



2011
CSI Review

"The time is always right to do what is right"
- Martin Luther King Jr



Growth the natural outcome

AFGRI CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT REVIEW - 2011

As a responsible corporate citizen, AFGRI is committed to the development and upliftment of South African communities. Although business should not be held solely responsible for addressing the inequalities in our society, AFGRI believes that in order to operate successfully, it must actively contribute towards South Africa's development agenda.

Corporate Social Investment (CSI) is an integral part of sustainability and transformation at AFGRI. The company seeks to have maximum positive socio-economic development impact in communities where it has business operations.

This document provides information regarding AFGRI's CSI activities and highlights the positive development impact achieved by AFGRI-supported projects on the lives of beneficiaries during the 2011 financial year and looks ahead to 2012.

In terms of AFGRI's current CSI policy, CSI spend targets four development sectors:

- Agriculture and food security
- Education
- Environment
- Poverty alleviation and welfare

AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY



Buhle Farmers Academy

Located in Delmas, Buhle Farmers' Academy (BFA) was established during 2000 to empower emerging farmers to establish themselves as viable farming businesses through effective training and support programmes. BFA's approach provides aspirant farmers with a sound theoretical knowledge base, hands-on practical production skills, training in farm business management and life skills. Courses offered include livestock, vegetable, poultry and crop production.

Supplementary courses include nutrition and project management. Over 100 courses have been run since inception and over 2,000 potential farmers trained. Approximately 43% of all students are women.



AFGRI has partnered with BFA since 2008, sponsoring the establishment of a poultry training facility and a revamped student centre. AFGRI also provides on-going operational funding and BFA had trained 131 students in the various courses by 31 December 2010. For the 2011 financial year, AFGRI's total sponsorship of BFA amounted to R264,469. In addition, AFGRI underwrites BFA's pig and poultry feeds credit facility to the value of R120,000.



Siyakhana Permaculture Initiative Primary Schools

AFGRI partnered with Siyakhana, a project of the Wits Health Consortium at the University of Witwatersrand. Siyakhana established a thriving permaculture garden, in the Bezuidenhout Valley Park in Observatory, Johannesburg. The project provides training to communities in permaculture and assists in establishing and developing community food gardens. Produce from the initial garden is provided to various Early Childhood Development Centres in Gauteng. The Permaculture Initiative Primary Schools is based on the Siyakhana model, aimed at improving the health and nutrition of staff and learners at two Johannesburg schools (Yeoville Community School and Yeoville Boys School) through an integrated school food garden programme. AFGRI is funding the establishment and development of these two permaculture food gardens.

AFGRI donated R600,000 towards food garden planning, design and up-scaling, education and empowerment, project assessment and operational costs.



Gauteng Department of Education Food Garden Programme

AFGRI donated equipment and tools to the value of R87,708. The Gauteng Department of Education food garden programme involves 11 schools in the Ivory Park and Alexandra areas. Approximately 18,466 learners benefitted from this programme. The Gauteng Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (Food Security department) provides technical expertise. The food gardens supplemented the nutritional programmes at the schools and provided learners with an opportunity to participate in the growing of vegetables. The programme has strengthened relationships between the school headmasters, garden coordinators and environmental committees.

The programme received media attention, with the AFGRI CEO being interviewed on Radio Sonder Grense (RSG).

"The future is not completely beyond our control. It is in the work of our own hands."
— Robert F. Kennedy





EDUCATION

Heide Primary School

Acknowledging that education is the key to employment, security, social well-being and economic upliftment, AFGRI sponsored an infrastructural upliftment initiative at Heide Primary School, situated in Heidedal, Bloemfontein. The school has 1 140 learners and 36 educators and is registered with the Free State Provincial Department of Education. The infrastructure delivered included ablution facilities for girls, boys and the school management team, kitchen, completion of the storage facility, painting and burglar proofing of classrooms, renovation of the remedial room and a sports ground. The school was also provided with first aid kits and AFGRI-branded bags for Grades 1 and 2 learners. The total funding spent on this project was R864,396.



Asiphephe Primary School

This school is situated on the Madiba Valley in Oakland (Marianhill area) at KwaNdengezi, near Pietermaritzburg, KZN Province. AFGRI sponsored the building of four classrooms and an ablution block for the 14 teachers and 1200 learners. AFGRI continues to make an annual contribution of R4,319 towards insurance of facilities provided at the school.

Fundisisa Combined School

AFGRI has been involved with Fundisisa Combined School in Delmas since 2008. As a result of the company's intervention, the school currently boasts a netball field, desks and chairs, water storage tanks, burglar proofed classrooms, well paved paths to and from classrooms, a vegetable garden, carport, computer, ablution blocks and a refurbished library. The infrastructure and equipment have enhanced learning and teaching at the school.

During the year, AFGRI hosted a function to celebrate the newly revamped surroundings and invited parents, learners, the provincial Department of Education representatives, the mayor's office, the school governing body as well as community representatives.

AFGRI also funds one additional teacher's salary at the school. The teacher is a great asset to the school as she has introduced and exposed learners to other learning opportunities, including music and sport competitions. For the 2011 period, AFGRI contributed a total amount of R307,018.



Birchcroft Primary School

Birchcroft Preparatory School was founded in 2002 as an independent school in Dullstroom. It is registered with the Department of Education and has maintained its listing with the Independent Schools Association of South Africa. The current intake is 50 learners from grade 0 to grade 7.

The school entered into an agreement to lease the AFGRI-owned property in Dullstroom for a period of 3 years. The property has space to allow the school to accommodate additional learners.



An annual grant of R150,000 has been provided to the school to assist 10 local previously disadvantaged learners who do not have the financial means to attend this school. Funding will be used for tuition, books, uniforms and any other reasonable expenditure as determined by the school management and approved by AFGRI. Quarterly progress reports on the selected learners are submitted to AFGRI.

*"Nothing happens unless first a dream."
— Carl Sandburg*



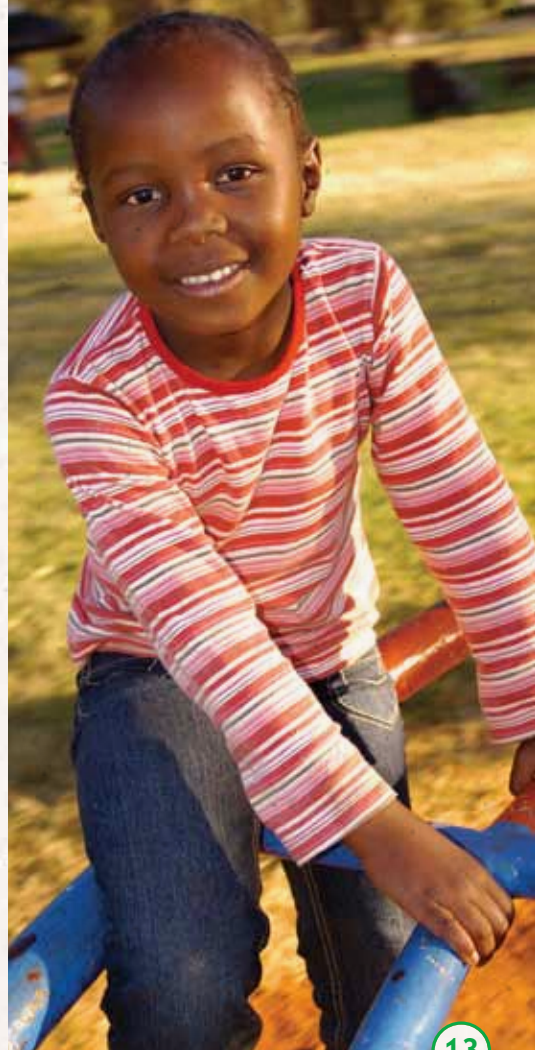
ENVIRONMENT

Roundabout PlayPumps

South Africa is a water-stressed country. Working with Roundabout PlayPumps, AFGRI continues to provide for the maintenance of PlayPumps installed at five primary schools in Mpumalanga and Limpopo. This is AFGRI's contribution to providing clean and affordable water within the reach of communities. For this year, AFGRI contributed R92,570.

Ukuna Environmental Education Programme

The project has several objectives including awareness raising among young South Africans, particularly on the linkages between the human and the natural environment; generating appreciation of environmental concerns such as climate change from a development perspective; provision of stimulating educational material as a resource to both learners and educators; to encourage behavioural change and highlight opportunities related to entrepreneurship and "green jobs". AFGRI contributed R35,000 towards operational costs of the development phase of this project.





POVERTY AL- LEVIATION & WELFARE

For the period under review AFGRI made ad-hoc contributions to the following organisations:

Siyonqoba Centre for Disabled Children

The Centre caters for 42 physically and mentally disabled children in Delmas. AFGRI donated an amount of R80,970. The donation, which contributed towards operational costs of the Centre, was spearheaded by AFGRI Poultry soccer team who nominated the Centre after winning the AFGRI Cup 2010.



Forever Friends Foundation

Supports children who are victims of rape, abuse and abandonment. Together with the Johannesburg Child Protection Unit and the Gauteng Department of Social Services, they have designed a "Comfort Kit" and "Survivor Kit" for children who need to be removed from their homes and placed in a 'safe' house. AFGRI donated R40,000 towards these kits.

Community Provision and Social Services (COMPASS)

COMPASS operates in Gauteng and Kwa-Zulu Natal and caters for homeless, children, women and families who have fallen prey to addiction. AFGRI contributed R91,244 towards operational costs and food.



Bread of Life

Bread of Life is an outreach programme of the Calvary Methodist Church offering food and emergency parcels and offers a feeding scheme three times a week to South Africans and economic migrants. AFGRI donated a total amount of R125,500.

Ons Tuis

Ons Tuis is an old age home located in Pretoria. AFGRI donated R43,000 towards operating costs.

Oliver's House

Oliver's House is situated in Benoni, East Rand and manages two feeding programme and a children's care centre. AFGRI donated an amount of R40,000 towards operational costs.





Wings of Hope

Based in Mabopane, the organisation was established in 2005 and cares for approximately 22 physically disabled children. The centre is one of the projects of Volunteer Venture South Africa. AFGRI donated R16,623 towards a play gym, grass, toys and equipment for the maintenance of the garden and lawn.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tateni

Tateni is a Home Care Services Centre which operates feeding schemes at five drop-in centres. These feeding schemes cater for 510 Grade R to 7 learners, who are mainly orphaned and vulnerable children. Tateni is based in Mamelodi, Pretoria. AFGRI donated an amount of R60,000.





CONCLUSION

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AFGRI CSI has a vital role to play in transforming structures of disempowerment at community level. By addressing socio-development challenges, facilitating capacity building of grassroots organisations and empowering beneficiaries, CSI can help broaden the base of transformation. Management is committed to another successful CSI year in 2012 and welcomes your inputs.

The 2011 CSI spend, excluding salaries and administration, totalled R2,935,192.

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