

Vukani Makhosikazi Food Garden

IWRM Objectives – Water for food security and health, water use efficiency, empowerment & capacity building

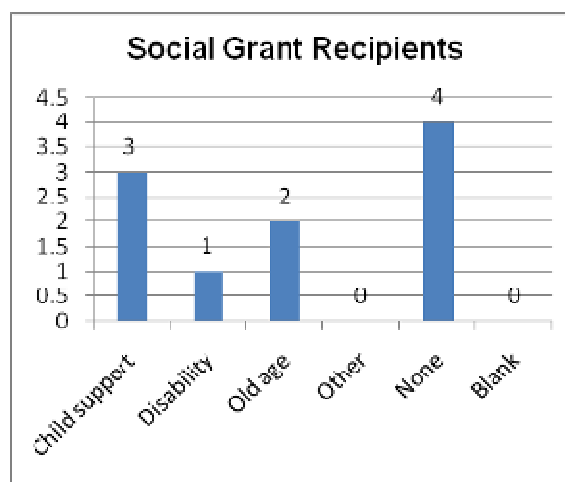
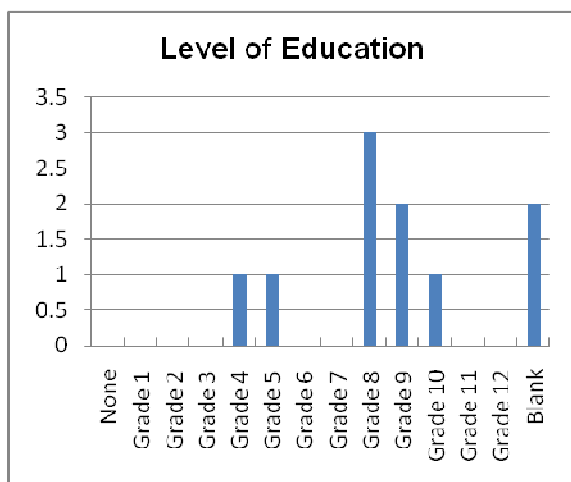
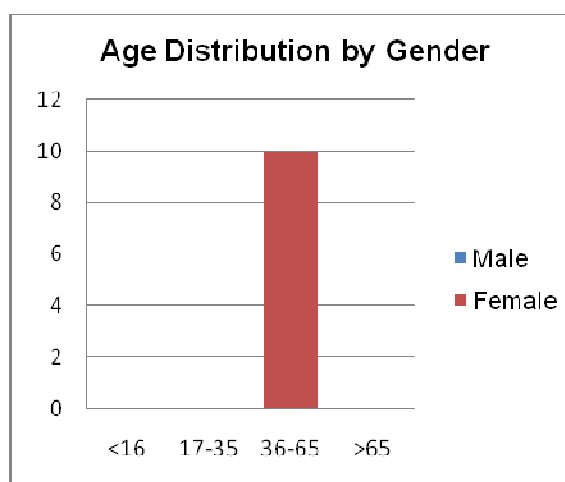
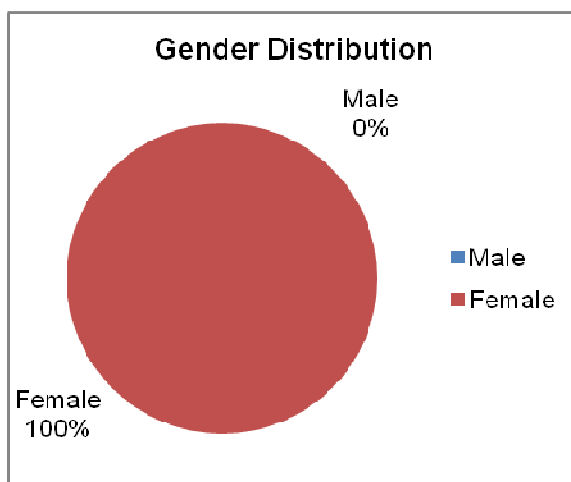


The Vukani Makhosikazi Food Garden project started in 2000 by women in Lamberts Bay who decided to take the initiative and grow vegetables for their families, the sick and the needy. The project has access to about 2.5ha of municipal commonage land from the Cederberg Municipality and uses domestic water to irrigate the vegetable crops.

A third phase of this project aims to demonstrate mist (sea fog) harvesting to supplement the water supply to the food garden.

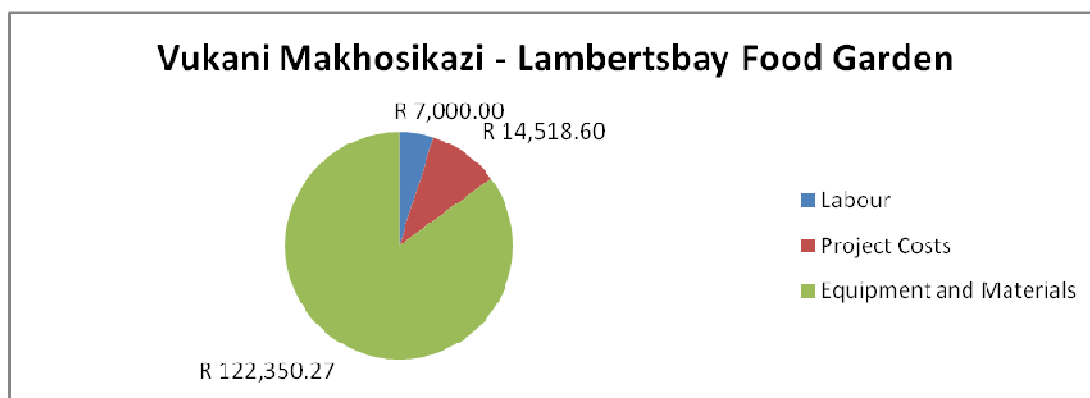
The project leader of this group is also a member of the Cederberg Emerging Farmer Forum and the Northern Sandveld Water User Association.

Member Information for Vukani Makhosikazi Food Gardens (LB01 & LB21)



Number of active project participants: 10 (all female), excluding community beneficiaries

Financial Information for Vukani Makhosikazi Food Gardens (LB01 & LB21)



The Vukani Makhosikazi - Lambertsbay Food Garden was awarded a contract named IWRMII-OD-LB21-008 in 2008 to the value of R177,344.00. R143,868.87 was spent in the given contract period. Funding and support from DWA IWRM (2007 – 2009) has been used to pay for labour, soil preparation, agricultural inputs, equipment and irrigation systems.

The project has successfully marketed it's organic produce in local Lambertsbay shops. The project will close at the end of September 2009.

Of the budget allocated to this group, R122,350.27 was spent on materials, equipment, Organic Certification and Support and to build the operations, R7,000.00 was allocated to wages and payments for work done on project tasks, and R14,518.60 was claimed to support the project management and administration tasks undertaken by the group.

During the first phase of community project funding, this project received and spent R147,419.09. The total invested in this group by IWRM is thus R291,287.96 since June 2007.

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