



AWIA- AFRICAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

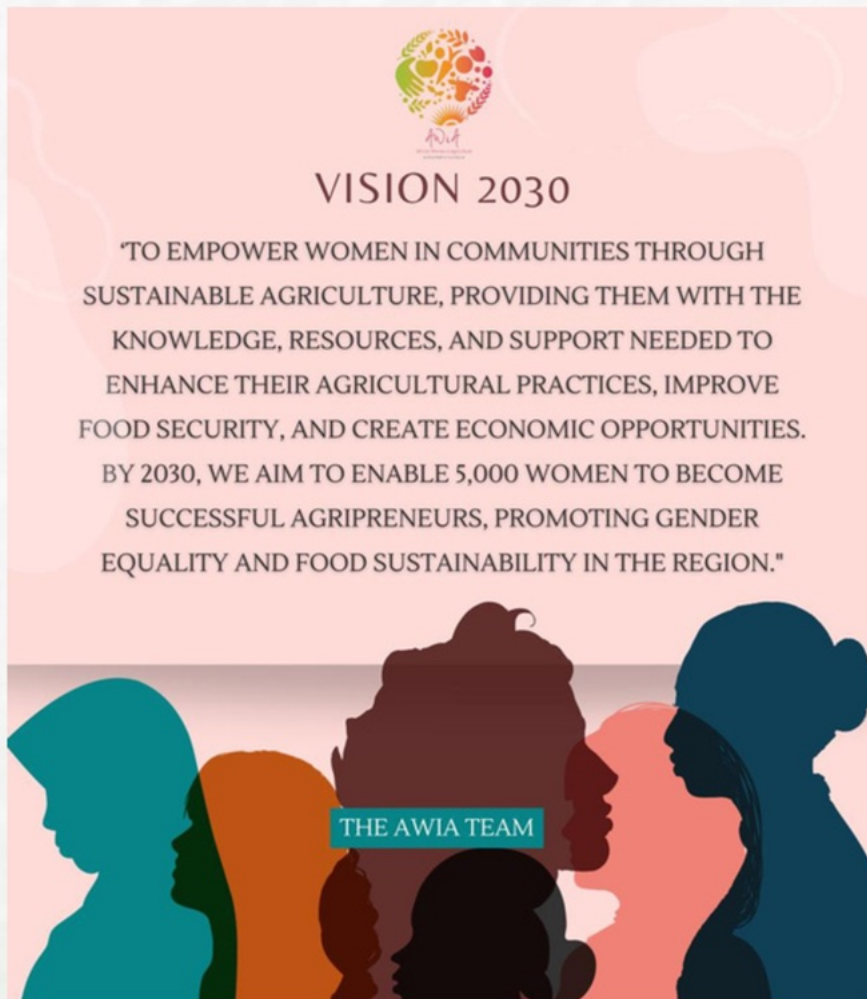
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THROUGH
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INTRO TO AWIA



AWiA African Women in Agriculture is reimagining agriculture for women.

We are on a mission to change lives, one seed, one skill, one business at a time.

Launched in 2018, in response to the gap in access to agricultural access, tools and resources for women. Increased agricultural activity is key to achieving progress towards poverty reduction, gender based violence and the effects of climate change.

We are a Women led registered NPO and PBO.

To date, we have empowered **3 222** agripreneurs, **2 950** women, **272** men.

Our footprint is mainly in Gauteng Province at the moment, and we have partners in most provinces of South Africa.

We have drawn our Gauteng beneficiaries from South of Johannesburg including Naturena, Eikenhof, Vaal, Walkerville, Jacksons, also Orange farm, Soweto, Orlando East.

From the East of Gauteng- Katlegong

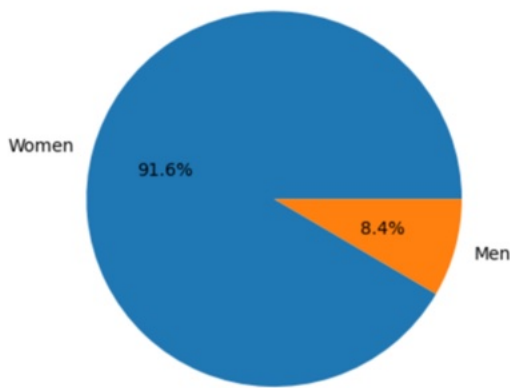
From the North- Tembisa, Alexandra



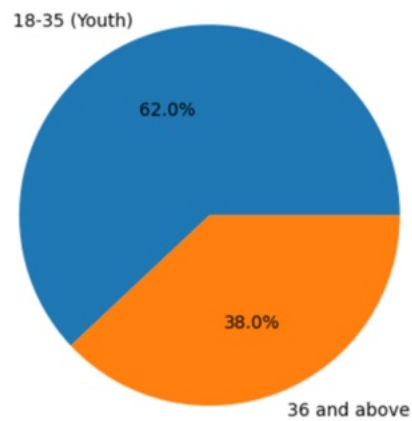
Beneficiary Profile:

Beneficiaries sourced from areas with high unemployment, poverty, high crime and poor living conditions

AWiA Beneficiaries by Gender



AWiA Beneficiaries by Age Group



AWiA Partners



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1. Executive Summary

At African Women in Agriculture (AWiA), we are witnessing women not only participating in the agricultural economy, but actively shaping it.

This is about far more than farming.

It is about:

- Economic participation
- Wealth creation
- Ownership
- Building resilient ecosystems
- Creating opportunities for future generations
- Positioning women as key drivers of Africa's growth

Across communities in Thembisa, Katlehong, and Orlando East, women are stepping into agriculture as producers, processors, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders. From production to value addition, market access, and enterprise development, women are building businesses that feed communities, create jobs, and strengthen local economies.

Impact Area	2025 Results
Total Beneficiaries Empowered	3,222
Cooperatives Connected to Equipment, Tools & Expertise	23
Cooperatives Receiving Training & Mentorship	23
Groups Linked to Market Access Opportunities	Thembisa cooperatives
Strategic Focus Areas	Sustainable agriculture, agripreneurship, food security, women's economic empowerment



2. Building Resilient Agribusiness Ecosystems

In 2025, AWiA worked closely with 23 cooperatives that had access to land but required stronger support systems to unlock productivity and sustainability. Through partnerships and ecosystem development,

AWiA connected cooperatives to:

- Agricultural tools and equipment
- Technical expertise and mentorship
- Training in sustainable agriculture
- Market access opportunities
- Capacity-building support for long-term enterprise growth

This work strengthened women-led agricultural enterprises and enabled communities to move beyond subsistence farming toward commercially viable and sustainable agribusiness models.



3. Resilience in the Face of Climate Challenges

Heavy rains across Gauteng created major cultivation challenges during the year, disrupting planting schedules and affecting productivity in several areas.

Despite these environmental pressures, AWiA cooperatives demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination. Communities adapted, continued cultivating, and remained committed to building long-term agricultural success.

This experience reinforced the importance of climate-smart agriculture, sustainability planning, and resilient local food systems



4. Orlando East: A Story of Growth and Inspiration



One of the most inspiring examples of transformation came from the Orlando East group in Soweto.

Their growth throughout 2025 was exceptional. Through consistency, collaboration, and commitment, they continued expanding their agricultural activities and strengthening their community impact.

Their journey has become a source of motivation for AWiA and other cooperatives, demonstrating what is possible when women are equipped with opportunity, support, and belief in their potential.



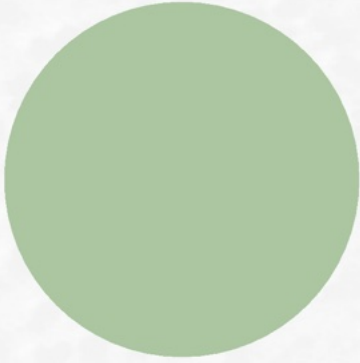
5. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

AWiA remains committed to ensuring measurable, accountable, and sustainable impact through a strong Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework.

Key indicators monitored include:

- Beneficiary reach and participation
- Gender inclusion
- Skills development outcomes
- Agricultural productivity
- Market participation
- Cooperative sustainability
- Income generation potential
- Long-term community resilience





Data collection methods include:

- Registration and attendance records
- Site visits and field monitoring
- Beneficiary interviews and testimonials
- Cooperative performance tracking
- Training assessments
- Photographic documentation and reporting



This approach allows AWiA to continuously improve program delivery, strengthen accountability, and build evidence-based strategies for future growth.

6. Looking Ahead: 2026 Vision

In 2026, AWiA aims to deepen its impact through sustainable, multi-year initiatives focused on long-term transformation and economic empowerment.

2026 Priorities

- Empower an additional 1000 beneficiaries
- Expand sustainable agricultural production systems
- Increase financial security for women-led cooperatives
- Strengthen AWiA's institutional growth and partnerships
- Develop climate-resilient farming initiatives
- Focus on scalable, multi-year projects that generate future success
- Expand access to markets and value-added opportunities

A Movement Beyond Agriculture

The future of Africa's agribusiness sector will be shaped by women who are bold enough to lead, collaborate, innovate, and own value chains.

Agriculture is no longer just about survival.

It is about transformation, influence, and legacy.

When women rise in agribusiness, communities rise with them.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!



TESTIMONIALS

'Dear AWiA team, thanks so much for bringing the training in Tembisa. I am happy to hear from the participants that the training was very informative'

-Mary- Tembisa Training Coordinator

'Indeed the training was beneficial with all the resources, tools and the market to supply our veggies 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌 all thanks to AWiA 🙏🙏🙏 May the Lord bless you all 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌'

-Elizabeth- agripreneur

The AWiA Team would like to thank all our sponsors, our Advisory Board, our partners, our beneficiaries, our suppliers and our technical experts!

THANK YOU! THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!!