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Send a cheque or money order to Thatu
or make a payment via PayPal – see www.thatu.org

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For example, you could run an event for Thatu, do a sponsored walk, tell us about
potential funding sources, introduce us to others who can help – in the UK or South
Africa.

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Nurturing homegrown development in South Africa

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Thatu was a young man who lived in rural South Africa.

Paid work was scarce, but he supported his family through occasional gardening jobs.
He died of AIDS – just four months earlier he had been fit enough for strenuous work.

Thatu, a UK-based charity, has borrowed his name
and is helping to fund food gardens with far-reaching benefits for southern African communities.



South African school children receiving a gift of watering cans for their eco garden

The 'rainbow nation' speech at Nelson's Mandela's inauguration reverberated across South Africa.

“Why did you volunteer to work in a community food garden?”

“Because of rainbow,” replied a young South African.

“What does rainbow mean?”

“It means we can do things differently and we can do them for ourselves.”

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What Thatu does

Thatu is a UK-based charity supporting self-help initiatives in poorly resourced communities in southern Africa.

- ▶ Thatu encourages and enables sustainable self-help projects
- ▶ our aim is to start with food and herb gardens but make a much wider community impact
- ▶ projects focus especially on the needs of women and children and support people with HIV / AIDS
- ▶ Thatu supports home-grown projects – they start with local people and remain within their control.

Thatu history

Thatu was set up in 2004 by a network of people inspired by communities striving to develop a better future for themselves in their new South Africa.

In 2005, Thatu achieved UK charity status and supported projects in Cape Town and Tshwane (Pretoria). Potential projects were discovered through close co-operation with other organisations working in South Africa.

In its first two years, Thatu supported five food gardens and its reputation for assisting self-help projects began to grow amongst people working with the most disadvantaged communities of South Africa.

The benefits

Since the end of apartheid in South Africa, a new optimism has emerged amongst very poor communities. Self-help schemes have sprung up to tackle the legacy of poverty, poor health and a lack of education and job opportunities.

Poor nourishment makes people vulnerable to infections, shortens life expectancy, and impairs children's mental and physical development.

Growing organic vegetables, fruit and herbs in community or school gardens affects much more than nutrition – it improves environmental awareness, generates income, and increases self-esteem.



The Thatu Board at Lotus Gardens



Lotus Gardens School – before ... and after



Two of Thatu's projects

"The sense of achievement and the pride and enthusiasm made my visit to Lotus Gardens unforgettable."

Visitor from the UK in March 2006

At Lotus Gardens Primary School in Tshwane, enthusiastic volunteers and teachers had already begun a small food garden.

With Thatu funding, the volunteers were able to receive training in organic permaculture from our partner Ukuvuna. This has resulted in dramatic increases in harvests and an extension of the garden.

This success attracted more volunteers and further teacher and pupil involvement. Thatu's support and guidance is making sustainability a realistic goal and may, through the sale of produce, create a small profit.

"To see vegetables growing in such a desolate agricultural landscape as the sand dunes of the Cape Flats is an inspiration and a tribute to the spirit of its residents."

Visitor from the UK in 2006

On the Cape Flats, near Cape Town, Thatu has supported four schools in a carefully structured and demanding programme which is managed by a local partner (SEED) and links food gardens to the educational curriculum.

With Thatu's input, these school projects are developing flourishing food gardens in areas generally considered arid and inhospitable. Pupils and their families benefit from better nutrition from the produce of the gardens.

Thatu's six funding principles

environmentally sensitive

economically sustainable

community-building

locally managed

accountable

self-help



Help them to help themselves!

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