



# BENEFITTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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## GRADUATION MILESTONE

ECD practitioners, Siphokazi Jack and Suney Mouton, have graduated with NQF Level 4 certificates after completing an intensive two-year training programme. The programme equips practitioners with skills to support children's holistic development, including observation and early learning techniques.

**"I see daily how children develop, which inspires me most about teaching."** - Siphokazi Jack.

The graduation ceremony recognised nearly 100 graduates across the province. Initiatives like this strengthen ECD, giving young learners a strong start and empowering local practitioners to build brighter futures.

## THE JOY OF READING



A new reading programme is helping over 5,000 learners develop stronger reading and comprehension skills. 45 teachers received training and classroom resources to guide learners in isiXhosa, Afrikaans, and English. Parents also take part, sending daily voice recordings of children reading aloud at home.

The programme includes mini-libraries in classrooms and encourages fun, interactive learning to help children thrive academically.



**"Reading aloud builds listening, speaking, and language skills, giving children a strong foundation for school."** - Harrisinah Theka, Economic Development Manager.



## CAKES, SWEET TREATS & NEW JOBS

Local baker Richardene Frolick is growing her business with support from our three-year enterprise development programme.

The programme will help her upgrade equipment, secure certifications, and expand into bread and rolls, creating new jobs.

**"This support gives my business a solid foundation to grow sustainably."** - Richardene Frolick, Owner, Nonhles Treats

