

Ukama

PACKING SOLUTIONS

Est. 2014

Ukama Packing Solutions is a **Social Enterprise** started to address the needs of unemployment in the Western Cape, South Africa.

Ukama offers Contract Packing of Food Products. Our motto is **Packed with Love** and our packing teams are worker run and lead. Training, coaching and support is given in house.

Ukama supports small local food businesses that want to get their products into major retail and export using our fully accredited staff, packing facilities and food safety certifications. We have assisted over 45 businesses with our Contract Packing Services.

Over 40 staff now have a sustainable income through Ukama.



PACKED WITH LOVE

At Ukama we believe that WOMEN are the backbone of our communities. By supporting women through training, coaching and sustainable income it changes the lives of whole families who are living in abject poverty. Jobs give a sense of purpose and pride which is carried down to the children and across communities. Our mission is to heal communities in this way.

The job creation theme is carried over to our clients who are predominately small businesses who are empowered (and thus employ more people) by being able to market their accredited products packed at Ukama.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, BY OUR COMMUNITIES



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ukama Community Foundation was established in 2015 to address the issues of children in our communities not having access to correct nutrition which affected their growth and ability to learn.

Most children between the ages of 1 and 6 years are at informal creches/ preschools during the day but the preschools were not in the position to offer the children food and the parents unable to send food to school due to unemployment and poverty.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Ukama supports seven preschools with food supplies, enabling them to give the kids a hot breakfast and lunch 5 days per week. The difference in nutrition has made such a MASSIVE difference in the lives of these kids. Parents, caregivers and teachers have noticed less illness, better overall health and more learning amongst children. Overall we have over 400 children being fed on the school feeding program. Ukama relies on donations to be able to serve our communities in this way.



Through collaboration with other non-profit organisations we have been lucky to be able to collect books, teaching equipment, mattresses and blankets, second hand clothing, toiletries and more for the children that attend the preschools. This eases a huge burden on the families.

We also get involved in special Christmas and Easter parties to spoil the kids on special occasions.

ASSISTING IN THE DEVASTATION OF COVID-19



COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Our kitchens are set up and run by community volunteers ...we call them **SOUP-er Heroes!**

All supplies and food are donated by Ukama each week

This ensures that community is looking after each other, know the people who are struggling the most and also know they types of food eaten by the communities. They serve children, unemployed adults and the elderly each day.

Fighting poverty one meal at a time



in March 2020 our communities were hit by Covid-19 causing wide scale unemployment, economic struggles and increased levels of hunger and poverty. Most alarming for us was the closure of the pre-schools we were supporting, leaving over 400 children that were not receiving their 2 meals per day. We managed to mobilise pretty fast with the help of our awesome donors and sponsors and set up 10 community soup kitchens to feed breakfast and mid afternoon meals to our hungry communities. To this day these kitchens remain open ensuring that 10 000 meals are served each week and significantly helping the communities to cope with the economic crisis in the aftermath of the Pandemic.



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