

ORPHANAGE GARDEN FEEDS ALMOST EVERYONE EKASI!

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THIS KASI feeds itself.

A vegetable garden gives hope to the people...

IT FEEDS ORPHANS, SCHOOL-KIDS - EVEN NYAOPE ADDICTS!

The garden is at Moepathutse orphanage in Stinkwater, outside Tshwane.

It was started in 2007 by community members and staff at the orphanage.

According to Timothy Uoani who works there, the garden raises funds for the orphanage by selling its produce to the public.

The project has 15 workers who take turns to work in the garden daily.

Timothy said: "Sometimes we cook the vegetables to make good meals - and later go and deliver the food to children at schools in the area."

In 2008, the garden won sponsorship after coming second in the Nestle Community Nutrition Awards.

This year they got sponsorship from Australian Aid in the form of equipment: three wheelbarrows, four rakes, five forks and fertiliser.

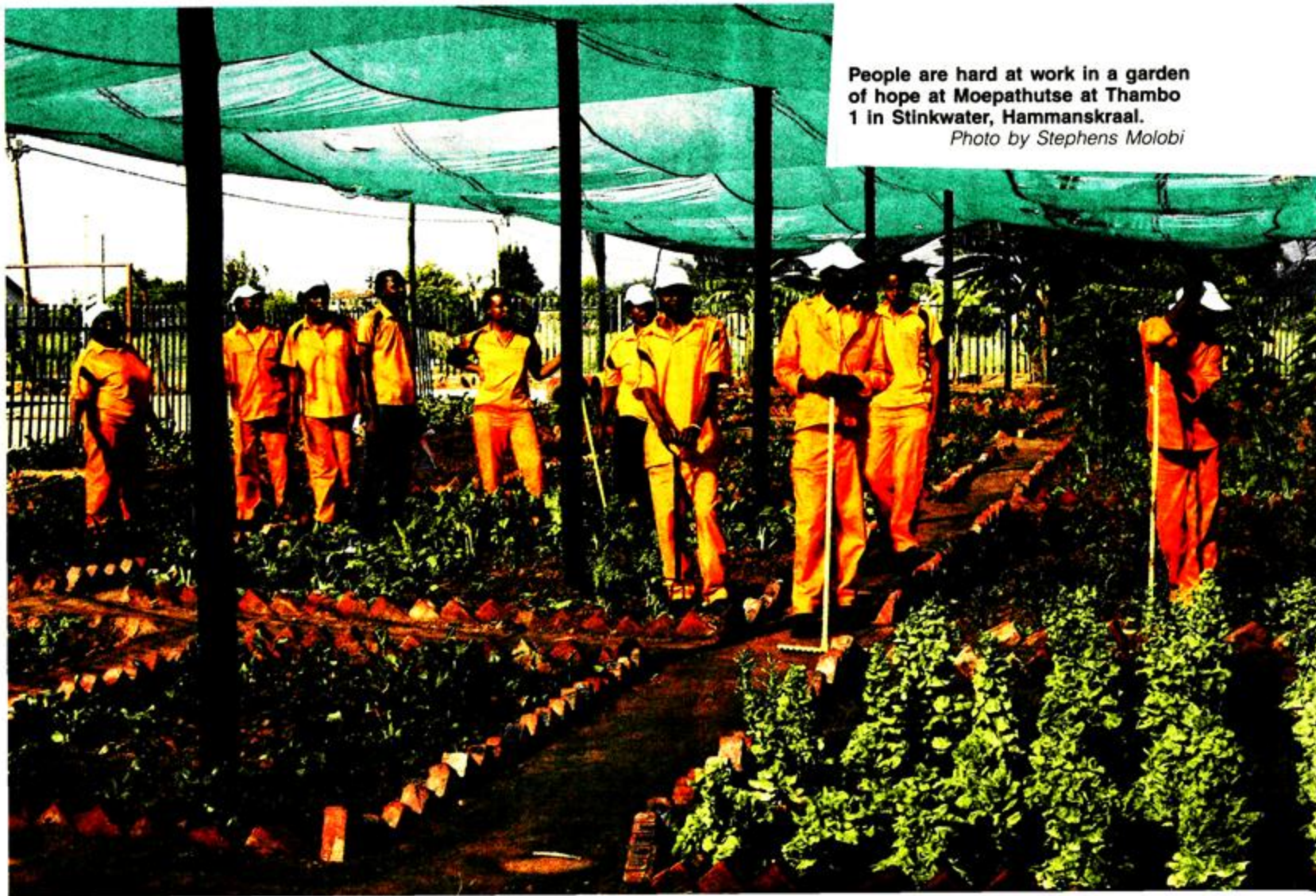
Andrew Khoza, a worker on the garden project told *SunTshwane*: "We are very happy to have received these items.

"They will help us do our job better and continue to feed the needy."

The local municipality sponsored erection of a borehole for them in their yard.

And they have a water tank as well in their yard, which receives water from underground.

That took place two months back.



People are hard at work in a garden of hope at Moepathutse at Thambo 1 in Stinkwater, Hammanskraal.

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