

News

THATU Takes Off

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At the first meeting of the Thatu board in London today, the official launch documents were signed and application was made to the Charity Commissioners for charitable status.

Thatu is a new organisation, expecting soon to become a charity, aiming to support self-help in producing food in South Africa's informal settlements.

Thatu aims to support under-resourced communities waiting and willing to make a better future for themselves in their New South Africa.



We want to support self-help schemes in communities to:

- grow food and improve nutrition
- encourage the initiatives by women and children
- support those vulnerable through HIV/AIDS
- improve and sustain their environment
- generate income for themselves and their communities.

All our activities aim to promote:

- the needs identified and articulated by the community
- schemes that have long term sustainability
- effective communication between members of communities
- partnerships with likeminded organisations in South Africa
- a meaningful dialogue between Thatu's Friends and the projects they support to ensure that we learn from our experiences.