



Newsletter
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CHALLENGES TURNED INTO OPPORTUNITIES

During March 2015, Spoudazo in collaboration with Raubex, was busy re-establishing 14 vegetable tunnels in the townships of Mangaung. When vegetable tunnels are setup at the homes of township beneficiaries, they are mentored for 6 – 12 months to ensure sustainability. An agreement is set in place to have the benefit of the vegetable tunnel as long as the beneficiaries work their gardens and produce crops. The general upkeep of the tunnel must also be satisfactory otherwise the tunnel is removed and being offered to another family who is eager to harvest from this opportunity. This is what Spoudazo was busy with during March, to setup 14 of these removed tunnels at the homes of new beneficiaries.



Excitement was tangible when these tunnels were setup in the townships of Khotsong and Matlharangtlheng. Beneficiaries have to work with the Spoudazo team during setup, making of beds and planting. All the other beneficiaries in the area have to come and assist with the process. This is beneficial to gain experience in many aspects of the tunnel upkeep. When setup in an area is completed, a strong bond is established between the beneficiaries. Where they once were strangers, new friendships are formed.

CREATING JOBS WITH VEGETABLE TUNNEL PROJECT

A few of the tunnel beneficiaries utilized their tunnels during the summer season not only for their own food security but also for income opportunities. Spoudazo assisted these tunnel beneficiaries in finding a market and delivering to these markets.

SPOUDAZO MAIN PROJECTS FOR 2015

Township Vegetable tunnel project: The focus of this project is not only to ensure food security for these households but to establish an economic system within their communities. See more [here](#).

Beudene Daycare for disabled is a daycare for disabled people with all kinds of disabilities and all ages situated in Bloemfontein. They strive to develop independent and appropriate social behavior and integration. Their aim is to develop well balanced and happy disabled individuals who will be participating members of the broader community. Read more [here](#).

Tjhabelang Primary School: Tjhabelang Primary School provides the children of Bainsvlei, a rural area to the west of Bloemfontein, with the opportunity to enjoy an above average educational experience at a fraction of the cost of similar schooling in town. Watch a video of Tjhabelang Primary School [here](#).

Get Real Female entrepreneurial development programme offers orphaned young girls an opportunity to be equipped with skills and knowledge to become not only great entrepreneurs, but also well balanced real women in whatever career they choose to follow. Read more [here](#).

Message of Hope project: Raising funds to distribute the book, Jesus Christ is not a joke – He is your answer, your hope, your freedom and your life, in communities. Read more [here](#).



Many local restaurants supported these township tunnels and since December 2014 until March 2015, a total turnover of more than R20 000 was generated for the group of beneficiaries who participated in the market produce.

Sometimes leadership is planting trees under whose shade you'll never sit. It may not happen fully till after I'm gone. But I know that the steps we're taking are the right steps. ~ Jennifer Granholm

THE FACE BEHIND SPOUDAZO: ELBIE LOUW



Elbie Louw is a social entrepreneur who has obtained her B. Comm degree in 1992. She started her career as a bookkeeper at a national accounting firm, and later on decided to explore her talents in marketing- and entrepreneurial arenas.

Elbie serves as Executive Trustee of Spoudazo Enterprises Trust. The origin of the trust dates back to 2004 when Spoudazo was founded by Elbie's passion to assist the poor and needy, her ability to see a need and to promptly act on it as well as her business- and leadership skills to make things happen.

Subsequently the then closed corporation that focused on events coordination to raise funds for the community was converted into a trust resulting in a public benefit organization. It is Elbie's desire is to serve the poor and the needy by building the bridge between business and community and to use the registered public benefit organization, Spoudazo Enterprises Trust, as the platform for this important integration.

ABOUT SPOUDAZO

Spoudazo Enterprises Trust is a registered Public Benefit Organization in Bloemfontein, SA. (PBO number: 930037272).

The exemption has been obtained from the SAID income tax exemption unit in Hatfield, Pretoria, SA, 0028. The purpose of the trust is to enhance the interests of the poor and vulnerable, to further their interests and well-being by means of providing them with Welfare, Humanitarian assistance, Health Care, Land and Housing, Education and Development services.

Spoudazo Enterprises has a wide range of social development projects aimed at uplifting and empowering previously disadvantaged individuals, to offer. Visit our website for more information www.spoudazo.org



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