

Hope grows in this wonderful garden

This garden gives hope to the locals...in the most fundamental way: providing nourishing food to fill stomachs.

The Stinkwater garden – based at the Moepathutse Orphanage - feeds orphans, schoolchildren, disadvantaged people and also

impoverished drug addicts around the area. The garden is located in the orphanage's yard and really does benefit the whole community. The project was started in 2007 by willing community members who have taken pride in participating in the project because it benefits

everyone, especially the needy.

Timothy Mabango, who also works in the garden, told the *Tshwane Sun*: "This garden is really special...it even plays a role in raising funds for the orphanage, when we are able to sell its produce to the public".

The garden project has a total of 15 workers, who complete their garden chores according to different shifts.

It is these volunteers who also visit schools to feed children select produce of the garden. "Sometimes we cook the vegetables to make really good meals and then later we go and deliver this food to children at different schools around the area," explained Timothy Mabango.

"This way, we are feeding those who cannot feed themselves and fighting hunger among all our children."

The garden has even won some silverware as it has fulfilled its mission of making a difference. In 2008, the garden was awarded sponsorship after they were placed second in the Nestle Community Nutrition Awards that very same year.

In addition, this year they received sponsorship from Australian Aid - gardening equipment to continue with the good job they are doing.

This sponsorship came in the form of three wheelbarrows, four rakes, five garden forks and few bags of fertilizer.

Andrew Khoza, who is also a worker in the garden, said: "We are really grateful and happy to have received these items. This will help us do our job even better so that we can continue to feed the needy."



Growing pure goodness: The fresh vegetable garden in Stinkwater, Thambo 1 section.