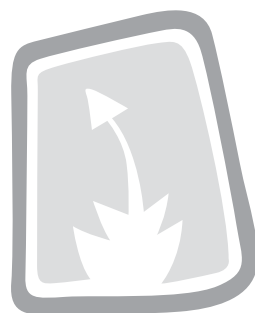




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## AUGUST AT WOZA MOYA

August is Women's month in South Africa, 9 August is Women's day. This is an opportunity to celebrate women's achievement and reflect to all problems that are faced by all women. Woza Moya in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development celebrated women's month at Mashakeni Hall. This year's theme was **WOMEN in AGRICULTURE**. Due to Covid 19 regulations only 50 local women farmers were invited. Thandi Ndlovu from Department of Agriculture emphasised that as the pandemic continues to sweep across the globe, rural women need to focus on agriculture and defeat food insecurity. Women also need to plant more so that they can sell their produce surplus to the community. Bangeni Miya (a local woman farmer) shared her personal journey of farming in Ufafa. After her husband passed away, she started a small garden to feed her family. Now she is selling surplus! Bangeni encouraged women not to give up when facing challenges, such as lack of access to water, animals destroying crops, unexpected violent weather patterns. She passionately encouraged women to start by planting small home gardens and grow from there. At the end of the event women were so happy to receive seedlings and gardening tools. Women also showcased their fresh produce and all vegetables were sold. Phambili Makhosikazi ngezolimo!



## ENALENI FARM VISIT

Climate change is a threat to food gardens in our community. In order to build resilience amongst our local famers, Woza Moya organised a visit to **Enaleni Farm**. Enaleni is an agro-ecological farm located in Ashburton, near Pietermaritzburg. The visit provided the Food Garden Champions with an opportunity to learn about compost making, companion planting, mulching, crop rotation, diverse planted gardens and homestead food production. We also learned that we can grow the best vegetables without using fertilizers or chemicals. Food garden champions were able to interact, share information and learn best agricultural practices from Enaleni. The visit was well received by everyone. Our group were eager to go back to their villages and share what they learned with local farmers.

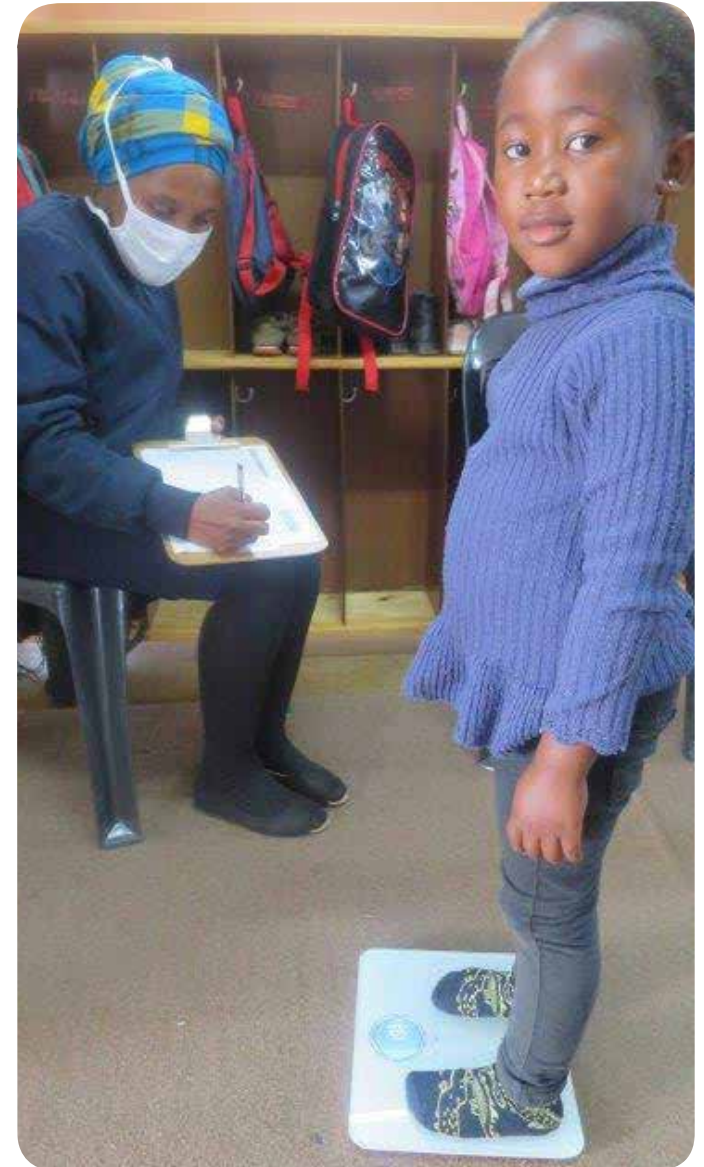


## CALL FOR CALM

Woza Moya is calling for calm in Ufafa Valley following the acts of violence, looting and vandalising of business properties in Ixopo town in July. Woza Moya leaders met with our Community Advisory Council to discuss the matters related to looting and the way forward. The Advisory Council suggested that we (Woza Moya leaders) consult with the headmen of Ufafa Valley since they are the voices of community members. The meeting with 11 Izinduna/headmen from different villages was organised at the Tribal Authority Court on the 23rd of August. The headmen together with the community members have the same voice that there is a need for a cleansing 'ukuthelana amanzi' ceremony. This idea of 'ukuthelana amanzi' came from Mxolisi Nyuswa (board member). The ceremony will allow the community members to forgive each other, after infighting in the community in the aftermath of the looting. The headmen also emphasised that the ceremony is important as we are rebuilding the nation and seeking for trust and peace in our community, and in KwaZulu-Natal and our country. Our Community Health Manager also used this platform to ask the headmen to encourage community members in their villages to vaccinate for Covid-19.

## ALSO IN AUGUST

- Our Youth team attended the Adolescent Youth Health Programme Forum meeting that was organised by the Department of Health at Ixopo. Youth Leader, Sinethemba shared the challenges that are facing the youth of the Ufafa valley.
- The Fundraising team attended the ECGP Digital Communication and Fundraising workshop organised by ELMA Philanthropies via zoom. The workshop covered aspects of fundraising such digital ecosystems, websites, social media, communication plans and crowdfunding.







- When a lot of people in a community are vaccinated, the more we are all safe. This is known as 'Herd Protection'. Woza Moya working together with Department of Health continue to keep our community safe and healthy by encouraging everyone to get vaccinated. The senior citizens and Woza Moya team received their second doze for Covid-19. On the same day we saw a large number of new community members coming to Woza Moya to receive their Covid-19 vaccination.
- On Saturday, 28 August several parts of KwaZulu-Natal, including the Ufafa Valley, turned into a winter wonderland as snow fell. Our Community were excited to see the snow, many children saw the snow for first time.
- In August Woza Moya has been doing a lot of maintenance, repairs, painting and building. The dry winter months are a good time to repair and maintain our site and buildings and equipment. These are important Woza Moya assets that we need to care for.







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