

AWiA  
2024



# Annual Impact Report



AWiA- African Women  
in Agriculture – 2024

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# Agriculture- a transformative tool that fosters self-reliance, improves nutrition, and strengthens local *food systems*

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While the year 2024 brought many challenges, AWiA remained committed to providing urban communities with access to knowledge, tools, opportunities and food systems that allow them to be resilient, self sufficient and entrepreneurially adept.



“Food security is no longer just a policy debate– it’s an entrepreneurial opportunity. While large scale agriculture plays it’s part, the real innovation lies in empowering families to transition to agribusiness.”

Agnes, Sibon and Vero ~ The AWiA Team

104

Women Owned Agribusiness developed on the IsiVuno Program

2 600

Learners and Youth participants at Agricultural Development Youth Events

31

Women owned Agribusinesses afforded access to market at AWiA Market Day Partnership

## Projects

## Details

## Outcome

**IsiVuno Household Growers Project**

From subsistence to Strategy: The Business of Backyard gardening

- Improved Food security.
- Enhanced Nutrition
- Reduced household expenses

**AWiA Agribusiness Academy**

The entrepreneurial mindset– Scaling with Strategy. Turning agribusiness into a business.

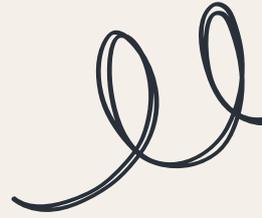
- Increased entrepreneurial capacity.
- Sharing sustainable agricultural practices
- Market ready entrepreneurs.
- Job creation

**AWiA AgriBusiness Support Network**

Market access, value adding, the agribusiness value chain.

- Stronger Agribusiness ecosystem.
- Improved market access
- Access to networks and funding.

# The year in review



Each AWiA initiative plays a significant role in developing a self-sustaining ecosystem- from empowering households to building a solid agribusiness support network.

Over the year, several milestones and successes have emerged from efforts to enhance food security, agribusiness training and entrepreneurial support.

Some significant accomplishments include:

- Empowering hundreds of households to grow their own food- reduced food expenses and increased food security.
- Generated micro-enterprises- some households have expanded into small scale commercial farming, selling excess produce in the community.
- Increased youth and women participation in agribusiness..

These accomplishments reflect the power of integrating **agriculture, business strategy** and **community development** to create lasting economic and social impact.

## Summer Highlight

Inaugural EmpowerHer Market Day Entrepreneurs' Event in Partnership with Connecting Women in Business. 31 women owned business participated- with over 300 visitors to the event.

## Winter Highlight

The planting of 50 fruit trees in various households in Naturena, Johannesburg, Gauteng.  
Oversubscribed one-day agri-business training event.

## Autumn Highlight

Presenting Conference Addresses on agriculture to youth and women at a Youth Summit and Women's Summit. Participating at a stall at a Youth Careers Day expo. Impacted a total of 3 600 beneficiaries.

## Spring Highlight

IsiVuno Backyard Garden Training for 45 beneficiaries in Orange farm and Orlando East, Soweto. The Soweto Group started a highly successful community garden. at the Post office

# Finances

## CURRENT ASSETS

Assets

ZAR 1 200 000

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

\$25,000.00

## REVENUE

Project Funding

ZAR 701 000

## TOTAL BENEFICIARY LIVES TOUCHED 2024

No of Beneficiaries

2 735



## Funding summary

ZAR 501,000

Donations

ZAR 200,000

Funding in Kind

ZAR 701,000

Programs 2024



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*From The AWiA Team:-*

*Agnes, Sibongile and Veronica*