



Partnerships for Impact

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our long-standing partners, donors and sponsors for staying on this journey of impacting the lives of those in our community with limited opportunities.

Many of you have been alongside us for 10 years and longer creating and maintaining momentum for positive change.

“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.”

- African Proverb

Change doesn't happen overnight – it is a process that often takes years. It is like *agriculture*; when you want to start farming, you first need to clear the land of weeds, rocks and other impurities and then you have to fertilise it. Once it is ready, then only can you sow the seeds, which then needs daily watering and regular cleaning out again. Only after being well tended over time, does one see the harvest.



All of you, our faithful long-standing partners have made it possible and continue to make it possible for us to facilitate transformation in our community.

A Story of Change in Vastfontein

In 2018 when we started the High School (the first and only High School in this community) we had a couple of learners who had not been attending school after they left primary school, because their parents did not have the means to send them to a school outside the community.

These learners had been spending time in taverns, drinking with their parents and just laying around doing nothing – to integrate them back into school with rules

and discipline became a nightmare. After the first year we realised we needed to do something different to help these learners.

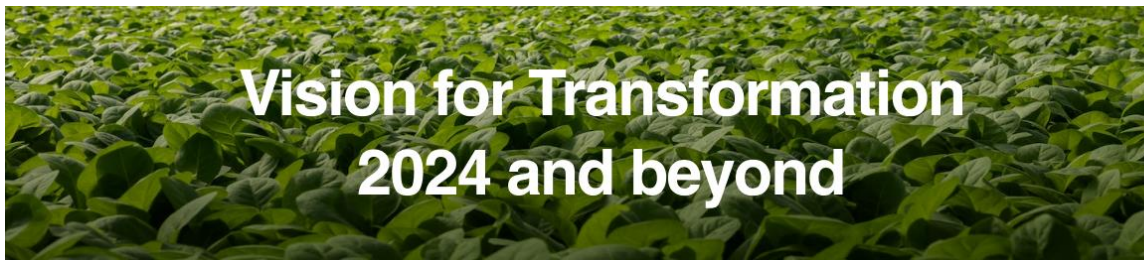
We started a “grit” class – the definition of grit is perseverance. We used a project-based education model to teach these learners the curriculum in an informal and practical way while working with them emotionally and spiritually to help them find their identity in Christ and realise how valuable they really are. We taught them welding, plumbing, carpentry and many other skills enabling them to exit grade 9 with good marks and vocational expertise.



Cornelius was one of these learners, he loved working with his hands and has an entrepreneurial spirit. After leaving school, he often came around asking for material and advice to build things that he could sell or make products with.

We often saw him collecting recyclable items next to the road to generate income for his projects. We lost contact with him for a while and then on Christmas eve 2023 we hosted a dinner for everyone in the community who did not have resources to celebrate, Cornelius and his parents joined in and they could not stop thanking us for the impact in his life – he is now doing an apprenticeship as a panel beater & spray painter, he supports his family and pays rent.

He attributes his ‘success’ to the input made possible at Vastfontein Community Transformation.



Vastfontein Community Transformation is situated in an agriculture smallholding community with hundreds of impoverished families and individuals, the community also consists of land owners who generally have 8.5ha of land, many of which is not used productively.

We have a vision to work with the landowners and tenants to start using the available unused land for sustainable agriculture projects that will bring economic stability to the area and benefit landowners as well as unemployed youth in the community.

Most land owners have water rights from the Apies River but the water is badly contaminated thus not usable for crops. However, if we could create a side project to pump water for irrigation into a system that can clean the water before utilization, healthy crops can be produced.

Vastfontein Community Transformation sees its role as a legal channel for funding and project management while also measuring the impact of such a community project as well as facilitating the training and hosting of a year long learnership program for unemployed youth. The end goal of the project is to enable members of the community to develop sustainable agriculture small businesses which can be scaled over time.

This will however not be achievable without the partnership and support of relevant role players and experts, such as yourself – thus this invitation! If done correctly and successfully, this can become a blueprint to be used for the benefit of many similar communities in our country that is so desperately in need of job creation and food security, among many other things!

The project will focus on the following

- Agriculture Business Skills Development for unemployed youth
 - Theoretic Knowledge and Practical Skills Development
 - Business Management and Life Skills Training
 - Mentoring
- Business and Entrepreneurial Accelerator for landowners and youth
- Agricultural Development Initiatives such as
 - Basic Vegetable Production
 - Herbs

- Microgreens
- Poultry Production
 - Hatchery
 - Layer House Management
- Beekeeping and Apiculture
- African Heirloom Produce
- Supporting Business Development

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Encourages Us to be Generous in our Giving



“6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Contributions and Partnerships

There are many benefits when partnering with us of which the greatest is to see the impact of changed lives. Your monthly contribution can help a child remain in school, complete school and learn skills that can enable them to live a dignified life.

Monthly contributions make it possible for us to sustain our operation and contributes to subsidised education for learners who can't afford the school fees. **Considering increasing your monthly contribution annually**

helps us fight increase in costs of living brought about by inflation.

Your donations make you an integral part of the positive impact we see when living conditions are improved and lives are changed for the better. Annual CSI contribution aligned with your corporate goals enhances your CSR initiatives which aligns your brand with social impact while also contributing to sustainable change in our community.



Consider Increasing Your Contribution

**Together we can go so much
further!**

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