

### Thatu's seedlings surge ahead

Five years after its launch, Thatu is making a very real impact in helping start food gardens in low income communities in South Africa. We now have the opportunity to do even more and we would like to ask if you could help again. Here's a flavour of what is happening.

### Six surprising results

- Enthusiastic new food gardeners have discovered that many vegetables will grow in their cold winter – they never knew that before.
- The food gardens are now so valuable that theft has begun! But the growers are now trying to educate the culprits to be green-fingered rather than light-fingered.
- For many children, vegetables now mean more than fried cabbage – and they quite like these other vegetables.
- Men and boys want to join in! That's a huge shift in gender roles and mindset in South Africa.
- Rivalries are growing between gardeners – leading to increasingly high achievements.
- Vegetables are growing and cash is starting to flow. Jams, pickles and a soup kitchen are beginning to bring income and a small economy is emerging selling organic herb and vegetable seedlings.



We are delighted with results like this and want to plough ahead. Please help us.

## You can help Thatu in all sorts of ways

- Sending beautiful Thatu e-cards at Christmas (see Thatu's online [Shop](#))
- Give novel and virtual Christmas gifts (see Thatu's online [Shop](#))
- Buy South African beaded Christmas tree decorations (see Thatu's online [Shop](#))
- Tell your friends colleagues and family about Thatu
- Offer us your expertise for occasional help with IT or marketing
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