



SOUTH AFRICA

Although South Africa's economy has steadily improved since the end of apartheid in 1994, its turbulent history has resulted in extreme inequality. South Africa is one of the most unequal countries in the world with a Gini index of 65. South Africa rates 118 out of 187 countries according to the United Nation's Human Development Index. About 20 percent of its 53 million people live under the poverty line, or \$1.25 a day, and nine percent of its children under 5 are malnourished.



South Africa has a dual agricultural economy: a highly developed large-scale commercial farming sector and an underdeveloped small-scale farming sector. Thirty-six percent of South Africa's population live in rural areas while 80 percent of its land area is used for agricultural purposes. Only four and a half percent of its total population relies on agriculture for their livelihoods.



Mr David Ntombela (60) and Mrs Nontobeko Ntombela (56)

Source: World Bank, unless otherwise specified.

HEIFER SOUTH AFRICA

FAMILIES ASSISTED
IN FY14

4,747

LIVESTOCK PLACED
IN FY14

Dairy cattle

Our programmatic work is focused on large-scale projects in partnership with key stakeholders, such as government departments (Departments of Agriculture, Health, Rural Development, research institutions), and non-governmental organizations including the AIDS Foundation of South Africa. We are working with project participants who need livestock to start farming activities and with those who are able to benefit from training and group membership. Heifer South Africa places dedicated project staff close to project sites to provide participants cost-effective hands-on support. With a strong focus on fundraising and monitoring and support functions, Heifer South Africa is able to expand their impact and improve upon an already successful model.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Zusiphe Goat Project
- Sukuma Chicken Project
- Blouberg Agricultural Development Project
- Thusanang Dairy Project
- Phuhlisanani Project

KEY SERVICES

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Leadership training | Gender equity training

INCREASED INCOME

High-quality livestock | Value chain access
Agroecology

SOCIAL CAPITAL

HIV/AIDS trainings | Passing on the Gift@
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Development

NUTRITION

Vegetable gardening | Nutritional training

ENVIRONMENT

Soil management | Organic gardening
Reforestation | Water harvesting



Sphephelo Sikhakhane (13)



(From left) Lubanzi Sikhakhane (7), Emihle Sikhakhane (6), Mrs Grace Sikhakhane (51), Amahle Sikhakhane (3) Sphephelo Sikhakhane (13), Sqniseko Sikhakhane (9)

PROJECT PARTNERS

Funders

- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Canadian International Development Agency
- National Development Agency, Easter Cape, South Africa
- National Lotteries Board
- WesBank Fund/First Rand Foundation
- Absa Bank/ Barclays
- Dow Chemical Company
- Jobs Fund, South Africa
- Spur Foundation
- Department Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Foundation for Human Rights
- Mutual and Federal

Local implementing partners

- AIDS Foundation of South Africa
- Department of Health
- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Southern Africa Trust
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Business Foundation
- Research Institute



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