

## **Cultivating community and sustainability through Shoprite and Checkers Market Day**

Emerging farmers from more than 40 community food gardens across southern Africa – including Botswana, Lesotho and Namibia – sold their fresh and organically grown produce directly to the public as part of Shoprite and Checkers' Market Day on Thursday, 16 May 2024.

"It was a great learning experience selling our produce to a bigger audience in a formal retail environment, and we thank Shoprite and Checkers for this opportunity," says Lindiwe Nzwana from Mahata Mmoho Agricultural Cooperative.

"Customers were very supportive and came in numbers to buy our fresh vegetables," says Victor Zambuko from Jesus in Action Our Garden.

"We're pleased that Checkers places so much trust in us to present our fresh fruit and vegetables, grown by our hands, to their customers," added Nonhlanhla Mkize from Siyaphambili Womens Hub.

As part of its commitment to ensuring food security, Shoprite and Checkers supports more than [230 community food gardens](#) and 4 000 home gardens through its [Act For Change programme](#).

Market Day, [launched in 2017](#), provides these small-scale farmers with a platform through which they can generate alternative income while gaining valuable retail experience.

The gardens who participated in Market Day include:

### **Botswana:**

- Adams Eden – Shoprite Gaborone
- Sharodan Farms – Checkers Airport Junction Centre, Gaborone

### **Eastern Cape:**

- Phawu Agripak Cooperative – Shoprite Dutywa
- Silverdale Womens Development NPC – Shoprite Caxton St El, East London
- Siyalima Asidlali Co-operative – Shoprite Mini Mt Ayliff, Mount Ayliff
- [Star Upliftment Food Garden](#) – Shoprite Kingwilliamstown
- Wathint' Abafazi – Shoprite Ziyabuya, Gqeberha
- Yizanazo Co-operative – Shoprite Amalinda, East London

### **Free State:**

- Community Working Programme – Usave Koffiefontein
- Free State Rural Women Assembly Agroecological Hub – Shoprite Botshabelo Mall, Bloemfontein
- [Hola Le Rona Integrated Educare Centre](#) – Shoprite Harrismith
- [Ntoanatsatsi Community Garden](#) – Shoprite Setsing, Phuthaditjhaba
- [Qholaqhwe Garden Project](#) – Shoprite Mandela Park, Phuthaditjhaba
- Realeboga Bakubung Training & Development Agency – Shoprite Thaba Nchu

### **Gauteng:**

- [Carroll Shaw Memorial Center](#) – Checkers Tambotie Mall, Randfontein

- Dithaka Dikopane Cooperative – Checkers Southgate, Johannesburg
- Ekuqaleni Genesis Farm – Checkers East Rand Retail, Boksburg
- LeanoAgri Food Garden – Checkers Greenstone Mall, Edenvale
- Mahata Mmoho Agricultural Cooperative – Checkers Hyper Vanderbijlpark
- Mmakgomo Agricultural Cooperative – Checkers Pretoria North
- Winnie Mabaso Foundation – Checkers The Glen, Oakdene

#### **KwaZulu-Natal:**

- [Iqabungelihle Community Garden](#) – Checkers Virginia Circle, Durban
- Khula Nathi – Shoprite Mount Edgecombe, Phoenix
- Kunothile Agricultural Primary Co-operative Limited – Shoprite Amanzimtoti
- [Siyaphambili Womens Hub](#) – Checkers Amanzimtoti
- Siyazondla kwaPhindangene – Shoprite Ulundi
- [Velemseni Farming Group](#) – Shoprite Estcourt

#### **Lesotho:**

- Action Lesotho – Shoprite Leribe, Butha Buthe

#### **Limpopo:**

- Marubini Multi-Purpose Women’s Primary Cooperative – Checkers Makhado Crossing, Louis Trichardt
- Ratanang Agricultural Cooperative Limited – Shoprite Mankweng, Polokwane
- [We Can Women’s Development Co-op](#) – Shoprite Paledi, Polokwane

#### **Mpumalanga:**

- Dikonyana Community Based Care Center – Shoprite Heidedal, Bloemfontein
- Ekuqaleni Genesis Farm – Shoprite Botleng, Witbank
- Ploughs and Feathers Co-operative Ltd – Checkers New Hazyview Junction, Hazyview
- Sibonile Agricultural Co-operative – Shoprite Acornhoek Mall, Acornhoek

#### **Namibia:**

- Groot Aub Fresh Producers – Shoprite Lafrenz, Windhoek

#### **Northern Cape:**

- His Mercy Soup Kitchen – Shoprite Kuruman

#### **North West:**

- Bakgatla ba Mosetlha – Shoprite Temba
- Kopanelo Projects – Shoprite Mafikeng
- [Mokaila Community Project](#) – Checkers Mafikeng
- [Nthabiseng Skills’ Training Centre for the Disabled](#) – Checkers Hyper Rustenburg
- PatCathy & Projects Co-Operative – Shoprite Potchefstroom

#### **Western Cape:**

- Jesus in Action Our Garden – Checkers Protea Heights, Brackenfell
- Mhani Gingi Vegetable Garden – Checkers Constantia

- Mthimkulu Community Development Programme – Shoprite Kleinmond
- Siyazama Community Project – Ricardo's at Shoprite Home Office, Brackenfell
- Vulamasango – Checkers Weltevreden, Mitchells Plain

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