

Rotary Club of Constantia

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Constantia Rotary Club mini farm and training centre – Global Grant GG1411873 May 2014

Background

On the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa, lies an area called the Cape Flats which is home to a community of approximately 1 million people. Many of these people have migrated from rural areas to the city to seek work, but are without the skills needed to compete in the formal economy. An organisation, called Abalimi Bezekhaya (Abalimi), provides support to members of the community who take the initiative to start food gardens.

Project Goal

To establish, and ensure the effective management of a mini farm and training centre which will train people in farming methods while producing an income.

Huge thanks!

The Rotary Foundation Global Grant GG1411873 for a total of SA Rand 494 000 was received in February 2014. This project would not be possible without the assistance from the Rotary Club of Constantia (and District 9350); Rotary Club of Hull Paragon (and District 1270); Rotary Club of Bad Homberg (and District 1820) and the Rotary Club of Burleson (and District 5790).

Update

Borehole installation

SCAGA 5 (SIYAZAMA COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT GARDEN ASSOCIATION) is a 5000m² site. Up until a year ago it was farmed by another group of people not associated to Abalimi. They moved out to consolidate on another site taking pumps etc. with them. New members came to join and this garden now falls under Abalimi as part of the existing other 4 SCAGA gardens. They have only had access to municipal water, which has been a real struggle being such a large garden. Finally after many processes the borehole has been drilled in the week of 19th-23rd May. This is phase 1 - Holding tanks, booster pumps and irrigation systems still need to be put in place. The yield test on the borehole gave a phenomenal 4000 litres per hour. With a larger pump it is anticipated that this might be increased to 5000 litres. This is good news as it avoids the need for a second borehole.

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Borehole being installed on the SCAGA site.