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About Themba lethu Development

THEMBALETHU DEVELOPMENT is a non-profit organization that was established in 2002 to provide socio-economic development solutions through partnerships for sustainable livelihoods of communities. The aim of the organization is to facilitate development in various communities by:

Effectively implementing socio-economic development programmes



Effectively mobilizing resources through partnerships



Achieving excellence in programme, resource and business management.





Programmes Summary

Programmes	Type of Programme	Province	Funder/Partner
Community Work Programme (CWP)	Poverty Alleviation and Job Creation	Western Cape Northern Cape	Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)
Social Employment Fund (SEF)	Poverty Alleviation and Job Creation	Western Cape Eastern Cape	The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)	Poverty Alleviation and Job Creation	Northern Cape Gauteng Limpopo	The Independent Development Trust (IDT)
School Agriculture Support Programme	Agriculture and Food security	Rathoke Primary School in Limpopo	Nedbank Foundation

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Community Work Programme (CWP)



Thembaletu Development was responsible for the implementation of the Community Work Programme in the Western Cape and the Northern Cape Provinces until 31 March 2023.

The primary purpose of the CWP is to create access to a minimum level of regular and predictable work opportunities for those who need them, targeting areas of high levels of poverty and unemployment, where sustainable alternatives are limited and likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.

Over 37,000 work opportunities has been created and participants of the Programmes engaged in useful work activities in various sectors such as agriculture, community services, light construction, education, environment and health and social services within their communities.



Establishment of food garden in Khai – Ma in the Northern Cape



Participants in Richtersveld, Port Nolloth cleaning illegal dumping site.



Participants working at the food garden at Umsobomvu.

The impact of useful work activities in communities

Agriculture 	• More than 4,000 gardens were established and/or maintained in various communities to improve food security and minimise hunger.
Community Services 	• 132,634 square meters of cemeteries were cleaned. • More than 4,900 of illegal dumping sites/areas were cleaned to improve the health and safety of communities. • 457 parks were established in various communities. • 3,429 square meters of access roads were repaired for ease access to communities.
Construction 	• 590 homes were repaired and built which improve the living condition of some of the community members as well as restoring their dignity. • 505 meters (perimeter) of schools/clinics/graveyards were fenced which improve the safety and security. • 333 public facilities such as schools, community halls, clinics and other government facilities were renovated and improve their conditions.
Education 	• 27,052 learners benefitted through various assistance provided. • 26,567 school children benefitted through classroom assistance. • 10,580 school children benefitted through extra-curricular activities. • 52,666 school children benefitted through meals distribution at schools.
Environment 	• 158 tonnes of recyclable materials were collected for recycling. • 231,214 square meters of public areas, rivers and canals were cleaned and improved their condition and water flow. • 89,041 square meters of bush and overgrown areas were de-bushed.
Health and Social Services 	• 3,889 vulnerable people benefitted through various assistance. • 360 were assisted to get their IDs and access government grants. • 15,325 community members benefitted through distribution of meals.

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Social Employment Fund Programme (SEF)



Thembaletu Development is appointed by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) to implement the Social Employment Programme in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape provinces.



Simondium primary school Food Garden in Drakenstein.

The programme provided social employment to 3, 000 unemployed people in various communities. Participants are engaged on work for common good activities in various sectors within their communities.



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The impact of work for common good activities in communities

Food Security & Nutrition



- 56 community food gardens established and maintained.
- 542 participants are placed to serve to their communities by establishing and maintaining food gardens in order to reduce food insecurity.
- 42 community feeding schemes supported through the established gardens.
- 1,573 beneficiaries benefitting from meals provided by participants.

Education Support



- 243 schools and Early Childhood Development (ECDs) centres supported.
- 26 participants placed as Library assistants.
- 22 participants placed as ICT assistants.
- 179 participants supporting maintenance and cleaning of schools and ECDs
- 502 learners supported after school.
- 6,001 learners benefitted from scholar patrol.
- 5,518 learners benefitted from the ECD special projects.

Health & Social Services



- 10 Facility Partners benefitting through community health support.
- 260 individuals received basic health care services.
- 84 households were visited within this reporting period.
- 22 care facilities were supported with cleaning and maintenance.



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Ziphozenkosi Soup Kitchen food preparation and distribution to needy households in Khayelitsha.

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Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)



Thembaletu Development is appointed by the Independent Development Trust (IDT) to implement the EPWP Non-State Sector Programme in the Gauteng, Limpopo and Northern Cape Provinces.

The purpose of the project is to provide short-term employment opportunities to unemployed people by creating meaningful work opportunities which will promote self-reliance amongst participants and a developmental agenda within communities. The programme has created 1,409 work opportunities between the three provinces with participants engage in the following work activities:



Waste management (cleaning of parks, local town, landscape, eradication of litter in public spaces)



Light infrastructure work (patching of potholes, unblocking of storm water drainage on access roads).



Assisting schools and ECDs with food gardens and cleaning

Photos of work activities taking place



Cleaning of illegal dumping sites areas in Thembisa, Gauteng Province.



Food garden producing vegetables at Byldrift Day Care Centre in Lepelle Nkumpi, Limpopo Province.

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School Agriculture Support Programme



Thembaletu Development partnered with Nedbank Foundation to expand and improve the vegetable garden at Rathoke Primary School in Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality in Limpopo Province. The school was provided with garden equipment and inputs, water tank and stand, the installation of drip irrigation and training.



School representatives receiving garden equipment and various inputs, and a water tank.

This is part of Thembaletu Development School Agriculture Support Programme which is an integrated approach that enables the schools to produce adequate amount of food at the school while conserving resources such as water while conserving natural resources, such as water, and increasing productivity. This approach also allows the schools to practically teach learners various methods of food production. It also provides an opportunity for learners to learn about climate change, its impact and how to adapt to climate change.

The support has benefited 648 learners who receive their meal at the school with the produce from the vegetable garden.



School garden before the installation of drip irrigation.



Garden workers installing drip irrigation in their garden.



Garden beans and butternut grown at the garden after training and installation of drip irrigation system.

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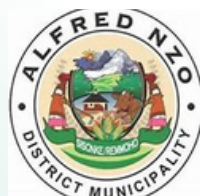
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