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Qunu community to receive accredited AgriSETA Certificate

Nelson Mandela Museum and Siyakhana Growth and Development will host a Human Rights Garden event on the 18th of March 2021, at Qunu Junior Secondary School. There will be a handing over of AgriSETA accredited certificates to local subsistence farmers of Qunu on the day of the event. The recipients of accredited certificates acquired theoretical knowledge in food production and practical training on their existing programme.

The Human Rights Garden event is celebrated to give power of Vukuzenzele as Nelson Mandela said that a garden was one of the few things in prison that one could control. The Museum and Siyakhana embarked on the project of reviving human rights gardens and introducing eco-tourism in schools and clinics for tourism, heritage development in the King Sabata Dalindyebo region and following the foot prints of Nelson Mandela. This initiative will encourage youth and older persons to see agricultural food production as a tool to alleviate poverty and to have economic spin-offs.

Siyakhana Growth Development which is an implementing partner of this initiative mentored existing community based food production project based at Qunu J.S.S, Milton Mbekela and Qunu clinic. Nelson Mandela Museum further procured and handed over gardening tools and seedlings to the identified schools and clinic to sustain this project.

Siyakhana Growth and Development is also operating in the Mqanduli district with relations with three rural based local schools that used as models to implement integrated and multidisciplinary methodology to address issues such



as nutrition and food security amongst the learners, water, sanitation, energy and infrastructure in schools.

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