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**END OF YEAR
REPORT 2021**



Ripples for Change started in 2013 with a mission to strengthen rural communities through capacity building, support of community structures and connect people to existing opportunities. Since then, we have substantially grown our partners, donors, and expanded our support to more rural communities in the Eastern Cape.



2021 started with promise.

We were all happy to see the end of 2020, a year that changed us and our world forever. During 2020 we were privileged to distribute nearly **5000** food parcels to families that were critically affected by the national lockdown. We were fortunate to get to know new donors and supporter that left us hopeful for the future. However, we cautiously started 2021, not knowing how the pandemic will unfold: We are now proud to say that it has been one of the most impactful year of Ripples for Change when we manage to exceed our annual goals.

Even though we were still under some restrictions due to COVID19, we were able to achieve the following:

- We supported **800** emerging farmers with vegetable seedlings, mulch and gardening training.
- We distributed **5000** liters of sanitizers and **20000** masks to **50** charities, schools and preschools in East London area.

- We conducted nutrition training for **100** preschools from rural communities to prevent malnourishment among children.
- We conducted Bad-Touch-Good-Touch training for 3-4-year-old children from rural communities to help prevent abuse.
- We were appointed to support the Presidential Stimulus Package for preschools by monitoring and registering them.



August 2021: Ripples for Change has become a strategic partner of

Afrika Tikkun in the Eastern Cape. We selected Tsholomnqa rural community as our pilot site, and in a very short time, we managed to achieve the following:

- Facilitated an Ecosystem Mapping workshop in the pilot community with **93** participants, which included principals from all the preschools, primary schools and the high school, representatives from the Department of Education, Department of Social Development, Department of Health, three universities, traditional leaders and

other relevant stakeholders.

- We conducted baseline assessments in **19** preschools to evaluate the needed interventions.
- We trained **66** unemployed young people in the Global Skills Initiative of Microsoft and LinkedIn. The youth learnt sales, customer care and benefited from work-seeker support. They registered on SAyouth.mobi (a national job seeker portal), wrote their CVs, and applied for jobs online.



We believe that 2022 will be an impactful year:

- We will continue working magic with Afrika Tikkun and implementing relevant interventions in Tsholomnqa rural community.
- We will continue with the nutrition programme in four communities, hoping to expand to more sites.
- We will continue to support our youth with training to enhance their employability (e.g. improving their English and other relevant skills).
- We plan to continue working with the farmers, impactful creating

circles of support where each of the ten farmers share resources and combine sales efforts.

- We plan to start vegetable gardens in early childhood development centres where the children will grow and take the produce home to support their families.
- We plan to offer early childhood development centres EdTech that will assist the practitioners with educational, age appropriate daily activities.

Number of direct beneficiaries

21,035

Number of indirect beneficiaries

33,620