

Auxiliary Projects



Overview

The Sanlam Foundation's Auxiliary Projects supports developmental initiatives that lie outside our core strategic areas but align strongly with our vision for impactful community transformation.

These projects focus on:



youth development



land reform



environmental
sustainability



social justice

contributing significantly to addressing inequality, unemployment, and poverty.

The Auxiliary Projects portfolio demonstrates the Sanlam Foundation's commitment to holistic community upliftment. By strategically investing in diverse, high-impact initiatives beyond our core mandates, we continue to build resilience, drive inclusion, and create sustainable development opportunities throughout South Africa.



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Vumelana Advisory Fund – Land Reform Programme

Objective

To facilitate community participation in the economy by establishing viable partnerships between land-owning trusts and investors.

Description

The Vumelana Advisory Fund, supported by the Foundation, supports South Africa's land reform programme by enabling commercially viable partnerships that empower beneficiaries to develop their land, unlock investment opportunities, and create sustainable jobs, income, and skills.

Key Highlights (2024)



14,800

community beneficiaries
(up from 867 in 2023)



Debt service arrangements
structured with the Land Bank



Increased asset value and
sustainable income generation

Impact

Improved livelihoods, greater economic participation, and successful implementation of land reform objectives.



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WWF-SA Freshwater Programme

Objective

To protect South Africa's freshwater ecosystems while generating socio-economic benefits for local communities to people, agriculture, and industry.

Description

In partnership with WWF-SA, this project is dedicated to clearing invasive plant species and rehabilitating vital catchment areas. By doing so, it strengthens water security for communities, agriculture, and industry. The initiative also drives local economic growth by creating jobs and partnering with SMEs.

Key Highlights (2024)



3,865.15 hectares
cleared of invasive alien vegetation
(up from 1,710 ha in 2023)



680
jobs created
(up from 619 in 2023)



14
local SMEs contracted
(up from 6 in 2023)



Over
R72 million
in funding accessed

Impact

Increased water availability, biodiversity protection, and economic upliftment for disadvantaged communities.



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Objective

To provide flexible financial support to grassroots NGOs tackling urgent social challenges outside the Foundation's core focus areas.

Description

The Small Grants Fund offers once-off grants of up to R100,000 to non-profit organisations addressing issues such as youth development, disability inclusion, orphan care, and gender-based violence.

Key Highlights (2024)



R2 million

disbursed to 20 beneficiary organisations



183

applications received



Increase from R1.9 million to

R2 million

in funding accessed

Impact

Empowerment of community-based organisations and expanded reach to vulnerable and at-risk populations.



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