

the year that was 2020



ABOUT MHANI GINGI

Mhani Gingi Social Entrepreneurial Network is a non-profit organisation based in Cape Town which provides agricultural and enterprise solutions that are sustainable and profitable and help local communities to combat chronic poverty.

Mhani Gingi was established in 2006 by Founding Director, Lillian Masebenza.

WHO WE TARGET

We target vulnerable groups in society, including people with disabilities (PWDs); women; survivors of gender-based violence; youth; the unemployed; and the elderly.

WHAT WE DO

Mhani Gingi helps vulnerable groups by providing business and technical skills for them to make sustainable livelihoods for themselves. This includes involving communities in community food gardening, urban agriculture and small enterprises, to help them gain food security as well as an income.

THE YEAR THAT WAS 2020

Throughout 2020 and the COVID-19 lockdown in South Africa last year, Mhani Gingi expanded the number of community food kitchens delivering meals to hungry communities, planted more community vegetable gardens, and formed new partnerships which enabled Mhani Gingi to extend its impact to more people and to new vulnerable communities.

For every individual that has been directly impacted through either the soup or gardening initiatives, FIVE other people have been impacted, at Least 55000 people were impacted during the last four months of 2020 alone.

Weekly donations of supplies received from Ladles of Love helped boost Mhani Gingi's capacity to feed people who were impacted by the loss of income and the closure of schools where children received a daily meal.

FIRST QUARTER

- THREE Mhani Gingi community soup stations delivering meals to 100 to 200 people in Uitsig-Ravensmead most weeks, about 100 per week in Retreat, and about 250 in Athlone-Manenberg per week.
- ONE new partner, Gladys Gobodo, feeding 50 destitute children in Manenberg.
- TEN community food gardens in the greater Cape Town area impacting a total of 78 direct beneficiaries working at the gardens. For each one of those directly impacted, they impact at least FIVE others at their home and in the community at large, which also benefits.

SECOND QUARTER

- Ladles of Love increased the quantity of food supplied to twice weekly, which would enable Mhani Gingi to feed 700 to 800 people per week, all soup kitchens combined, as the coronavirus pandemic progressed.
- Another soup station was added, at Onse Plek in Observatory, serving 34 to 40 girl street children per week.
- THREE families in desperate need being supplied monthly through the Mhani Gingi Satellite Community Food Station.

THIRD QUARTER

- The refurbished and better equipped Mhani Gingi Satellite Community Food Kitchen was officially opened on 31 August 2020, with further support from Ladles of Love.
- Mhani Gingi was awarded the Ladles of Love Community Food Kitchen 'Sustainable Catering for the People' certificate for its efforts.

FOURTH QUARTER

- FOUR new community food gardens established. ONE at Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children benefiting 10 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). ONE at Touching All Generations in Manenberg benefiting FOUR women and 10 early learning children. ONE at Leap Maths and Science School in Langa benefiting FIVE beneficiaries. ONE in Hanover Park benefiting FIVE survivors of substance abuse. The produce will also supply the home's kitchen, serving 60 people.
- By the year-end, a total of SEVEN Mhani Gingi soup stations were in operation, supported by THIRTEEN community food gardens.

