mentorship, personalised tutoring, meticulous performance tracking, and extending support beyond academics. These pillars ensure that students receive the necessary guidance to thrive both academically and personally.

Starting with just two clients, Excel@Uni's early years were challenging, however, in 2017, the organisation received a significant boost by winning R150 000 in the SAB Foundation Social Innovation Awards, followed by an additional R1.1 million from the SAB Foundation Social Innovation Fund. This funding was strategically invested in technological development and expanding the organisation's operational capacity. To date, Excel@Uni has grown exponentially from just two employees with no annual turnover, to employing 21 people, serving 31 clients, and generating an impressive annual revenue of R12.5 million.

Lungelo credits the early-stage financial support from the SAB Foundation as a pivotal factor in Excel@Uni's success. "The SAB Foundation provided us with the first external capital we received. It was that boost of confidence that enabled us to build our business," he reflects.





Post SAB Foundation support, Excel@Uni has continued to attract additional funding and recognition. In 2017 the organisation was awarded second place in the IBM Pitch Competition, securing R200 000 in grant funding.

This achievement was followed by further financial boosts, including R900 000 raised from the B-Squared Accelerator programme and a recent R1 million investment from the Google Black Founders Fund. These contributions have enabled Excel@Uni to continuously enhance its services, expand its reach, and deepen its impact.

Looking ahead, Lungelo envisions Excel@Uni as a major player in the student funding landscape. He articulates a vision of “locking down who we are,” with a focus on commercial expansion, and solidifying the company’s position as a key provider of student support services.

“Lungelo aspires to transform Excel@Uni into a “large private NSFAS,” a vision that speaks to the organisation’s potential to reshape the way student support is provided in South Africa. ”

– Lungelo Gumede, Co-Founder of Excel@Uni.

DEAF DEVELOPERS PROGRAMME BY ISCHOOLAFRICA

– CHELSEA WILLIAMS

According to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 98.9% of people with disabilities are unemployed in South Africa.

Notably, research from Forbes indicates a rapidly growing outlook in employment in the technology industry, as four times more jobs are readily available today. The iSchoolAfrica Deaf Developers Programme aims to establish a nexus between these two areas by equipping persons with disabilities with the necessary skills to enter the technology sector.

The programme, established in 2009, empowers youth with disabilities through technology.

The iSchoolAfrica team designed the Deaf Developers Programme to transform the narrative of disabled youth unemployment in South Africa. This initiative seeks to address the glaring disparities in employment by equipping Deaf youth with the necessary skills to enter the rapidly growing technology sector, where job opportunities have significantly increased.



The Deaf Developers Programme is an eight-month initiative specifically designed to empower Deaf youth by providing them with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in the technology industry. The programme adopts a hybrid model that includes South African Sign Language (SASL) interpreters throughout, ensuring that Deaf developers are fully included and able to engage effectively.

The programme's curriculum is comprehensive, covering critical areas such as change management, basic SASL, Deaf Culture, disability etiquette, and accessibility for inclusion. These components are essential for ensuring that Deaf developers can successfully integrate into organisations and contribute meaningfully. Upon completing the course, participants work on industry-related projects, with the goal of securing employment within partner corporates. The programme also encourages the development of applications that address the challenges faced by the disabled community, with the aim of publishing these apps on the App Store to generate income for the developers.

In 2022, the iSchoolAfrica Deaf Developers Programme was awarded the SAB Foundation Disability Empowerment Award, receiving a grant of R750 000. This funding was a game-changer, enabling the programme to cover bursaries for App Development studies, provide SASL interpreters, supply MacBooks, and support graduation ceremonies and work placements. Before receiving the award, the programme had only two Deaf staff members.

Since then, the team has grown to 11 Deaf employees, with the programme evolving from an unfunded concept to a fully funded and operational initiative.

After receiving the SAB Foundation Disability Empowerment Award, eight Deaf students have completed the International Certificate in Cyber Defence App Development programme, with three successfully passing Apple's App Development exam. Additionally, eight participants were offered full-time employment, with six accepting roles in App Development. The initiative also employed five additional Deaf staff in technical support roles.

The success of the programme has garnered attention from major players in the tech industry. Apple Inc. has expressed interest in partnering with the iSchoolAfrica Deaf Developers Programme, offering international mentorship opportunities for future and current cohorts. Additionally, further funding has been secured to enable Deaf developers to teach coding in schools for Deaf learners. To foster an inclusive work environment, all employees undergo Sign Language and Deaf Culture training.

Looking ahead, the iSchoolAfrica Deaf Developers Programme envisions creating a pipeline of Deaf developers, starting from Grade 10, where students start learning to code. After matriculating, these students would enrol in the IACD's App Development Programme, ultimately leading to meaningful employment as App Developers.

“Thank you for this opportunity. Together, we are changing the unemployment statistics for Deaf South Africans and giving them access to meaningful employment opportunities.”

**– Chelsea Williams -
iSchoolAfrica Deaf
Developers Programme**

MAPHA LOGISTICS

– LOYISO AND TSHIDI VATSHA

Loyiso Vatsha grew up in Soweto, Gauteng, where he witnessed firsthand the challenges local businesses faced in accessing quality stock, competitive pricing, and effective customer reach.

To address these inefficiencies, Loyiso and Tshidi Vatsha, founded Mapha Logistics in 2020.

Mapha Logistics is a platform designed to empower local businesses in underserved areas by providing them with the tools to thrive in the digital economy. The business aims to empower these entities by providing them with a platform to create an online store, stock up their inventory, deliver to their local customers, accept online payments, and track inventory and delivery drivers.

The business also serves as a marketplace for the public, who can order from thousands of restaurants, convenience stores, cosmetics stores, and more with ease and convenience. The business uses various vehicles such as bicycles, motorbikes, vans, and Tuk-Tuks to deliver the orders in a fast and reliable way.

Their journey began with offering grocery deliveries through a WhatsApp CRM. However, as the team gained a deeper understanding of the market's needs, they transitioned to a more robust technology platform in 2022. This pivot was critical in enabling the business to better serve its customers and expand its operations across South Africa. Today, Mapha Logistics operates in numerous locations, including Tembisa, Ivory Park, Alexandra, Olivenhoutbosch, Khayelitsha, and Nyanga.

One of the significant challenges Mapha faced was validating its business model while securing the necessary resources to keep the business afloat. The early stages were tough, with the company operating with just four employees and limited financial resources. However, the determination and resilience paid off when Mapha was awarded R400 000 at the SAB Foundation Social Innovation Awards in 2021.





Mapha used the funds to validate the business model, purchase marketing equipment, and provide much-needed working capital during the startup phase.

"The SAB Foundation does not only take care of the business but also the entrepreneur," shares Loyiso. "They provide mental health services, financial resources, and non-financial support to ensure you are well-positioned to make impactful change."

Since receiving support from the SAB Foundation, Mapha now employs over 50 people. Their annual revenue has also increased from just under R90 000 to over R1.2 million per annum. By digitising suppliers in townships, Mapha has broadened access to quality products, empowered local businesses with competitive pricing, and simplified procurement processes for local businesses. Additionally, the business has since improved the financial flexibility of those it supports by introducing "Buy Now, Pay Later" enabling local businesses to have the flexibility to manage their cash flow challenges effectively and invest confidently in growth initiatives, and to expand their operations more confidently.

One of Mapha's highlights has been being a recipient of the Google Back Founders Fund which provides financial resources to early-stage black-founded startups across Africa. Loyiso envisions Mapha to be a South African-bred business that lists on the Stock Exchange and establishes itself as the biggest township and rural distribution network in Southern Africa.

"I would like to thank the SAB Foundation for all the work they put in by ensuring social entrepreneurs have a voice and access to opportunities in an ecosystem that usually neglects them. I believe that especially in emerging markets such as Africa social problems are highly prevalent, and it is paramount that support is given to innovation that is trying to solve them as it affects the majority of the population"

– **Loyiso Vatsha,**
Co-founder of
Mapha Logistics.

MCMORE INTERNATIONAL

– MORERO NHLANHLA MOLOI

Morero Nhlanhla Moloi, affectionately known as “The Muffin Man,” grew up in the vibrant streets of Soweto, Gauteng.

His childhood was marked by an insatiable love for food, especially baked goods. Morero faced significant challenges in school due to dyslexia and ADHD, leading to his eventual dropout from university, where he had once dreamed of earning an LLB degree. However, these obstacles did not deter him, instead, they fuelled his determination to carve out his unique path.

Morero’s journey into the food industry was deeply personal. Inspired by his late grandmother, a street vendor, he envisioned a way to transform the franchising industry by formalising the street vendor business, making it more accessible and inclusive for the historically disadvantaged people of South Africa.

In July 2020, after losing his entire business livelihood due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Morero decided to turn his long-held dream into reality. He founded McMore International, a food manufacturing company specialising in premium quality muffins. He started the business in the backroom of his great-grandmother’s house in Orlando West, Soweto, investing all his savings into the venture.



McMore International was established with a clear mission of becoming a leading food manufacturer with a specialty in premium quality muffins. However, Morero's vision extended far beyond just baking. He aimed to create a globally leading micro-franchising corporation that would empower aspiring entrepreneurs by providing them with a 'business in a box'. This innovative approach involved McMore International handling the baking, packaging, marketing, and customer support, leaving the franchisees with just the primary task of selling the product.

The food industry is known for its stringent regulations and red tape, especially for those looking to compete with established industry giants. This reality presented significant challenges for Morero and his team, forcing them to invest heavily in compliance to compete at the level they aspired to. Despite these hurdles, Morero's resilience and determination saw him through.

Before joining the SAB Foundation Tholoana Enterprise Programme, McMore International was still in its infancy, with an annual turnover of just R150 000 and a team of five employees. However, after being inspired by a newspaper article about a bakery in KZN that secured a deal with Pick n Pay, Morero decided to apply to the Tholoana Enterprise Programme.

The Tholoana Enterprise Programme became more than just a source of funding; it became an accountability partner at a critical time in Morero's life. The programme provided not only the much-needed grant funding of R250 000, but also a support system that helped him keep his business afloat and grow it, despite the personal challenges he faced.

With support from the Tholoana Enterprise Programme, Morero was able to install a generator, purchase two motorbikes, and acquire essential baking equipment. These investments significantly increased the business' capacity and ability to reach more clients. To date, the business employs 13 permanent employees, 22 casual workers, and 22 micro-franchisees, with plans to onboard 50 new internal sales employees. The company's annual turnover has grown from R850 000 to R1.4 million.

Reflecting on his journey, Morero expresses deep gratitude to the SAB Foundation for the support and opportunities it provided. "The entrepreneurial skills that you will develop from this programme are out of this world," he says, urging other entrepreneurs to apply for the Tholoana Enterprise Programme. He credits the programme for not only helping him scale his business, but also for positively impacting the lives of the families his business now supports.

The company now supplies a major private hospital group and selected Super Spars, among other clients. Morero's dream of transforming the franchising industry is well on its way to becoming a reality. As Morero continues to expand his business, his story serves as an inspiration to others, proving that with the right mindset, support, and determination, dreams can indeed become a reality.

"No matter how much the world changes, people will always need food. Remember that people eat with their eyes before their mouths."

**– Morero Nhlanhla Moloi,
Founder of McMore
International**

EMPOWERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

As we reflect on our journey, the SAB Foundation is proud to showcase the profound social impact of the organisations we support. While we wish we could share the full depth of their stories, this report offers a snapshot of the remarkable work that they do.

We've grouped these social innovators under key United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), although many of their initiatives intersect with multiple goals. This approach enables us to highlight the diversity of their impact and our role in supporting their success.

Under each SDG, we've selected one organisation to feature in greater detail, demonstrating the transformative change they're driving and how the SAB Foundation has contributed to their growth.

Imagine if we could capture the full depth of change each of these social innovators is making, the impact would be truly remarkable!

A few notes on the pages that follow...

Non-exhaustive

While we have done our best to capture the impact of all social innovators connected to the SAB Foundation, this list is non-exhaustive and some organisations may only be featured in upcoming editions of this report.

Reporting on a moving target

The impact data in this document is self-reported by each business at the time of our interaction with them. To date it may be that they have pivoted their business model and may now have achieved even greater results not yet captured here. You'll be able to click through to some organisations' websites, social pages or featured articles to access their updated information wherever you see this icon.



Many hands

We in no way claim sole responsibility for the impact of these organisations, their teams work tirelessly to achieve their goals and many have received assistance from other organisations. Alongside these contributions, our funding, loans and mentorship amplify the good they are achieving across our country.



No Poverty

The SAB Foundation is committed to contributing to the eradication of poverty. We strive to support economic growth and job creation, promote equal access to economic resources, basic services, and financial services and foster inclusive and sustainable economic development, with the aim to break the cycle of poverty and help people thrive.

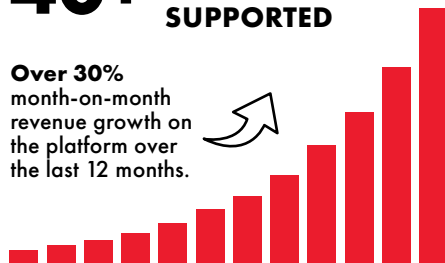
Word of Mouth



This on-demand services marketplace for the informal economy, makes local connections between township residents and female-led informal micro-enterprises.

40+ MICRO-ENTERPRISES SUPPORTED

Over 30% month-on-month revenue growth on the platform over the last 12 months.



Before I was paid cents, and could barely afford food. Now I am building a home for my future.

Member,
Word of Mouth

OVER R800 000

generated for our members, doubling or tripling almost all our members incomes.

Street Booksellers

Empowering unemployed, homeless men and women to sell second-hand books and providing rehabilitation and support services to individuals recovering from addiction.

Abomakgereza (Recycling Hustlers)



Distributed free durable, functional waste carts to recycling entrepreneurs, making their job more meaningful and easier.



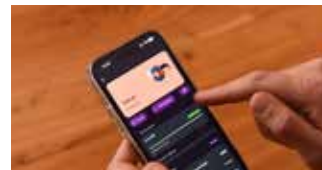
10% profits distributed to waste pickers in a profit-sharing scheme.

Developing recycling entrepreneurs through a **training programme**.



95%

SUCCESS RATE HELPING USERS STICK TO THEIR BUDGETS



This modern digital banking app promotes financial literacy discipline. It offers vital skills, particularly in rural South African communities where financial mismanagement and reliance on cash are prevalent.

Xhuma



Aqua Green

Successfully transitioned a former mining community into a Tilapia fish farming network

Providing training and business support and promoting economic empowerment specifically for youth and women to alleviate poverty and ensure rural development.



EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS



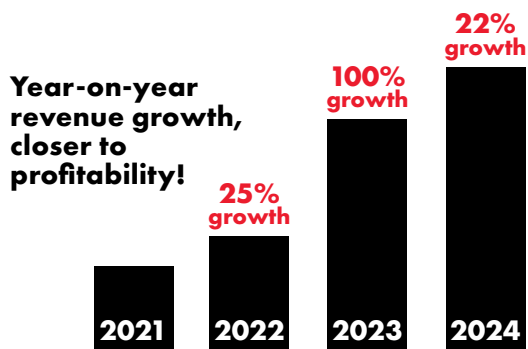
Two vendors obtained part-time jobs

One vendor became a caretaker of a flat

CASE STUDY

SPOON MONEY

Spoon Money uses stokvel principles, and the interplay between savings and credit to create economic stability and prosperity for women-run businesses in townships, fostering a ripple effect of positive change that enhances home lives, communities, and society as a whole.



IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

OPPORTUNITIES, CONNECTIONS AND MENTORSHIP

The SAB Foundation has opened up new opportunities for Spoon Money, connecting them to speaking panels, for example, that unlocked new business connections. The mentorship has been invaluable as a sounding board for their business as they grow.

I have an ECD centre, I built it, but I couldn't finish my building. Spoon Money helped me. They lift us. It's like they hold my hand so that I can go on. I was stuck before. I was not able to comply. But now I'm in the process of complying because of Spoon Money. As we speak, my kitchen has finished up. It's very important because we're supposed to have the kitchen to cook for the children.

Angelinah, Loan recipient,
Spoon Money

Now, multiply
that impact by...

16 000
LOANS GIVEN

Loans
ranging
from
R1 000 to
R150 000



1 700
WOMEN
IMPACTED

Creating more stable
households, more
likely to have positive
social outcomes for
families and children.

We've had to do a lot of experimentation, much of which has failed, but we've received grant funding and they (SAB Foundation) have kept us alive to do the experimentation and still be here. We would not be here if it weren't for the SAB Foundation. I can tell you that categorically!

Nicky, Founder,
Spoon Money



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ZERO
HUNGER

Zero Hunger

The SAB Foundation supports organisations working to end hunger. By championing those improving agricultural productivity, sustainable food production and resilient agricultural practices, together we build towards access to nutritious and sufficient food all year round.

Reel Gardening



This innovative biodegradable seed tape is making sustainable gardening more accessible and impactful.

300 000

household
gardens
distributed



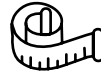
4 500

school
gardens
created



**DONATED
1 500 000**

metres of
seed tape



20 MILLION

Little Gardens manufactured
for Checkers in 2020



Our primary school is situated in a very impoverished community, most of our parents survive on social grants... The garden not only helps our nutrition programme, it also helps the community because they are able to get food packs.

**Principal,
Sekwati Primary**

BUILDING BEEHIVES ACROSS RURAL SOUTH AFRICA

WITH ONE MILLION PLANNED IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS



Building new bee colonies, increases pollination capacity, **enhances crop yields** and contributes to food security.



Beekeeping also provides economic empowerment for rural communities, where **stable income means better nutrition.**

Bee Loved Honey



7 300

Self-watering flat-pack vegetable growing boxes donated by the Department of Agriculture Mpumalanga to:

- **IMPOVERISHED HOUSEHOLDS**
- **EMERGING BLACK FARMERS**
- **SCHOOLS IN NEED**

Empowering marginalised communities to gain food security and self-sufficiency through, accessible and sustainable vegetable growing solutions.



Smart Food Growing Technologies



**55 GRAIN
FARMERS**

**SUPPORTED WITH RISK
MANAGEMENT AND
MICROFINANCING**

Empowering microfarmers to grow more productive yields, increasing their sustainability and productivity.

Agri Seed Capital

CASE STUDY

GREEN ARCH INNOVATIONS

This aquaponics franchise model is transforming lives, promoting sustainable agriculture, and alleviating food insecurity, empowering communities towards a food-secure future.

Before I had no money to buy bread for my family. Now, I'm able to buy groceries every month and I even built a three roomed house with good furniture at this young age. The positive change for my family is that for part-time work, Luvo hires my brothers so that they can work too. If there's more vegetables the Green Arch company gives us the food to avoid food waste.

Thobani, Employee,
Green Arch Innovations

45 000

HOUSEHOLDS
POSITIVELY
IMPACTED



Increased by 25 000
since working with
the SAB Foundation

FOOD SECURITY

PROVIDES
ACCESS TO
NUTRITIOUS
FOOD



SAVES TRAVEL
TIME AND
COSTS TO
ACCESS FOOD



SUPPORTS FOOD
CROPS THAT WOULD
NOT NORMALLY GROW
IN THAT CLIMATE

JOB CREATION

Growth in jobs,
permanent and
temporary,
particularly
for no- and
low- income
households

11
2023

25

2024

EMPLOYEES

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION



Expanded
media
visibility

Finalised the
franchise model
to enable growth



Installed a
pack-house
to process fish

I built a pack house through the SAB Foundation. This helped me to scale, to add value to the product and to tap into a different customer segment. Before the pack house, we couldn't process the fish and we lost out on the processing income that we could have earned. For example, if you're selling uncut fish, you sell it at R55 per kg, if it's gutted and de-scaled, it goes up to R90 per kg.

Luvo, Founder,
Green Arch Innovations





Good Health and Wellbeing

The SAB Foundation champions organisations that make healthcare more equitable, effective, and accessible for all, regardless of income, location, or background to drive positive change and improved well-being in our society.

Vula



PROVIDED HEALTHCARE
SERVICES TO OVER

40 000

RURAL PATIENTS
PER MONTH

using a mobile app platform facilitating interaction between over 9 000 health workers per month, allowing seamless communication, referrals and expert advice.

The Vula App has saved a lot in transport costs, reduced clinic numbers and saved the patients a long and wasted trip.

Dr Pollison, App User, Vula

Senso Solutions

OVER

1 000

DEAF MOTHERS
SUPPORTED

by providing sound assistive, wearable device to help better care for, and foster a stronger bond with their children.



Respo



A mobile app that uses GPS technology, to notify next of kin in medical emergencies, has reduced emergency response times and increased survival rates for patients, particularly in low-income communities.



Healthforce



Facilitating seamless communication between nurses and remote GPs or specialists through telemedicine technology, significantly enhancing access to low-cost quality healthcare across the country.



4 MILLION +

TELEMEDICINE NURSE
CONSULTATIONS

253 000+

TELEMEDICINE DOCTOR
CONSULTATIONS

I had the best experience ever during my consultation, at half the normal consultation price!

Nkazimulo, Patient, Healthforce

Marelagadi Welfare Centre



The centre aims to reduce social welfare problems and enhance the lives of children with disabilities in Limpopo by providing a safe and nurturing home.



27
CHILDREN
with disabilities
accommodated

Providing their families the freedom to focus on their employment, while also creating seven new jobs to support this initiative.



Enhancing health and wellness by providing accessible, nutrient-dense food products.

120
CHILDREN
supported with
daily nutritious
meals and beverages



through community initiatives. Ensuring that vulnerable populations receive essential nutrition.

Nutrivita

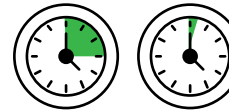


PeleBox



1 235 642

CHRONIC MEDICATIONS
COLLECTED FROM
SMART LOCKERS



WAIT TIME REDUCED
FROM 3 HOURS TO
ONLY 2 MINUTES!

By reducing the average waiting time at public clinics for patients with lifelong conditions like HIV and TB, Pelebox facilitates adherence to medication and improves quality of life for patients.

Steps Clubfoot Care



Transforming lives of children with clubfoot preventing disability and improving long-term outcomes.



1 652
HEALTH WORKERS
EMPOWERED



39
CLINICS
SUPPORTED



18 686
BRACES
DISTRIBUTED



OptiShunt



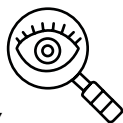
The OptiShunt is an affordable eye implant that provides effective, minimally invasive treatment for glaucoma patients, reducing risk of vision loss and improving quality of life.



15

DEVICES
successfully
implanted in
glaucoma patients

reducing the need for
pressure-lowering
medications.



12

INTERNS
employed
for a month

gaining valuable
experience in
MedTech.



Easy Squeezy



A novel and reusable sleeve attachment for the standard asthma pump that helps children and the elderly push down and activate their inhalers, improving the overall treatment of asthma.

Invisio AI



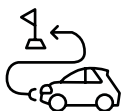
A first in the world machine learning system that identifies abnormal breast cancer masses in real time and predicts the type of breast cancer without the need for biopsies or waiting to be referred to a specialist physician.



NICRO



The Shifting Gears and Choosing the High Road programme has significantly promoted responsible driving among participants.



99%

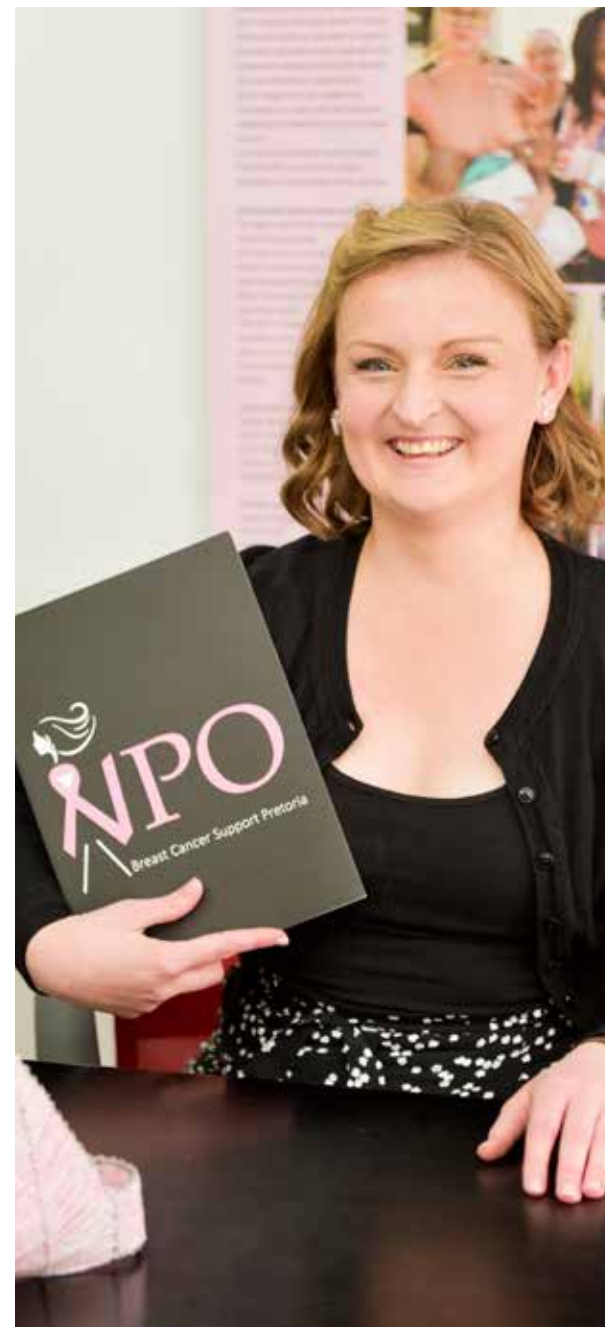
of participants avoiding re-arrests.

98%

reported that they did not drive
under the influence again.

99%

experienced improved relationships
at work and home, showcasing the
programmes' effectiveness in
fostering positive life changes.



CASE STUDY

SYKED 

Through offering wellness counselling via a digital platform, mental health support has become more accessible and affordable it helps reduce stigma and promotes overall well-being.

We hear stories from individuals that have been in very dark places, people who have tried to commit suicide coming forward and saying that they no longer feel that way, that they now have their life in order. We hear about people that have never been in therapy and who thought that this thing is for women, males are coming forward now.

Wandile,
Founder, Syked

COST SAVING CARE

The average cost of a consultation with a clinical psychologist through Syked is

34% CHEAPER THAN THE AVERAGE RATE

as per the Council of Medical Aid Schemes.



PARTNERSHIPS SECURED

MEDICAL SCHEMES
with **150 000** beneficiaries

HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS
with **46 000** students



MONTHLY SIGN-UPS INCREASED BY OVER 396%
over the last year

620 000+ MINUTES

of clinical intervention

Imagine the improvement that all those hours of therapy have brought to peoples mental health.



The platform provides a network of mental health practitioners with an income without overhead costs.

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

With the support from the SAB Foundation, Syked was able to hire someone to research the needs of the market and apply those insights to develop their product further.

You'll find that programmes give you training, but it doesn't mean anything if you can't convert that into paying clients. Sometimes what you really need are the funds to help you get those clients. The SAB Foundation provides the training and financial support that enable us to deliver our service.

Wandile,
Founder, Syked



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Quality Education

The SAB Foundation supports organisations that bridge the education and skills gap, especially for marginalised communities, so that they can overcome barriers and achieve economic participation.

66 000

STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDED WITH A SCIENCE KIT



Kits contain 52 experiments to do at home and in the classroom, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of science.

ChemStart



NuMaths Kids App



80%

IMPROVEMENT IN MATHS SKILLS OF GRADE 1 APP USERS

Maths app provides learners with a stronger foundation in maths compared to their peers who did not engage with the educational app.

Kids Innovate Africa



An inclusive Edtech organisation dedicated to empowering the next generation, ages 5-18, with innovative robotics and coding.

34.55% OF LEARNERS ARE NEURODIVERGENT

I need my kids to stay in your program. They can develop an interest in technology now, and this can help prepare them for a better future. This is the only way for me, as a single mom.

Parent, Kids Innovate Africa



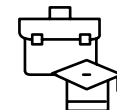
Solar Lab in a Bag



Solar lab in a Bag provides access to technology, education and economic opportunities for under-resourced youth in rural and peri-urban areas, bridging the digital divide.

10 658

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TRAINED IN DIGITAL SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Of those students:

160
received
learnerships

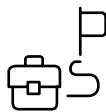
15
are
currently
employed

9
started
their own
business

450 000

STUDENTS RECEIVED CAREER GUIDANCE

Helping students and parents make the right decisions for their futures.



This innovative platform bridges the education gap between high school learners and higher learning institutions, providing real-time guidance on university admissions, funding and career paths.

Gradesmatch



Excel@Uni



Through student monitoring, private tutoring, mentorship, and professional development, bursary students now graduate on time and thrive during their studies and in future careers.



GRADUATION RATES
THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

DROPOUT RATES
THREE TIMES LOWER THAN
THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



iSchoolAfrica



As a part of iSchoolAfrica's Disability Inclusion Programme, the Deaf Developers Programme empowers Deaf youth with industry-relevant skills and training, creating opportunities for employment and economic growth.



80%

PASS RATE ACHIEVED

and every student that passed was offered a job!

Presto Academy



An innovative learning platform with digital and book-based study guides. They provide engaging, memorable content authored by the country's top matric students to help the next cohort of learners achieve better results.

256 000+

STUDENTS REACHED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS with the Mobi-Class platform, Spark Schools, School in a Box and VUMA's fibre network.

Excel@Uni contributed largely to my out of class learning by providing additional tutoring. The programme also developed my soft skills by providing training such as public speaking lessons and helped teach me how to draft a professional CV.

Asanda, Chartered Accountant Trainee, Excel@Uni



CASE STUDY

TRAKTA BIKES

Manufacturing durable, rural-specific bicycles, through partnership. Enabling schoolchildren in remote areas to access education more easily, reducing travel time and increasing school attendance.



**OVER
5 000**

TrakTa bikes distributed through Qhubeka to rural schoolchildren.



**9 PEOPLE
EMPLOYED**

each supporting about **ten people** in Groot Marico, North West Province, where unemployment is around **80%**

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

Equipment funded by SAB Foundation helped to keep TrakTa Bikes running even through challenging times. When loadshedding was at its worst, they were able to keep up with demand and even scale the operation.

**FROM 30 BIKES
A MONTH TO...
300!**

The school for our township here is a good seven kilometers away. For young kids, that's an hour and a half walk each way. With bikes (distributed by Qhubeka) they can cycle half an hour to school and half an hour home. It gives them an hour's free time in the morning and in the afternoon, for doing homework or studying or playing with friends while it's still light.

**Colin, Founder,
TrakTa Bikes**

QHUBEKA PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS

Qhubeka is a charity that moves people forward, providing them with bicycles that help them to travel faster and further, meaning adults are able to generate an income and children can get to school quicker. TrakTa Bikes is a manufacturer supplying them with locally made, long lasting easily fixable bicycle frames, ensuring those who receive bicycles are able to use them for longer.

They gave me R200 000 to spend on equipment, like a welding machine and we had to put in batteries and inverters when Eskom started going off. This kept us going, for which I was very, very grateful.

**Colin, Founder,
TrakTa Bikes**





Gender Equality

The SAB Foundation supports organisations working to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls. By focussing on this sector, together we champion the reforms that empower women with economic independence through access to resources, technology, skills training and education.

The Cleaning Fix



Connects domestic workers with cleaning opportunities, empowering women from low-income communities with dignified employment that fosters financial stability, independence, wellness and a better future for their families.

My life was hard before I joined this platform. I couldn't manage to pay my bills. The Cleaning Fix has helped me and changed my life these past five months and made me a happy woman. What I love most is that The Cleaning Fix has taught me how to represent myself to clients. Thank you so much!

Winnyfredah, Cleaner,
The Cleaning Fix



**R2 686
to R5 063**



AVERAGE MONTHLY
EARNINGS INCREASE

54% empowered to
pay off debts

41% could begin
to save money

18% started micro-
businesses



28%

moved to more
secure homes

72%

of their children are now
in a safer environment



41%

say their children are
now in better schools

74%

of their children now
get regular meals



Subz Pads



Provides underprivileged school girls with washable, re-usable eco-friendly pads, ensuring uninterrupted education and dignity during their monthly cycles.

**SANITARY PACKS
DISTRIBUTED AT
1 000 SCHOOLS**



**ATTENDANCE
COULD BE AFFECTED
BY UP TO 25%**

when girls lack access
to sanitary wear and
adequate sanitation.

IMAGINE THE CHANGE IT
MAKES TO THE **150 000** GIRLS
WHO ARE NOW ABLE TO
ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME?

Without sanitary products
girls are excluded from their
right to an education as
stipulated by the Constitution
of South Africa.

Bongiwe Mbinqo-Gigaba, Former
Sports, Arts and Culture MEC

CASE STUDY

SARI FOR CHANGE

**Sustainable fashion
empowering women through
the upcycling of the sari.**

**128 WOMEN
TRAINED**

By teaching women new skills like sewing, design and craft, they are able to provide for their families and communities.

EMPOWERING
128 STORIES JUST
LIKE MERCY'S!

Because we were cleaners, we were seen as dumb as if we didn't go to school. Then Rayana came and she said I'll train you so you can have your own skill for your lives, for your kids, for their future. Now I can provide Christmas clothes, food, pay for rent and everything. Most importantly I'm working from home so I can be there for my kids.

Mercy, Employee,
Sari for Change



GROWTH



SOUTH
AFRICAN
STOCKISTS

CONFIRMED
AGENT IN
EAST AFRICA

EXPANDED
TO THE UK

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

8 000+
SARIS UPCYCLED
AS NEW GARMENTS
AND COUNTING...

25 230
TONS OF FABRIC
DIVERTED FROM
LANDFILL

**26 491kg
of CO₂ and
320 000 L
water saved**



* That's roughly the weight in CO₂ of a large commercial aeroplane plus enough water to fill five 9m x 4m swimming pools!

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

Inspired the restructuring of the organisation as a hybrid model, with a foundation and a 'for-profit' brand.

The SAB Foundation has not only assisted us in the structure and systems in our organisation, but they've also helped us largely with equipment. We now have the right industrial machines for some of the garments. When Pick 'n Pay's order came in March 2024, it was a big deal for us because it was the first time we were producing for a brand and we had the right machines for that, which really helped.

Rayana, Founder,
Sari for Change





Decent Work and Economic Growth

The SAB Foundation proudly assists organisations that harness technology, entrepreneurship and innovation to drive inclusive economic growth, boost productivity and stimulate job creation and decent work for all.

Mintor



OVER
70 000
JOB SEEKERS
IN SOUTH AFRICA
SUPPORTED
THROUGH
TECH-BASED
RECRUITMENT

The solution addresses the critical issue of youth unemployment. The chat bot and AI tools enhances the reach to previously disadvantaged and remote communities, reduces application costs, streamlines the screening process and improves the quality of recruits.



Mintor's chatbots enabled us to provide people from rural and marginalised communities with professional looking CVs and skills profiles to bring them one step closer to becoming economically active.

Berné, Client,
Mintor

Mfanex Water



Through a convenient door-to-door refill delivery service, leveraging technology and eco-friendly transportation, Mfanex revolutionises access to clean water and ice, provides employment and improves livelihoods in local communities.

REDUCING THE BURDEN OF WATER COLLECTION

From this...



...to this!

StokFella



Through this communal savings platform, people manage their savings, share skills, build resilience and achieve economic access to opportunities.

Leading to improved socio-economic outcomes for individuals, communities and generations that follow.



Stokvels with contributions as low as R50 have collectively **SAVED R1 MILLION** and invested in assets like property and franchise stores.

Ejoobi



Leveraging SMS, USSD, and voice calls, this platform is designed to enhance the employability of job seekers in rural areas with limited internet access.

162 CANDIDATES PLACED IN JOBS

6 133
JOB SEEKERS
BENEFITTED
FROM 83 CV
WORKSHOPS
CONDUCTED



Kuba Technologies



Kuba Technologies empowers small business owners to become catalysts for inclusive economic growth, equipping them with the necessary tools, support, and resources to thrive.

1 500
small business
owners provided
with essential
administrative
tools for invoicing
and project
management.
**OVER
20 000
INCOME
GENERATING
OPPORTUNITIES
CREATED**



AgriKool



AgriKool has empowered smallholder farmers in South Africa by providing access to finance through a peer-to-peer digital crowdfunding platform, linking them with micro-investors who support their agricultural activities.

By purchasing and distributing produce directly to informal traders, rural producers:

can sell their products more efficiently



earn better returns in the market and improve household income.

Kotonki



Empowering emerging farmers and rural communities with an innovative all-terrain utility vehicle designed to transport heavy loads through any terrain at low cost.



LOADS UP TO 1.5 TONNES



Siyavuna Abalimi Development Centre



Siyavuna aims to optimise revenue potential for the participating farmers, contributing to sustainable livelihoods and empowering the local community.

OF THE 40 PEOPLE WORKING ON-SITE 70% ARE WOMEN

I'm able to provide for my children and attend to their school needs. I will save some of my income to register to a higher institution to further my studies through distance learning, so that I can continue working in my garden and looking after my children. The SEF fund programme has brought dignity to my life.

Slindile, Technical Advisor, SEF Project

Lizwe Meat Black Youth Livestock Auctions

Unlocks access to mainstream markets for subsistence, emerging and commercial farmers.

Through livestock auctions, it delivers equitable market rates and serves as a hub for knowledge sharing and entrepreneurship, particularly for young and black farmers.

LIVESTOCK BRINGS IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR FARMING HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COMMUNITY.



Kuloola



Kuloola, South Africa's first rural online grocery store, bridges the gap in access to essential goods for underserved rural communities. By leveraging innovative mapping technology and local delivery partners, Kuloola provides affordable, convenient, and reliable grocery delivery services.

BENEFITING THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS, PRIMARILY WOMEN AND PENSIONERS

PROMOTES FINANCIAL INCLUSION



REDUCES TRANSPORT COSTS

CREATES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Mapha Logistics



Mapha is a technology company that connects consumers with local sellers, enabling effortless ordering of everyday essentials.

BRIDGING THE GAP

They empower local businesses to thrive, create new economic opportunities, and make a meaningful impact on their communities.

Innovative delivery solutions through various vehicles such as bicycles, motorbikes, vans, and Tuk-Tuks simplify logistics for stores, driving growth and prosperity.

OVER 50 PEOPLE EMPLOYED

ANNUAL REVENUE INCREASED FROM UNDER R90 000 TO **R1.2 MILLION**



Urban Mobility Solutions

600 LEARNERS TRAINED

in essential motorbike riding skills and profiles loaded onto online employment platform, Bikers Connect, linking them with potential employers.

Mapha doesn't only deliver my food on time, they also shop for my stock, so I never have to leave my shop!

Vusi, Customer, Mapha Logistics

Cloudy Deliveries



A bicycle delivery service for restaurants and shops in the townships that employs young people from the community.

+ EXPANDING THE CUSTOMER BASE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

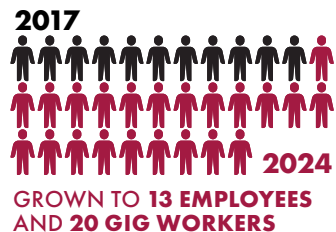
+ EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH WORK OPPORTUNITIES



CASE STUDY

VULEKA ✨

Vuleka uses technology to enable collective purchasing power and offers credit for those purchases, empowering township-based informal businesses to be sustainable, active participants in the economy.



IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

Vuleka developed their initial technology with funding from the SAB Foundation. While the team at Vuleka have also partnered with other organisations to implement their new 'buy now, pay later' offering, it was the SAB Foundation who funded the **research** that informed this novel credit product.



NOW, IMAGINE
HOW THE OPTION
FOR CREDIT HELPS
VULEKA'S...



We once forgot to lock the gates and we were robbed. They took almost everything from my store, I didn't have snacks, I didn't have mielie meal. It's difficult to start completely over again when you've got no stock. I didn't have money, so the stock for credit helped me to recover everything in the shop. Now I'm pushing so that I can be okay again.

**Tsundzukani,
Customer, Vuleka**

CUSTOMER BENEFITS

Delivery from Vuleka is quick and often cheaper than the transport to purchase supplies.

It also means shop owners don't need to close their businesses to purchase more stock.

Firstly, we were just starting off with our app, they helped us to develop that technology. Then with the credit product, we had to find out what works for the shop owners and what doesn't. What we got from the SAB Foundation helped us to do that. When running a business, you essentially cannot lose money while you are trying things out.

Brian, Founder, Vuleka



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Reduced Inequalities

The SAB Foundation supports organisations that are committed to reducing economic inequality and promoting social inclusion by empowering people with access to resources, education and employment, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.

A Deaf-owned video remote communications company gives improved access to digital content for Deaf people, providing them with the tools to enjoy independent connected lives.

Virecom



PADPERCH TURNS SMART DEVICES INTO HANDS-FREE MAGNIFIERS

making tasks like crafting, reading, and filling out forms significantly easier for visually impaired individuals to complete.

Padperch



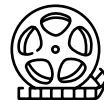
ShazaCin Accessible Media



OVER 60 AUDIO DESCRIPTION PROJECTS CREATED FOR LOCAL FILMS IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

GIVING THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED ACCESS TO VISUAL INFORMATION

and building demand, and therefore, jobs for Audio Description skills.



I love going to the cinema with family and friends, but I often need them to describe scenes without dialogue, which can annoy others. ShazaCin and describeAT are game-changers. The app syncs with the film, allowing me to follow independently through my earphones. It's like having my own personal describer!

Tracy, Customer, ShazaCin

TRACY IS NOW EMPLOYED AT SHAZACIN AS THEIR ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST AND SOUND EDITOR



Addressdox



Giving people an address improves access to essential services for underserved populations, enhancing their ability to participate in the formal economy.

OVER 400



PROOF OF ADDRESS DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO RESIDENTS IN RURAL AREAS VIA WHATSAPP.



Specialised seating for Disabled Children

MENTORING



YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

to create environmentally friendly, biodegradable chairs from recycled cardboard using flour-based glue, contributing to waste reduction and sustainability.

Rural Hand Bike

RURAL HANDBIKES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED MOBILITY FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

allowing them to travel independently
over long distances and rough terrain.

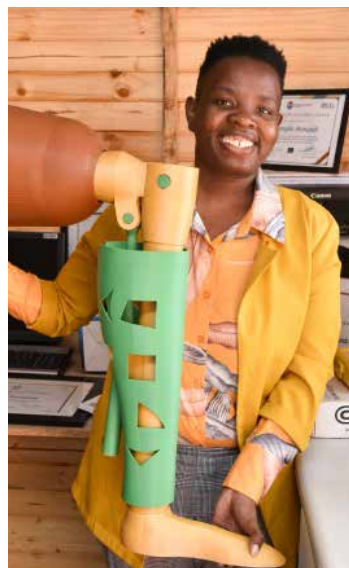


Uku'hamba Prosthetics and Orthotics

MAKING MOBILITY ACCESSIBLE



Leverages digital technology
for fast production of quality,
sustainable and affordable
prosthetics for less privileged
amputees and those living with
physical disabilities.



Deaftouch



BUILDING INCLUSION

Communication software
enables Deaf people to
interact with call centres
through on-demand voice,
video, real-time text and
speech transcription.



Jobs for specially trained
Deaf service agents,
provide necessary
employment within the
Deaf community.

Oasis Recycling Project



In a society where individuals
with intellectual disabilities are
often marginalised and excluded
from mainstream employment,
this project provides them with
dignity, respect, and meaningful
participation in the workforce.

PROCESSED

1 440



TONNES OF WASTE

actively contributing to the
reduction of landfill waste
and the carbon footprint.

375

YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYED

in various roles within
the recycling ecosystem.



Loop Paratransit Inclusivity Initiative



Loop brings e-hailing benefits to the minibus taxi industry, better serving those with disabilities who may otherwise be excluded from taking taxis. Through subsidies they provide a dignified premium service to differently-abled commuters.



Disability Info South Africa



The DiSA One-Stop Access portal provides easy access to information, expertise, advice, and guidance to those in need. Citizens can also report barriers to access for people with disabilities in South Africa.

Empowering people with disabilities to live life to their fullest potential.



THE SITE GETS ON AVERAGE

19 000

VISITS PER MONTH AND APPROXIMATELY 200 MONTHLY ENQUIRIES WHICH WE ASSIST WITH.



Ruby wheelchair

Stair-climbing manual wheelchair devices equip people with reduced mobility to go up and down stairs with the help of only one person for balance.



I Love Coffee



A force of positive change for the Deaf in South Africa, I Love Coffee's Deaf-run roastery, cafés and training programmes promotes diversity, equity and inclusion, building a bridge that connects hearing and Deaf people.

EMPLOY
52
STAFF

in South Africa and the United Kingdom, including 11 learnership students. **32 of their staff are Deaf.**



TRAINED
200
DEAF PEOPLE

I think that the best way to measure impact is to show that the Deaf staff that we train for our organisation stay with us. The first barista we trained in 2016 is still in our employ. On average our staff have worked in full time employment for five years!

Gary, Founder, I Love Coffee



ShowerBath

A low cost hybrid between a bath and a shower designed for persons with severe intellectual disability coupled with physical disability. The innovative design enhances the quality of personal hygiene for such individuals and helps to eliminate back strain for carers.



Silicone Prosthetic Liner Manufacturing



Developed a silicone prosthetic liner which is produced in less time and is

80%

CHEAPER THAN THE IMPORTED VERSION
making prosthetic liners affordable.

This is also a social project because amputees who cannot afford prosthetic liners can now afford them and this will change their quality of life in that people can now find meaningful jobs and play sport.

Luvuyo, Founder, Silicone Prosthetic Liner Manufacturing

Sign Language Teachers Training Programme

Unemployed Deaf people are trained to deliver a Basic SA Sign Language course to hearing people in the communities where they live, enabling them to start their own sign language training businesses and make the communities where they live more accessible for Deaf people.

Breede Valley Association for Persons with Disabilities

Empowering individuals with disabilities through meaningful vocational participation, fostering economic independence and community integration.

65 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
provided with profit-sharing and income-generating opportunities.

160 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
connected to entry-level jobs and learnership opportunities.



Zenzeleni



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Zenzeleni creates a digital ecosystem in rural South Africa. Community-owned, high-speed internet reduces telecommunication costs and promotes social entrepreneurship. There has been a significant increase in hotspot users and patrons at the solar-powered ICT hub.



CASE STUDY

SPECTRUM CHEFS ACADEMY ✨

A culinary skills development centre specialising in teaching learners with all forms of physical and mental disabilities or challenges. By focusing on ability rather than disability, they create social impact that extends beyond the kitchen, promoting a culture of inclusivity and empowerment and giving them opportunities for employment.

Zach is in the academy with lots of people like him, they are all bonded together, have the same sort of differences and he feels happy and secure. Now he is doing the chef's course and he's working at a restaurant. He can go on to work on cruise ships. Suddenly, we can see a whole future for Zach.

Kate, Parent, Spectrum Chefs Academy

Simon came to me hardly speaking. He is now one of our big successes, he ended up working at the Vineyard Hotel!

Cheryl, Founder Spectrum Chefs Academy

187 STUDENTS TRAINED

35 Prior students now run their own businesses, have jobs or work in protective workshops.



THAT'S 35 SUCCESS STORIES LIKE SIMON'S!

EXPANSION

The organisation has expanded to Gauteng and they're planning a hub in George too... the next step is to franchise.



IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

Number of students grown by...

440%



480%
INCREASE IN PER MONTHLY BILLING FROM 2022 - 2025

The SAB Foundation was a huge help, providing mentors, social media support, and funding for new equipment. Maybe one day we would have gotten to where we are, but it would have taken a while. So we are reeling a little bit as they've enabled us to expand our number of students and now we're looking for new premises to accommodate more.

Cheryl, Founder Spectrum Chefs Academy



Sustainable Cities and Communities

The SAB Foundation empowers companies that aim to provide safe, affordable and sustainable housing especially for marginalised communities, supporting the development of more equitable and resilient communities.

Upskills and creates opportunities for women and youth by training them to replace informal backyard shacks with durable structures using alternative building technology.

Hustlenomics



Interlocking bricks are made from natural soil and recycled construction waste

USING THEM CUTS BUILDING COSTS BY **30%**

Structures are built at no initial cost and using an innovative shared home financing model, the owners eventually obtain full ownership.



Memeza



The deployment of an affordable alarm system has significantly enhanced community safety:

26%
REDUCTION IN SEXUAL ASSAULTS

DRAMATICALLY DECREASED POLICE RESPONSE TIMES
enabling quicker interventions

TIME REDUCED FROM 45 MINUTES TO ONLY 7 MINUTES!



35%
INCREASE in citizen trust towards law enforcement, strengthening relationships between the police and local communities.



CASE STUDY

IKHAYALAMI ✨

Improving the living conditions of South Africa's urban poor, providing dignity, safety and wellbeing through upgrades of shacks and spacial redesign in informal settlements.

Whoa, it's a smart house, it's like I'm living in a brick house. When it's raining, there is not even a drop of water that comes in. We used to go outside every time we wanted water and now I have a sink! Everything is sorted, I'm so happy!

Nomthunzi, Homeowner, Ikhayalami

4 261

SHACKS
UPGRADED

with each new home positively impacting 4-6 people

These homes are fire- and flood-resistant and designed to be difficult to break into, providing protection for the families that live in them and peace-of-mind that their belongings are safe.

THE BULK OF THESE WERE BUILT AS DISASTER RELIEF

PLUS OVER R5 500 000 GRANTED IN LOANS

246

 HOMES SOLD DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS

63

 HOMES BUILT WITH AN INNOVATIVE CREDIT AGREEMENT

between employer and employees, building creditworthiness for the unbanked and bridging the finance gap.

The dream is to have a revolving fund that enables individuals to access credit or co-funding by their employers or large corporates to exponentially upgrade their living conditions through Ikhayalami improved shelters.

15

 PEOPLE EMPLOYED
grown from five when the organisation started.

43

 PEOPLE EMPLOYED
in public employment programmes, facilitated by Ikhayalami.

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

RE-BLOCKING PROJECTS

Homeowners collaborate to re-develop whole areas, creating safer homes, easier access for emergency vehicles and firebreaks within the settlements.

Through mentorship, the SAB Foundation is challenging us to scale our shelter finance and to take our social development re-blocking agenda and make it sustainable.

Andy, Founder, Ikhayalami

Disaster response remains key to what we do, and we will continue to raise funds for this, because in the face of climate change, disasters such as shack fires and flooding are going to become worse.

Andy, Founder, Ikhayalami

The SAB Foundation Innovation Award was for Ikhayalami's shelter finance model and the funding they received meant they could offer credit that enabled the sale of...

72

 HOMES!



Responsible Consumption and Production

The SAB Foundation proudly supports organisations driving sustainable consumption and production practices. By backing these initiatives, we contribute to a more circular and regenerative economy, reducing waste and promoting sustainable resource management for a better future while fostering livelihoods for people through employment.

Sonke



Sonke designs and manages automated refill stations for fast-moving consumer goods.

**APPROXIMATELY
R3 MILLION**

saved for shoppers who buy **only what they need**

**AROUND
2 MILLION**

pieces of single-use plastic packaging successfully diverted from landfills



Gcwalisa



This innovative 'weigh and pay' dispenser addresses social and environmental challenges by providing affordable access to essential food and household products, particularly for low-income communities.

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS FOR WASTE PICKERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Regenize



**OVER
500 000 kg**
of recyclables diverted
from landfills

**95 WASTE
RECLAIMERS**

now earning a minimum wage
of R4 000 per month.

THAT'S **270%** MORE THAN THE
AVERAGE WASTE RECLAIMER
EARNS MONTHLY.



Re-Purpose

**OVER
1 000 tons**
OF PLASTIC DIVERTED
FROM LANDFILLS



That's the same
weight as about
1 500 adult
African elephants!

Supporting the creation
of **over 100 direct
and indirect jobs**
including waste pickers

Reduces environmental
degradation and provides
dignified employment
opportunities, contributing
to economic growth and
improving community
livelihoods.



Liquid Gold



By turning urine into a high-value certified dry fertilizer, Liquid Gold prevents water pollution and enables smart management of wastewater.

SAVED
OVER **300
MILLION**
LITERS OF WATER



DIVERTED
3 MILLION
LITERS OF URINE



OVER
2 684

**TONNES OF PLASTIC
WASTE COLLECTED**

to create the innovative Plastibrick, an eco-friendly, energy efficient, durable alternative to traditional bricks.

The Plastibrick requires no water or cement in its production, addressing both the country's waste pollution and water scarcity issues.



Ramtsilo



Tlotlokgo Business Investments

87

**TONNES OF USED
COOKING
OIL MADE INTO
BAR SOAPS**



contributing to both waste reduction and the creation of eco-friendly, affordable hygiene products for local residents.



Clothes to Good



Clothes to Good creates sustainable employment opportunities for people with disabilities and their families through textile recycling, driving both economic inclusion and environmental responsibility.

OVER
260 TONNES
OF TEXTILE WASTE
RECYCLED ANNUALLY

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

The number of microbusinesses selling pre-loved clothes has more than doubled!

50

108



TOY FACTORY LAUNCHED
upcycling waste into toys for
Early Childhood Development

**SUPPORTING
OVER 7 700
CHILDREN**



OVER
1 MILLION

**TONNES OF WASTE
DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS
IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS**



Through innovative glass recycling solutions and enhanced collection processes, waste has been significantly reduced and individuals have been empowered through rehabilitation, skills training and new career paths as technicians and artisans in glass recycling and manufacturing.

**Sidingulwazi
Environmental
Centre Holdings**



Umphakathi Recyclers

This innovative recycling-for-burial model addresses environmental concerns while providing dignity for unemployed community members struggling with funeral expenses.

**119 TONNES OF
GENERAL
WASTE
& TWO
TONNES
OF E-WASTE
RECYCLED**

Umoya Foods



Umoya Foods is dedicated to rural development and increasing the incomes of rural communities.

**25% PRODUCTION
SOURCED FROM
SMALL-SCALE
FARMERS**

to help commercialise African crops, such as baobab, amaranth, sorghum, millet and beetroot.



**Nick and
Nichol's Vegan
Leather Designs**



Upcycled car and truck tyre inner tubes are transformed into homeware and accessories, bringing to market innovative alternatives to leather.

Abalobi



Abalobi builds the capacity of small-scale fishing communities to establish transparent and accountable local cooperatives and fully traceable value chains, providing sustainable seafood with a story.



87%

of fisherfolk with financial goals report that Abalobi's platform has enhanced their ability to achieve those goals.

This demonstrates its effectiveness in economic empowerment and sustainable fisheries development.



CASE STUDY

LEAFLINE

Leafline reduces environmental waste and promotes affordable access to personal care products through reusable, washable sanitary products made from sustainable Cayenne Pineapple leaf fibre.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Around
7 000

GIRLS HELPED WITH REUSABLE, WASHABLE SANITARY PADS

meaning they can attend school uninterrupted for the full two years that these reusable pads last.



Leafline employs **six people full time and three part time** with plans to expand!

Leafline has made a big difference in my life. I was renting a one room place before and now I've been able to build my own house. And now I have everything and I'm able to look after my sister's children. I'm very proud!

Mbali, Employee, Leafline

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

By bringing the production in-house, Leafline was able to create direct employment for people in the area, sharing skills and providing livelihoods. They were also able to work overtime to produce enough to meet demand for big collaborations like with Spar.

Leafline products now in 30 Spar stores in the Eastern Cape with expansion to 600 stores across South Africa!

Nappies end up in landfill and take 800 years to decompose. They get flushed down the toilet and end up in rivers and oceans, as do the sanitary towels. That's our drinking water!

Candy, Founder, Leafline

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Leafline minimises waste during production and all products are made of biodegradable materials reducing environmental harm.

Roughly
20 000

NAPPIES AND SANITARY PADS DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL AND SEWAGE



With the SAB Foundation funding, we were able to start manufacturing in-house. We were able to control the quality, make sure it was sewn properly, and there was enough fibre. It just all came home. I could say we have a business!

Candy, Founder, Leafline



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Life on Land

The SAB Foundation supports organisations that conserve and restore natural habitats, promote sustainable land use and management practices, and enhance the livelihoods of people dependent on these ecosystems.



CASE STUDY MEAT NATURALLY

Supporting communal farmers through market access and sustainable livestock farming like regenerative grazing; promoting environmental sustainability and improving community livelihoods.

**TURNOVER
R118 MILLION**

of which 92 - 94% goes directly to the farmers

**AREA GROWN FROM
60 000 TO
670 000
HECTARES**

 That's even larger than the Kruger National Park!



STAFF MEMBERS

Grown from 3 to 75 full-time staff employed!

133 FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS signed the Rangeland Stewardship Agreements

THAT'S 6 400 INDIVIDUAL FARMERS

When those farmers do well, their communities do well, that's over **120 000 PEOPLE BENEFITING from a healthier ecosystem!**

550 ECORANGERS AND 6 400 FARMERS TRAINED

IMPACT OF SAB FOUNDATION'S INTERVENTION

With SAB Foundation support, we developed an entire new business unit for the Kruger area and a consolidated business plan that allowed us to take our business to the next level.

Sarah, Founder, Meat Naturally

Livestock is very important, especially to us in rural areas. We use our livestock for different purposes. The idea of bringing the auction closer to us is a good one, because we don't have money to travel to town if it is in town. It also helps us to take good care of our livestock, because we know we will sell it at the auction.

Farmer, Meat Naturally

Farmers have significantly reduced their carbon emissions in just two seasons

301 600 tons of CO₂e
= **R57 MILLION'S WORTH**
IN CARBON CREDITS

As long as the farmers meet certain grazing standards—which is better for their cattle, their own health and the environment—they are being paid for the carbon that's being removed from the air and stored in the soil. It's a source of revenue.

Ruan, Technical Director, Meat Naturally





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