

USAID Awards Grant to INMED To improve livelihoods Of people with disabilities in South Africa

USAID Southern Africa has awarded funding to INMED Partnerships for Children to expand its Adaptive Agriculture Program (AAP) for people with disabilities in the Free State province of South Africa. Titled "Expanding Participation of the Disabled in Climate-Adaptive Agriculture," the program will integrate people with disabilities into the mainstream economy through new, adaptive agricultural technologies and access to financing.

"This project will not only benefit member agricultural cooperatives but will further build our capacity as an organization to provide better services to our members," said Mlungisi Tolie, Provincial Chairperson of the Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) Free State Province. "We are truly grateful to the American People."

INMED's AAP represents a revolutionary approach to the interrelated issues of poverty, food security, nutrition, economic development and exclusion by preparing small-scale producers with disabilities and their communities to adapt to climate change while conserving natural resources and increasing access to economic and technical assets. Key to INMED's AAP is aquaponics,

an agricultural production and management technology that combines hydroponics (a method of growing plants without soil) and fish farming in a closed, symbiotic system that generates year-round crop production at least 5 times higher than traditionally farmed plots of equivalent size. It also is highly water efficient because it uses 85-90% less water than traditional irrigation and it is easily accessible to people with disabilities.

Direct training

"INMED has worked in the disability sector in South Africa since 2012, delivering direct training and technical assistance

in sustainable, climate-change adaptive agriculture, as well as substantial inputs to enable members of disabled persons' cooperative groups in the Free State and Limpopo provinces to launch new income-generating enterprises," notes Dr. Linda Pfeiffer, President and CEO of INMED Partnerships for Children. "Aquaponics also has improved food security and has greatly increased the dietary diversity of people with disabilities."

"USAID is very pleased to partner with INMED to help empower local disability groups to fully participate in the South African economy," says USAID/South Africa Mission Director John Groarke.

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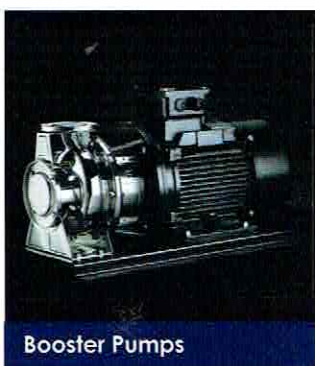
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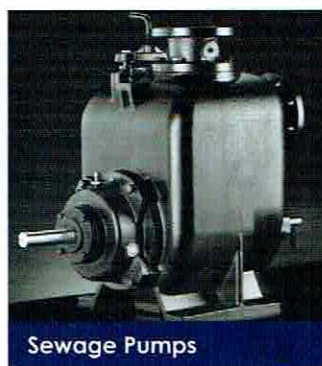
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PE Winners of the First Health in Action Awards

Students of Charles Duna Primary School could be heard cheering throughout their New Brighton community of Port Elizabeth when they heard the news that their school took first place in INMED's inaugural Health in Action Awards—and with that, the children will receive a brand-new obstacle course worth R80,000 for their outdoor play yard.

An initiative of INMED Partnerships for Children / INMED South Africa in partnership with the Mondelēz International Foundation (MIF), the Health in Action Awards recognise excellence and best practices among primary schools that participate in the Health in Action programme.

Launched in 2015, this school-based programme aims to improve the health, nutrition and wellbeing of children through nutrition and preventive health education, access to fresh foods through school gardens and aquaponics, increasing physical activity and promoting healthy lifestyles.

x-head: Helping health

Nombulelo Sume, Principal of Charles Duna Primary, was thrilled to hear her school announced for 1st prize. She has seen the health of her students improve significantly since her school started participating in the Health in Action programme. "Our school is servicing learners from poor households where there's almost 80% unemployment," she said. "When I started working at the school in 1998, we use to bury a child every year because of HIV

and AIDS. After having established a vegetable garden in our school with the help of parents, 2017 marked 10 years without having to bury a child from our school."

Charles Duna Primary Head Girl was equally excited. "This award will make a big difference in our school as we currently do not have a proper obstacle course," she said. "We thank INMED, Mondelēz and our teachers for supporting the [Health in Action] programme and submitting an application on our behalf."

Second Prize and a R10,000 Builders Warehouse voucher went to Ben Nyathi Primary School in the Kwa-Zakhele community of Port Elizabeth. Health in Action has helped the school improve student nutrition and health through rigorous staff training.

"Since we started this programme in 2016, our school has had a productive garden, and our food preparers and educators receive regular training on food preparation, nutrition education and physical activity," said Ms Thomas, a Life Orientation Educator at Ben Nyathi.

The educators are full of

praise for the programme – it improves health and grows a beautiful garden.

In addition to recognizing the schools' staff, the event provided an opportunity to showcase the Health in Action Break Time Buddies. "We're very proud of our Break Time Buddies initiative and how it has become a key component of Health in Action," said Navisha Sewkuran, corporate and government affairs manager, Mondelēz South Africa.

Encouraging activity

In partnership with Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and support from MIF, INMED trains unemployed youth who have graduated high school to facilitate physical education activities during break time and assist teachers with classroom lessons. "This skills development initiative has not only benefited youth living in communities with high unemployment rates, but also the teachers and students who catch their enthusiasm for making healthy choices in life."

Schools competing for the Health in Action Awards were judged on how effectively and creatively they are incorporating healthy eating into classroom activities, ensuring that physical activity is part of daily activities, whether the school has a food garden and how fresh produce is

used to improve children's lives.

A panel of independent adjudicators from Mondelēz South Africa and INMED determined the winning entries based on creativity and originality, teamwork, evidence of involvement of parents and percentage of the school population participating.

About INMED

INMED Partnerships for Children is a nonprofit international development organization that has worked in more than 100 countries for over 30 years to help create a world where all children are safe, healthy, educated and have access to opportunities to thrive. Through multisector partnerships and in-country affiliates, INMED builds effective systems that deliver innovative and sustainable approaches to break complex cycles of poverty for current and future generations.

Since 2006, in-country affiliate INMED South Africa has been working in collaboration with a wide range of corporate, foundation and government partners to transform the health, lives and futures of South Africa's most vulnerable children. INMED South Africa's programs focus on food security, child and community health, and economic and social development via climate-smart agriculture and participatory education.



Winning schools with their BTB's



PE Mondelēz Team with Unathi Sihlahla



Students from winning schools



Winning Principals



1st place Proud head Girl



1st place winners



2nd place winners



3rd place winners