



No one could have predicted that our country would go into a national lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a very challenging time for everyone. Our INMED South Africa team and funding partners are working tirelessly to continue supporting the vulnerable communities our programs are designed to serve.

From ensuring our aquaponics systems and school gardens are maintained to facilitating proper distribution of the harvests, we are focused on ensuring the school children and communities who rely on the produce do not go hungry during this critical time.

In addition to adapting our participatory education and training programs to distance learning, we have created a special resource page on the website, which we are constantly updating to provide you with useful information and updates on the coronavirus. [Click here](#) to view the page.

Please also follow our social pages on useful hints and tips for keeping you safe. In the meantime, please take a read of some of our encouraging "noncoronavirus" news and accomplishments to celebrate.



## Laerskool Kempton Park Wins Top Award

If you are a regular INMED South Africa follower, you are familiar with our transformational aquaponics project with **Air Products** at Laerskool Kempton Park (LKP). There is nothing better than when commitment and hard work are recognised. This month, we are proud to announce that Laerskool Kempton Park is the recipient of the prestigious Tanzanite Award in the latest GDE Service Excellence Awards' Best Project sub-category for their INMED Aquaponics™ system and sensory garden.

The school has been honoured for this out-of-the-box solution to the challenges it faces, thanks to the foresight and dedication of LKP Principal André Page (pictured here with caretaker Philemon Mothua and teacher Adoreé Louw), who have embraced the aquaponics system with enthusiasm. The award is testimony to the power of INMED Aquaponics™ to provide not only food security for disadvantaged communities, but also climate change resilience, skills development and income-generation opportunities for the next generation of farmers.

**Click the links below to read some of the press coverage the project is attracting.**

Farmer's Weekly: <https://www.gate5.co.za/read/116367/qv/84477039/147729254/618/j>

Kempton Express: <https://kemptonexpress.co.za/234088/school-wins-award-with-aquaponics/>

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## INMED's Ag Training Reaches More People With Disabilities



As the national COVID-19 lock down loomed, members of the INMED South Africa team scrambled to procure enough fish food to supply the new Aquaponics™ systems for the next several months for three cooperatives of disabled farmers in Free State. Now in Phase II, this ground-breaking project with USAID aims to prepare small-scale producers and their communities to adapt to climate change, while conserving natural resources and increasing access to economic and technical assets. The goal is to reach an additional 1000 adults, youth and school children with disabilities through online and community-based education.

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