

BRIEFING DOCUMENT

NELSON MANDELA DAY CAMPAIGN OUTLINE

Theme	<i>Food, Climate, and Solidarity</i>
Call-to-action	“Plant Trees for Mandela Day”
Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Plant fruit and indigenous trees both in South Africa and internationally. ➤ Strengthen and capacitate community and home-based gardens. ➤ Awareness raising and advocacy related to climate change.
Problem Statement <i>(An intersection between food security and climate change)</i>	<p>Climate change and global warming have become a great concern all over the world. Climate change can be a natural process where temperature, rainfall, wind, and other elements vary over decades or more. But over the years, we are experiencing unprecedented rapid warming as a result of human activities, primarily due to burning fossil fuels that generate greenhouse gas emissions. Increasing greenhouse gas emissions from human activity act like a blanket wrapped around the earth, trapping the sun’s heat, and raising temperatures.</p> <p>Although South Africa is food secure at the national level, the country is still food insecure at the household level as not all households have access to adequate food. Almost 20% of South African households had inadequate or severely inadequate access to food in 2017. This varied by province, population group of household heads, and household size.</p> <p>It is therefore critical to engage in activities that have the potential to curb the effects of climate change and contribute to addressing the issues around food insecurity.</p>
Green Development Foundations’ Response	<p>In response to COP27’s call to come together to take action toward achieving the world’s collective climate goals. The Green Development Foundation believes that planting trees globally will contribute to curbing the effects of climate change and will also address the issues related to food insecurity.</p> <p>Our focus as the Green Development Foundation will be based on promoting home/community-based gardens, Planting fruit and indigenous trees to curb the effects of climate change and addressing issues around food insecurity and raising awareness of intersections between food security and climate change.</p> <p>As a result of a global crisis that the world is facing, South Africa through His Excellence, President Cyril Ramaphosa has committed a national target of planting 10 million trees. President Cyril Ramaphosa, acting in his capacity as chairperson of the Committee of African Head of States and Governments on Climate Change, committed South Africa to prioritize mitigation, adaptation, and climate support to mitigate and adapt our country to climate effects.</p>

	<p>The Green Development Foundation is responsible for the Three Million Trees, with One Million Trees in Gauteng and Two Million Trees in Mpumalanga. The intention is to curb the effects of climate change and address the issues around food insecurity.</p>
Nelson Mandela International Day 2023	<p>Date: 18 July 2023 Hosted by: Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo in Partnership with Green Development Foundation and Nelson Mandela Foundation Location: Thokoza Park, 1682 Ntuli St, Moroka, Soweto, 1818, Gauteng.</p> <p>Activities include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tree planting ➤ Planting vegetables in community food gardens. ➤ Environmental advocacy with emphasis on possible positive climate change actions.
Nelson Mandela International Day Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Association of Parks and Recreation Africa ➤ Joburg City Parks and Zoo ➤ Nelson Mandela Foundation
Social Media Handles	<p>Twitter: @GDF_SouthAfrica Instagram: @gdf_sa Facebook: Green Development Foundation</p>
Campaign Hashtags	<p>#PlantForMandela #NelsonMandelaDay2023</p>
<p>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS</p>	
<p>How does planting a tree help in environmental sustainability?</p>	<p>Planting trees can increase the resilience of ecosystems, help minimize climate change effects, and buy people and governments time to adapt to changing conditions. Planting native seedlings in ecologically appropriate areas can also counteract soil and biodiversity loss and improve human well-being.</p>
<p>How can I participate?</p>	<p><u>Plant for Mandela</u> We encourage you and your organization to stand in solidarity and plant trees for Mandela Day, as we contribute towards a greener, healthier, and more beautiful environment.</p>
<p>Can I participate by donating?</p>	<p>Yes, donations are welcome and highly appreciated.</p> <p>To donate, kindly visit the Green Development Foundation and click on “donate”.</p>
<p>Where can I learn more about the Green Development Foundation’s work?</p>	<p>Visit our website to learn more about the work of the Green Development Foundation: www.gdfsa.orgsa.org</p>