



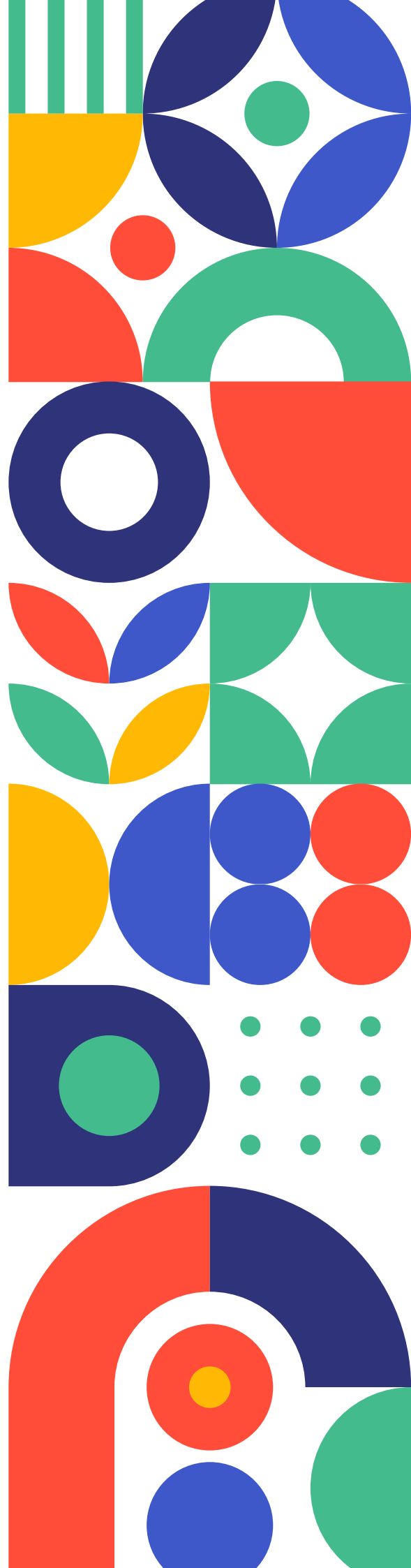
NOURISH

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

Nourish's 2022 Annual Report showcases commitment to our goal to connect communities to conservation and grow resilience in wildlife communities.

Covers September 2022 - August 2023





“Growing your own food is the most sustainable way to feed yourself and your family.”



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*Connecting Communities
to Conservation*

ABOUT US



Nourish was created as a platform linking conservation with community issues and ideals, finding integrated sustainable solutions to issues plaguing conservation such as wildlife crime, poverty, low levels of education and food insecurity. We work towards growing resilient wildlife communities through engagement in conservation & sustainable development through integrated and holistic project based programming.

NOTE FROM FOUNDER

Reflecting on this last year year, I'm in awe of the change we've sparked together.



At Nourish, we've expanded our reach, bringing hope and opportunity to more families and communities than ever before. The way our team showed compassion, solidarity and the ability to innovate during Covid-19 was incredible. And now, as we “build-back-better”, as tourism recovers and as our regular programming has resumed, I am thankful to each and every team member, and our health.

A healthy positive passionate team leads to an organisation that is able to do the same! From educational programs to sustainable livelihoods, each project is a reminder of Mandela's belief: "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others."

This year has been proof of how much stronger we are when we work in unity!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



There are 17 SDGs

Here's a breakdown of how Nourish Eco Village addresses each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- **No Poverty:** By empowering communities and reducing reliance on external aid, Nourish tackles poverty through sustainable job creation, skill development, and enterprise support.
- **Zero Hunger:** The food security program provides 4,400 meals monthly, supporting children, teachers, and staff with both farm-grown and purchased food.
- **Good Health and Well-being:** Nourish promotes well-being by providing nutritional meals and mental wellness through educational, social, and environmental programs.
- **Quality Education:** Nourish supports early to secondary education, including ECD programs, Green Kidz Club, and local school outreach for comprehensive learning and growth.
- **Gender Equality:** Programs like Ubuntu Girls Club empower girls through mentorship, skills training, and career guidance.
- **Clean Water and Sanitation:** The Eco Village integrates sustainable water and sanitation practices to support agriculture, food security, and hygiene.
- **Affordable and Clean Energy:** Green building workshops promote renewable energy usage, while eco-friendly practices align with sustainable living.
- **Decent Work and Economic Growth:** Nourish creates local jobs through micro-enterprise development, supporting artisans, farm workers, and hospitality staff.
- **Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:** Nourish's training workshops in areas like computer literacy, financial skills, and hospitality foster workforce readiness and innovation.
- **Reduced Inequalities:** The Eco Village focuses on inclusion, supporting marginalised and underprivileged individuals with equal access to opportunities.
- **Sustainable Cities and Communities:** Nourish integrates conservation into community life, linking local livelihoods with environmental stewardship to foster sustainability.
- **Responsible Consumption and Production:** The Eco Village promotes waste reduction and recycling, while artisans create products from sustainable or upcycled materials.
- **Climate Action:** Environmental education in Green Kidz Club and indigenous farming practices contribute to local climate resilience and awareness.
- **Life Below Water:** While not directly addressed, environmental education promotes a holistic understanding of biodiversity, including aquatic systems.
- **Life on Land:** Through conservation education and wildlife protection efforts, Nourish fosters harmony between people and nature, reducing poaching by addressing poverty.
- **Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:** Community-centered governance fosters transparency, empowerment, and equality within programs.
- **Partnerships for the Goals:** Partnerships with Thornybush Community NPO, Andersen Foundation, and local stakeholders drive impactful community and conservation initiatives.

Nourish Project Summary

2022/2023 marked an exciting year of growth for the Nourish Eco Village at Sigagule. With generous support from the Andersen Foundation and their U.S.-based construction team, the SEDIWA Enterprise Hub became a reality, establishing the Eco Village as the “go-to” hub in the area. The Nourish Eco Village in Sigagule has been on an almost 10-year journey to create a space where community members can access education, empowerment, skills development, and tourism benefit. We hope that as we finish the enterprise hub - (the cherry on top!) that we are close to having solid proof of our social and environmental impact delivery “model”.



GROWING ENTERPRISE!

- SEDIWA - Sustainable Enterprise Development in Wildlife Areas - Launch of the Enterprise Hub at Sigagule September 2022 opens Nourish Eco Village to the public!
- Comprised of a coffee shop, bakery, craft shop and sewing centre, the hub now has a lot on offer for tourists or locals making a visit. The SEDIWA Hub is also available as a function venue for those looking for something unique and purposeful.
- We look forward to serving guests coffee in the new space - hosting hospitality training and students in the new space, and just using each building as a way to make a difference!

Empowering Wildlife Communities through Enterprise, Skills Development and Tourism



Our goal is to expand people's minds about the ways in which we are connected to nature...



One of the ways we did this was by hosting a series of Storytelling workshops in various communities around the Kruger National Park.

The focus of these workshops was to bring more voices to the table around the rhino poaching and conservation narrative. To enable communities to tell their own stories and to share how nature played a role in their lives, as they live on the boundaries of these wild spaces.

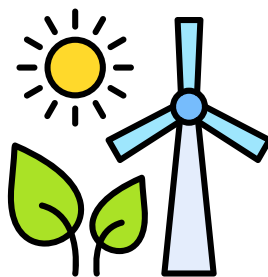
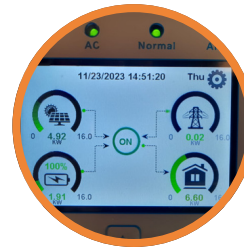
This was a great project to be involved in and was facilitated by Nourish as part of communications consultancy with WWF-SA Khetha project.

The storytelling workshops enabled us to reach over 400 people in 20 villages.



Annual Objectives to GREEN:

- The Nourish Eco Village aims to be just that - ECO - Our eco efforts are looking towards grassroots ways to walk the talk!
- Currently we have 2 composting (dry toilets onsite - saving thousands of liters of water wastage.
- We have also started the process of going OFF Grid - with our first solar installation. This will slowly help us to be more sustainable both financially and in terms of our energy consumption. Thank you to Filius e.V for supporting the start of this transition.



PROGRESS OF OUR PROJECT

- Hospitality Training Centre - established in 2023 to train and equip local community members for jobs in the hospitality sector.
- Safari Soiree Supper Club was launched as a fundraising event initiative for the Hospitality Training Centre. The Club also offers the opportunity for hospitality training students to get practical experience in addition to their certificate.
- In partnership with the Greater Kruger Hospitality School, 20 community members were trained for 'front of house' service, waitressing and hostessing skills. .
- Fundraising continues to fully equip the training space.



Completed Work:

The Wildflower Centre for Ubuntu Girls Club was launched alongside the Timbavati Foundation providing a familiar space where women and girls had a voice to ask questions, learn more about themselves and feel safe - enabling self-development, confidence, spiritual growth, and emotional support.

Women and girls from the Sigagula village can use this facility anytime.



EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

The Computer lab at SEDIWA was made operational by the University of Massachusetts and Isenberg School of Management who generously donated the computers which they had brought out from the USA. The lab is a community resource where community members can come and use the Wifi, print CVs etc. Its also used to run extra math classes for students and adult education classes.

We are thankful for this connection to an academic insitution - which was made possible by Into Africa Safaris - a South African safari tour company. This showers the power of SDG3 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS!



Empower a child, empower the world.



Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.” –John F. Kennedy





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GROWING RESILIENT WILDLIFE COMMUNITIES

