



GREEN MSME BOOST PROGRAMME

Province: Eastern Cape

A directory of local green businesses



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Welcome



It is with great pride that we present this booklet profiling the beneficiaries of the **Green MSME Boost programme**. These enterprises, though operating largely in the informal sector, embody the spirit of innovation, resilience, and sustainability that South Africa urgently needs as it transitions toward greener, more inclusive growth.

The businesses featured in this booklet are active in waste management, recycling, and renewable energy—sectors at the forefront of addressing both environmental and socio-economic challenges. Each profile reflects not only the entrepreneurial drive of the individuals behind these enterprises but also their commitment to creating cleaner, more sustainable communities. Their work demonstrates the crucial role informal businesses play in advancing South Africa's just energy transition and in unlocking pathways for employment and dignity in underserved communities.

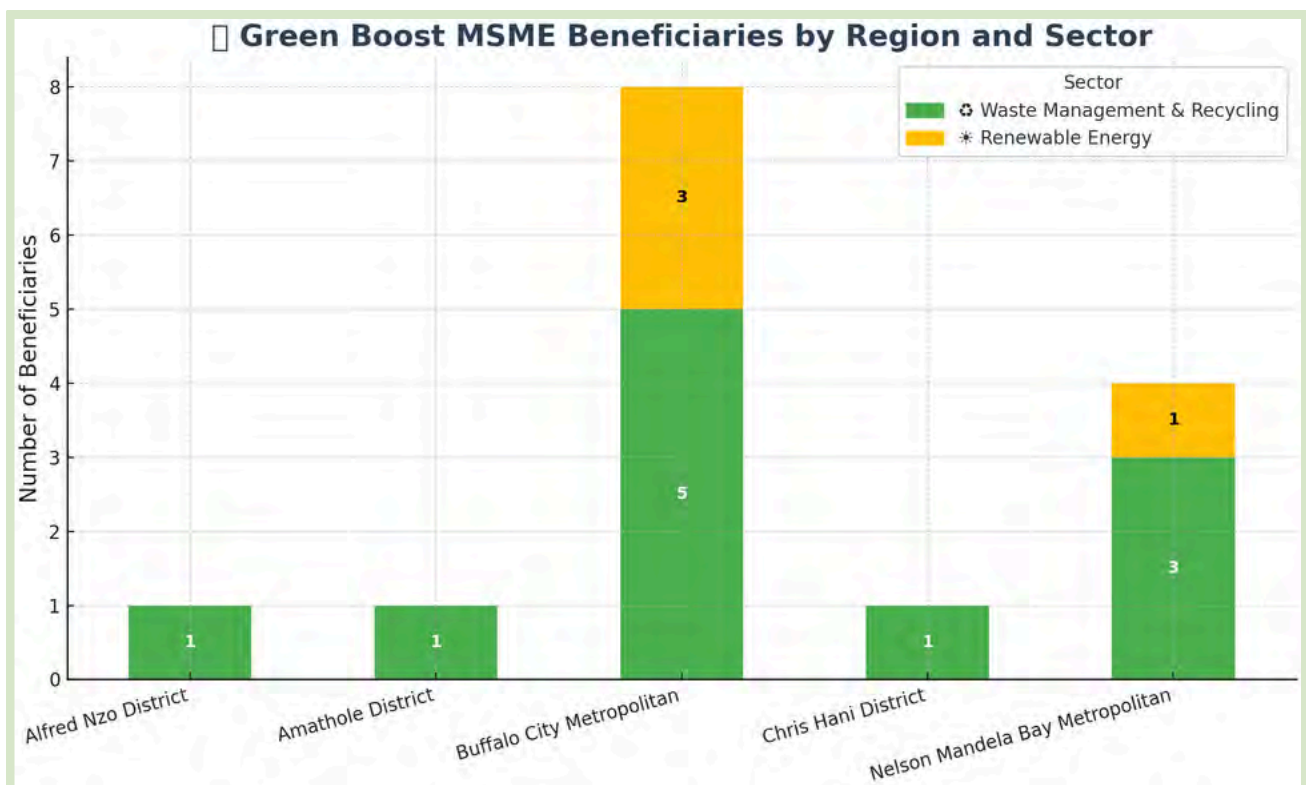
We hope this booklet serves as both a showcase and a source of inspiration. It highlights how targeted support, skills development, and collaboration between government, development partners, and local entrepreneurs can catalyse real change. Most importantly, it tells the stories of dedicated business owners whose efforts contribute to building greener economies and brighter futures.

This booklet has been compiled and authored by Bornapart Sibanda from Blended Business Solutions as part of an initiative to showcase and profile MSMEs.

About the programme

The Green MSME Boost initiative is implemented under the Career Path Development for Employment (CPD4E) programme by GIZ, with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-financing from the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). In partnership with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and other key stakeholders, the programme supports the growth, sustainability, and formalization of Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in South Africa's informal sector, with a strong emphasis on township economies.

Focusing on two priority sectors—renewable energy and waste management & recycling—the project targeted 50 MSMEs in the Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga provinces. These enterprises receive tailored support through structured training, mentorship, and networking opportunities designed to strengthen their business operations, improve productivity, and enhance sustainability. The programme also aims to expand access to finance and market opportunities, & to enable MSMEs to better integrate into formal value chains.

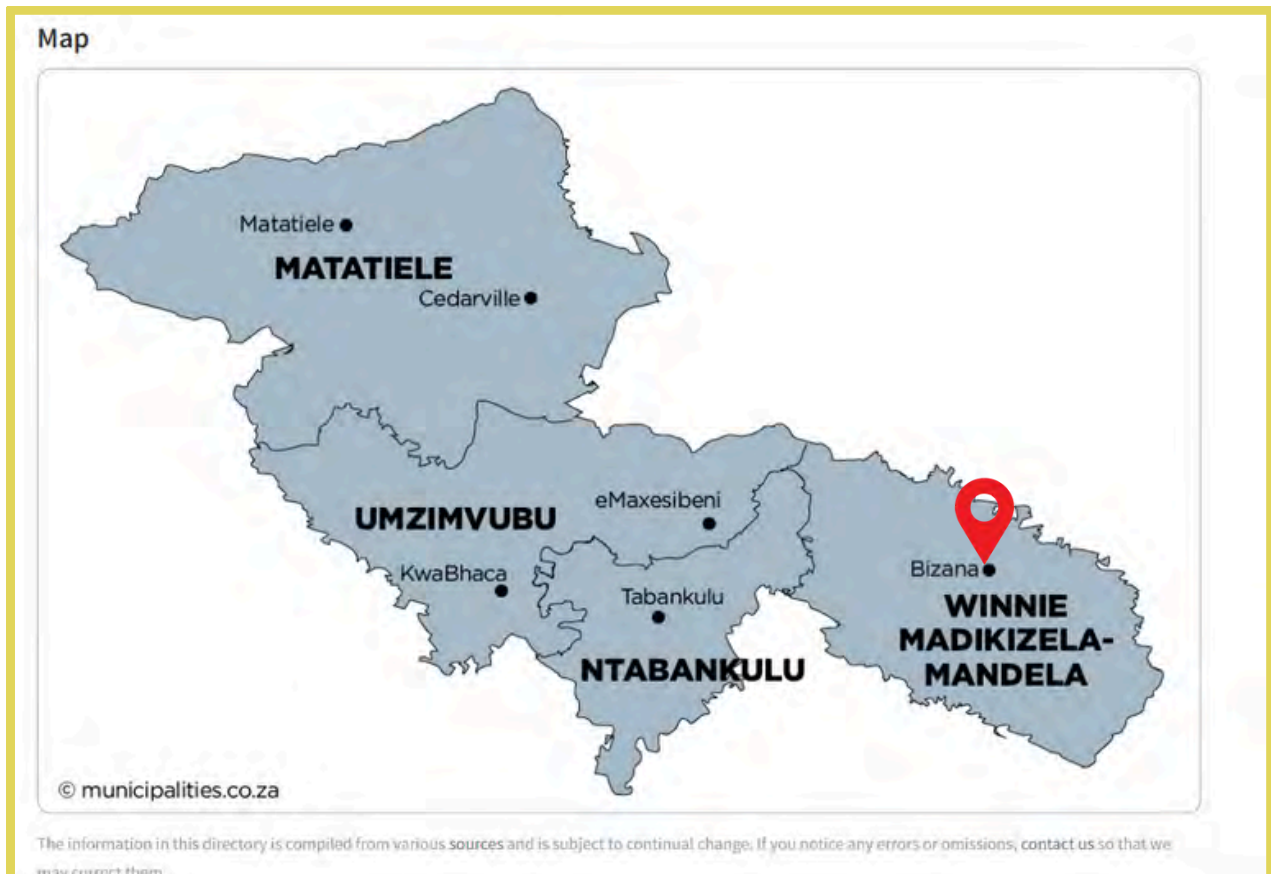




Profiles of Beneficiaries



Alfred Nzo District Municipality



District Statistics

Sector	No of MSMEs
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Waste Mangement and Recycling

1

DIMLA HOLDINGS

Waste Management And Recycling

“Asinakekele Umhlaba Wethu”



At a Glance

 Founded: 2021

 Bizana

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 100% Women owned

Dimla Holdings is a dynamic waste collection and recycling enterprise dedicated to creating cleaner, healthier communities while empowering local livelihoods. By purchasing recyclable materials directly from community members, the company ensures that waste becomes a resource rather than a burden. Through its operations, Dimla Holdings transforms waste into opportunity—supporting environmental preservation and local economic growth.

Target Market



Our Story



Recyclable Material Recovery Facility



Registered Buy Back Centre activities;



Sorting and Bailing



Educational Programs



Kerbside Collection

Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.



Creating livelihood opportunities through waste trade.



Promoting a culture of recycling and sustainability within Bizana communities.

Vision

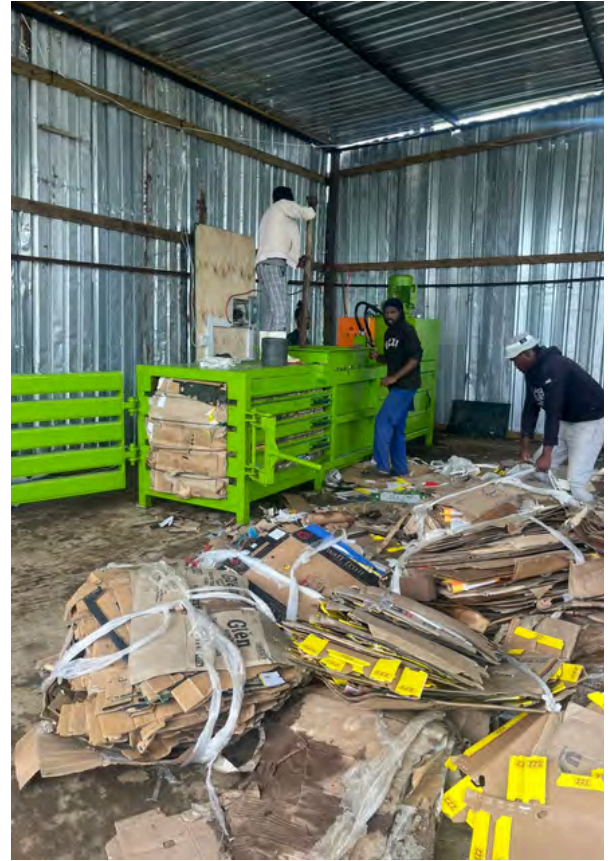
Our vision is to be the leading environmentally responsible recycling company in the Eastern Cape, recognized for our unwavering commitment to sustainable waste management, community empowerment, and fostering economic prosperity.

Future Growth Plans

Looking ahead, Dimla Holdings continues to expand its efforts, championing sustainability, community clean-ups, and a future where waste management is not only an economic activity but also a pathway to a healthier planet.

Dimla Holdings

Registered Buy Back Centre



INFINITY
environment recycling

“Asinakekele umhlaba wethu”

**Photo: Courtesy of Dimla Holdings*

Amathole District Municipality



District Statistics

Sector	No of MSMEs
Waste Mangement and Recycling	1

MKGOTSI HOLDINGS

Waste Management And Recycling

Mkgotsi Projects is a community-based recycling enterprise operating within the Amathole District Municipality. The business focuses on reducing environmental waste while creating income-generating opportunities for local communities. By collecting, sorting, and delivering recyclable materials such as aluminum cans, plastics, and steel to recycling centers, Mkgotsi Projects plays a vital role in promoting sustainable waste management. Though operations are currently run from the owner's home and lack a formal financial management system, the business demonstrates strong potential to grow into a more structured and impactful enterprise.

Target Market



At a Glance



Founded: 2024



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Local owned green cooperative

Our Story



Collection of Recyclable Materials – aluminum cans, plastics, and steel.



Sorting and Preparation for Recycling



Delivery to Recycling Centers

Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.



Provides local households with a reliable recycling outlet

Vision

To become a recognized and self-sustaining recycling enterprise that supports cleaner communities, fosters environmental responsibility, and empowers people through income-generating opportunities.

Future Growth Plans



Secure a dedicated site and equipment for storage and sorting.



Increase collection points and build partnerships



Introduce awareness campaigns to promote recycling

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality



Metro Statistics

Sector	No of MSMEs
Renewable Energy	3
Waste Mangement and Recycling	4

CAMEL GOLD

Renewable Energy

“Golden Energy Green Future”



At a Glance

 Founded: 2025

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 100% Women owned

Our Services



Solar panel Installations



Inverter systems maintenance



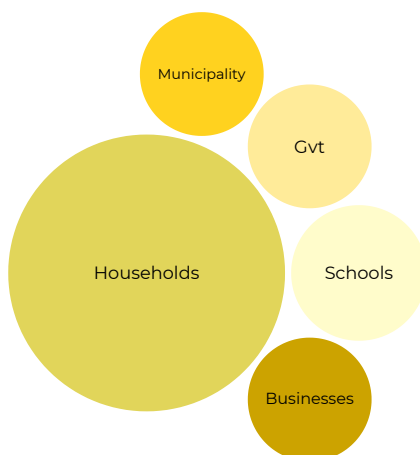
Community Energy Education workshops



Educational Programs

Camel Gold is a renewable energy company dedicated to advancing clean, affordable, and sustainable power solutions for households and businesses. The company began by supplying and installing inverters and backup systems during periods of loadshedding, and since 2025 has expanded to providing comprehensive solar energy solutions. With a mission to reduce dependence on the national grid, Camel Gold is also committed to raising awareness and creating employment opportunities within the green energy sector.

Target Market



Impact



Supporting energy security in the Eastern Cape



Training and employing youth in the solar technology



Promotes the use of renewable energy, reducing carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

Vision

To be a trusted leader in renewable energy solutions, transforming South African households and businesses into sustainable, energy-resilient communities while driving inclusive growth in the green economy.

Future Growth Plans



Expansion into large-scale renewable energy projects and corporate partnerships



Development of training and skills development programs for youth in solar installation and maintenance.



Investment in innovative energy storage solutions to enhance reliability and efficiency

Camel Gold



**Photo: Courtesy of Camel Gold*







FRANCO ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Renewable Energy

“Solar Solutions, Engineered for You”

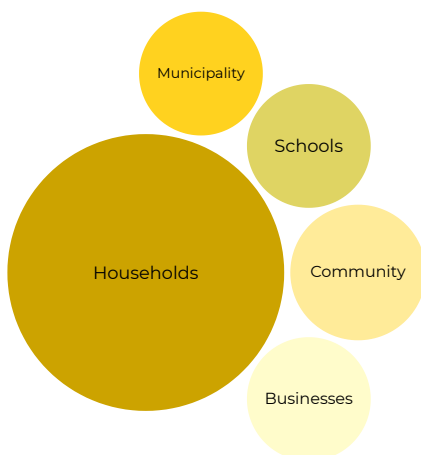


At a Glance





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-  Local

Franco Energy Management is a renewable energy and electrical solutions company that has been serving clients since 2017. With expertise spanning solar energy systems, electrical installations, and electronic system repairs, the company is dedicated to advancing clean energy while equipping communities with practical technical skills. Franco Energy Management not only delivers reliable and innovative energy solutions but also fosters opportunities for learning and skills development, ensuring that individuals with limited resources can access and benefit from modern energy technologies.



Target Market



Our Services

-  Offgrid solar installations
-  Building DC systems for lights and televisions
-  UPS and Inverter Installations
-  Design and assembly of electronic systems, including robot flasher light controllers



Impact

-  Promotes the adoption of clean, renewable energy systems that reduce carbon emissions.
-  Provides technical training and skills development, empowering individuals with hands-on knowledge in energy and electronics

Vision

To establish a dedicated workshop for manufacturing DC bulbs and off-grid systems, creating a hub where technical knowledge, innovation, and experience can be shared with communities and individuals, particularly those with limited resources.

Future Growth Plans

-  Launching a manufacturing workshop for DC bulbs and off-grid systems.
-  Innovating new affordable energy solutions

Franco Energy Management



***Photo: Courtesy of Franco Energy Management**

MR GREEN

Renewable Energy



“ From Panels to Power Agreements – We’ve Got You Covered”

At a Glance

 Founded: 2025

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 100% Local

Our Services



Solar PV Systems installations (rooftop & ground mounted)



Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for business



Operation and maintenance (O&M) of Solar PV Systems



Solar powered EV Delivery services

Mr Green (Pty) Ltd, founded by Mncedisi Dukashe specializes in solar photovoltaic (PV) solutions, delivering affordable and clean energy to government, businesses, and households. Leveraging opportunities presented by South Africa’s Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), Mr Green is helping to reduce carbon emissions while supporting the province’s green economy.

Impact

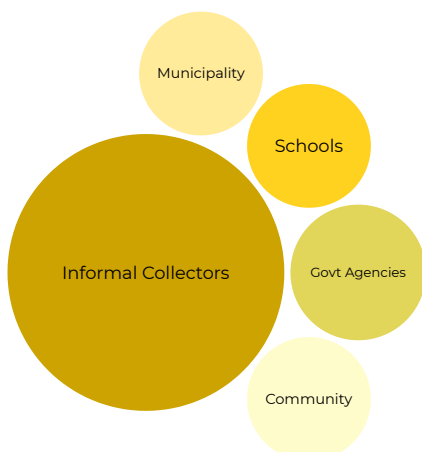


Reduces carbon emissions through clean solar energy solutions and sustainable business practices.



Expands access to reliable electricity, especially in township communities

Target market



Vision

To be a leading township-based renewable energy enterprise that drives South Africa’s just energy transition by delivering innovative, affordable, and sustainable solar solutions while promoting environmental stewardship and inclusive economic growth.

Future Growth Plans



Expansion into large-scale renewable energy projects through REIPPPP partnerships



Establishment of township-based green skills training and employment initiatives.

Mr Green



PERFORMANCE UNDER STANDARD TEST CONDITIONS	
Maximum Power (Peak)	40W
Maximum Power Current (mp)	2.22A
Maximum Power Voltage (Vmp)	18V
Open Circuit Voltage (Voc)	21.6V
Short Circuit Current (Isc)	2.56A



*Photo: Courtesy of Mr Green

CYCLE WORKS

Waste Management And Recycling

“Turning Waste into Opportunity”



At a Glance



Founded: 2023



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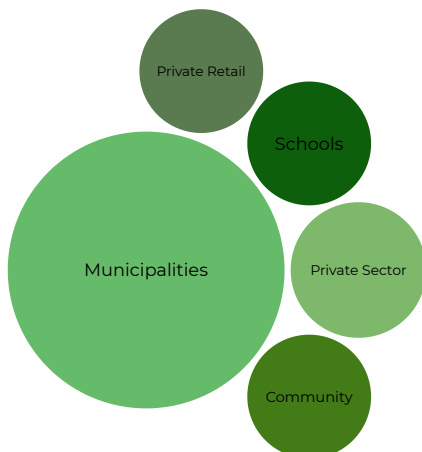
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Women owned

Cycle Works, is a social enterprise based in the Eastern Cape addressing food insecurity, waste management, and environmental sustainability. What began as a small initiative to support school and community gardens has grown into a waste recycling and community development project, creating jobs while reducing landfill waste. The company focuses on recycling high-value materials like cardboard and metals, while pioneering solutions for low-value plastics.

Target Market



Our Story



Recyclable Material Recovery Facility



Sorting and Bailing



Waste Picker Training & Empowerment



a driver of green innovation and sustainable energy in South Africa.

Impact



Engaging and empowering community members, paid staff, and volunteers



Addressing food insecurity



Creating an innovative funding model



Diverting over 2 tons of cardboard and 200 kg of metals/plastics monthly

Mission

Build a local circular economy, reduce pollution, and create sustainable jobs

Innovation Goal

Pyrolysis system to convert non-recyclable plastics into clean fuel

Cycle Works



**Photo: Courtesy of Cycle Works*

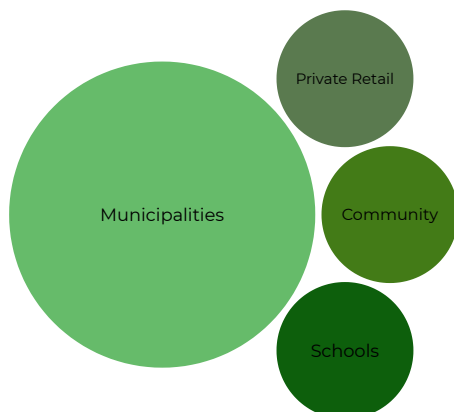
LIBONGO LAM INVESTMENT

Waste Management And Recycling

*“ Promoting environmental
cleanliness”*

Libongo Lam Management is a female-owned waste management and recycling enterprise that specializes in the collection, cleaning, and resale of recyclable materials. With a strong commitment to environmental cleanliness, the company plays a vital role in reducing landfill waste and promoting sustainable recycling practices. By leveraging its access to a truck, Libongo Lam Management ensures efficient and timely waste collection from households, businesses, and communities, while supplying prepared recyclables to buy-back centres.

Target Market



At a Glance



Founded: 2021



East London



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Women owned

Our Story



Waste reduction, and



female empowerment,



recycling awareness,



local job creation

Impact



Creating opportunities for female entrepreneurship



Supporting the circular economy by preparing recyclables for resale



Promoting cleanliness and pollution reduction

Vision

To become a leading female-driven waste management enterprise that drives sustainable recycling solutions, fosters community awareness, and contributes to a cleaner, greener, and more circular economy in South Africa.

Future Growth Plans



Expanding collection coverage



Increasing the volume and variety of recyclables handled



Establishing long-term supply agreements with buy-back centres

Libongo Lam Investments



**Photo: Courtesy of Libongo Lam Investments*

MAVESTA ENTERPRISE

Waste Management And Recycling

“ Zilolise amanzi”

At a Glance



Founded: 2021



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Locally produced

Mavesta Enterprise is a small-scale manufacturing and water supply business that transforms collected water plastic bottles into reusable containers through the process of extrusion blow moulding. Once the bottles are produced, they are filled with purified water and sold both from home and at the nearby taxi rank, providing affordable, safe drinking water to the community. Despit limitations, Mavesta Enterprise plays a valuable role in promoting recycling and making clean drinking water more accessible.

Our Story

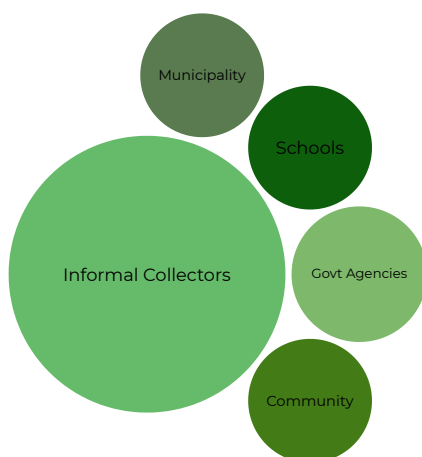


Purchasing used water plastic bottles



Extrusion blow moulding to convert used bottles into reusable containers

Target Market



Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.



Creating livelihood opportunities through waste trade.



Promoting a culture of recycling and sustainability within Bizana communities.

Vision

To be a trusted community enterprise that champions sustainability by transforming waste into value, while providing affordable, safe drinking water that empowers healthier lives and a cleaner environment.

Future Growth Plans



Introduce a variety of container sizes and designs (small portable bottles, 5L/20L refill containers).



Upgrade extrusion blow moulding technology to improve production efficiency and product quality.



Offer refill stations at key community points and taxi ranks to reduce single-use bottle wastels

Mavesta Enterprise



A promotional graphic for Mavesta water featuring various bottle images and the slogan "Stay Hydrated". The graphic includes a large blue water bottle on the left, a smaller bottle with a white label in the top center, a pack of bottles in a green bag in the top right, a "Sparkling" bottle in the top right, and a bottle in the bottom right. The background is a light blue water ripple pattern with three blue water droplets above the brand name. The text "Mavesta" is in a large, dark blue serif font, and "Stay Hydrated" is in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font below it. There are also three small inset photos at the bottom: a woman in a red headscarf and orange jacket, a table set for a meal with water bottles, and a pack of bottles.

**Photo: Courtesy of Mavesta Enterprise*







THANDIZAM TRADING ENTERPRISE & PROJECTS

Waste Management And Recycling

“Asinakekele Umhlaba Wethu”



At a Glance

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-  Local

Thandizam Trading Enterprise is transforming township waste management through a sustainable, inclusive, and market-driven model that connects informal waste collectors with formal recycling industries. By offering fair market prices for recyclables, the business creates environmental value through reduced landfill waste and economic value by generating income for local collectors. Strategic partnerships with recycling companies, government agencies, and community organizations ensure consistent operations and long-term impact.

Target Market



Our Story



Regular door-to-door or collection point services from households, schools, and local shops



Training and sensitizing households



Buying recyclable materials from independent waste pickers



Establishing small sorting hubs

Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.



Creating livelihood opportunities through waste trade.



Promoting a culture of recycling and sustainability within Bizana communities.

Vision

To create cleaner, greener, and more sustainable townships by empowering communities through inclusive, market-driven waste management solutions.

Future Growth Plans



Expand collection networks



Establish dedicated buy-back centers in townships



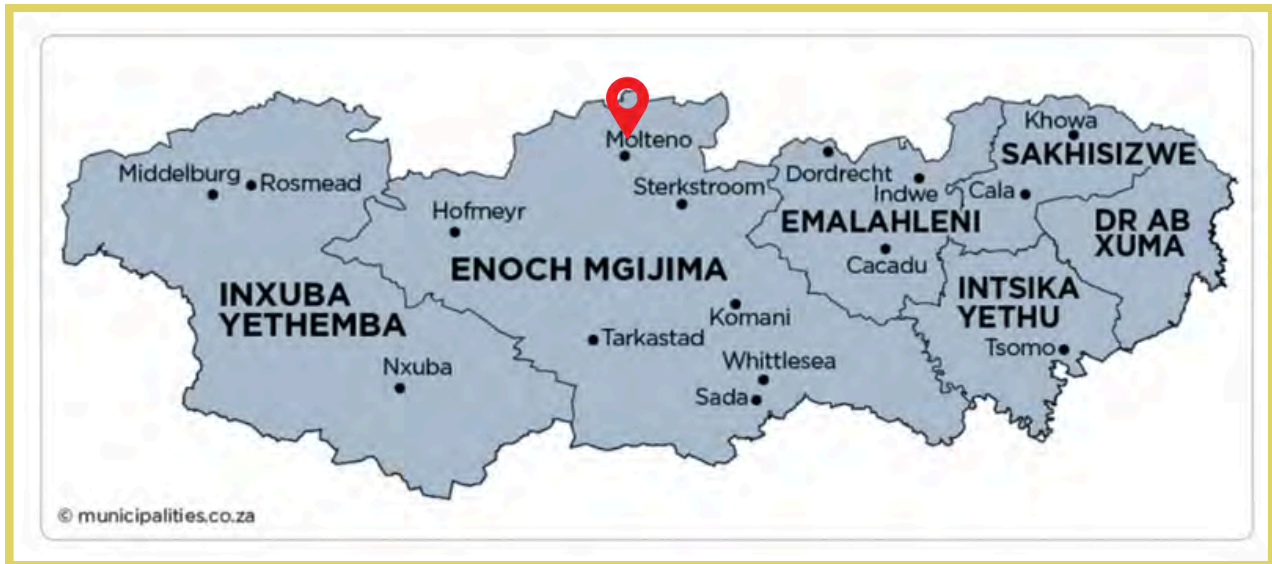
Scale operations into new regions

Thandizam Trading Enterprise & Projects



***Photo: Courtesy of Thadizam Trading Enterprise & Projects**

Chris Hani District Municipality



District Statistics

Sector

No of MSMEs

Waste Mangement and Recycling







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ZIGQATSE

Waste Management And Recycling



“Cleaning Communities, Creating Value”

At a Glance

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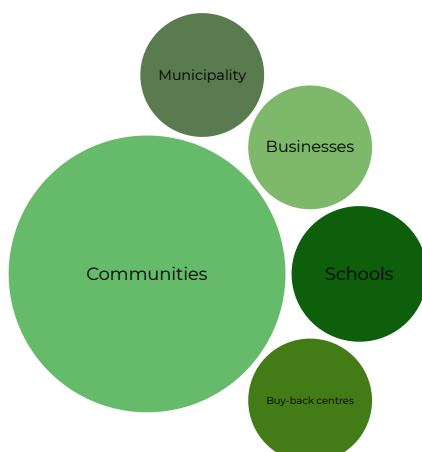


Our Story

-  Waste collection and recycling of cardboard, plastic bottles, tetra paks, and glass liquor bottles
-  Sale of recyclable materials to buy-back centres
-  Community clean-up initiatives to improve local environments

Zigqatse is a registered, community-driven waste management and environmental education enterprise committed to promoting sustainable practices and improving local environmental conditions. The business focuses on waste collection, recycling, and community clean-up initiatives, while creating income opportunities through the sale of recyclable materials such as cardboard, plastic bottles, tetra paks, and glass liquor bottles to buy-back centres.

Target Market






Impact

-  Reduces landfill waste and pollution
-  Engages communities through clean-up campaigns
-  Provides income opportunities for local collectors and contributes to the recycling economy through sales to buy-back centres.

Vision

To become a leading community-driven waste management and environmental education enterprise that transforms local environments into clean, sustainable spaces while fostering a culture of responsible waste management.

Future Growth Plans

-  Introduce more recyclable streams
-  Establish collection hubs and partnerships
-  Roll out structured environmental education campaigns

Zigqatse



**Photo: Courtesy of Zigqatse*

Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality



Metro Statistics

Sector	No of MSMEs
Renewable Energy	1
Waste Mangement and Recycling	3

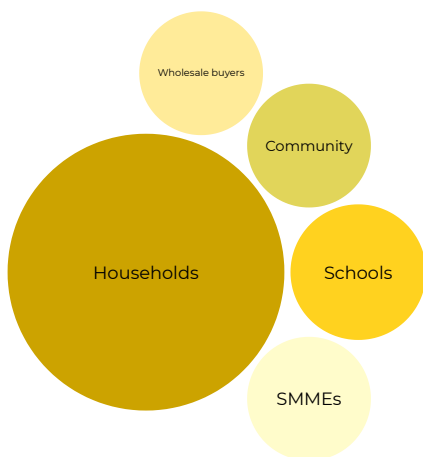
LERATO SOLAR

Renewable Energy

“ Providing sustainable lighting and heating solutions ”

Lerato Solar Solutions is a growing renewable energy enterprise founded by Nomvuzo Blossom Booi. For the past two years, the company has been operating independently, focusing on the buying and reselling of high-quality energy-efficient products. At its core, the business provides sustainable lighting and heating solutions that promote energy savings and reduce reliance on non-renewable power sources. Its product range includes solar geysers, solar panels, solar lights, flood lights, LED lights, and bulbs.

Target Market



At a Glance



Founded: 2025



New Brighton



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Women owned

Our Services



Solar geysers and panels



Solar lights and flood lights

LED lights and bulbs

Impact



Supports the transition to clean energy by reducing carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels.



Provides affordable, energy-efficient solutions to households and businesses, improving access to reliable power.



Contributes to the growth of the renewable energy sector by supplying cost-effective products.

Vision

To become a trusted provider of sustainable, affordable, and innovative solar and energy-efficient solutions that empower communities and businesses to adopt clean energy for a brighter, greener future.

Future Growth Plans



Expand into full solar system installations, batteries, and inverters



Provide maintenance, and after-sales support

Lerato Solar



*Photo: Courtesy of Lerato Solar

WASTE SORTING MANAGER

Waste Management And Recycling

"Turning Waste into Worth"

At a Glance



Founded: 2021



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Women owned

Waste Sorting Manager is a recycling-focused enterprise dedicated to the collection, sorting, and resale of recyclable materials. The business currently collects a wide variety of items—including milk cartons, paper, glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and cardboard boxes—which are transported to a buy-back centre in Port Elizabeth for resale.

Our Story



Collection of Recyclable Waste

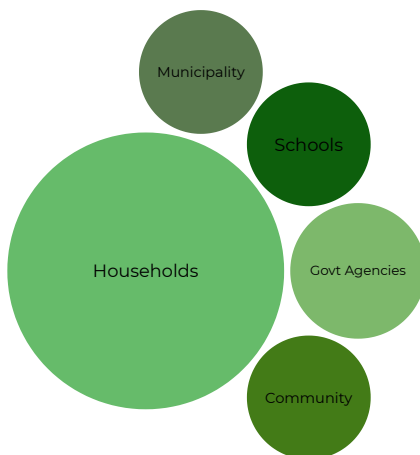


Sorting and Preparing Waste for Resale



Transportation to Buy-Back Centre

Target Market



Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.



Creates job opportunities as the business expands.



Generates income through resale of recyclables

Vision

To become a leading, community-driven recycling enterprise that transforms waste into value by operating a self-sustaining buy-back centre, fostering both environmental protection and economic empowerment.

Future Growth Plans



Establish a buy-back centre



Introduce large-scale collection services



Acquire sorting equipment and vehicles to increase capacity



YISOLELE TRADING GROUP

Waste Management And Recycling

At a Glance



Founded: 2024



New Brighton



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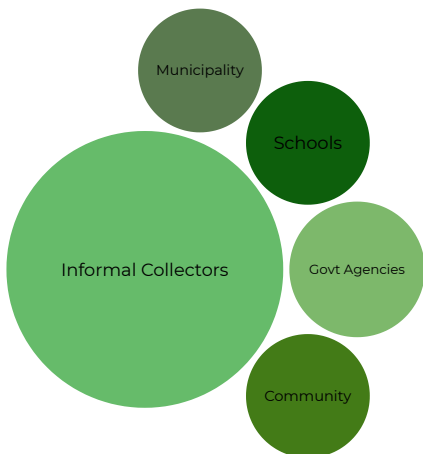
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Yisolele Trading Group (Pty) Ltd is a dynamic, youth-led enterprise formally registered in 2024, with roots in informal trading and community-driven initiatives. The company has built a diversified portfolio of services and products that address critical environmental, social, and economic needs. Through its innovative approach, Yisolele Trading Group not only provides essential solutions in recycling, landscaping, agriculture, bio-energy, and maintenance but also creates opportunities for job creation and skills development.

Target Market



Our Story



White Paper Recycling



Waste collection and sorting

Impact



Reduces waste through paper recycling



Converts waste white paper into fresh, usable sheets through recycling technology.



Builds inclusive value chains across recycling contributing to sustainable local economic growth.

Vision

To be a leading youth-led enterprise that drives inclusive socio-economic transformation by building an empowered, environmentally conscious, and economically active society.

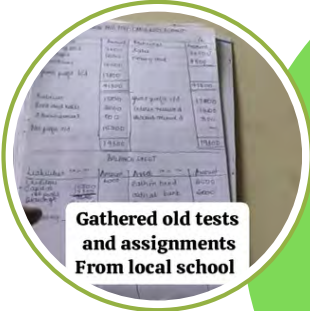
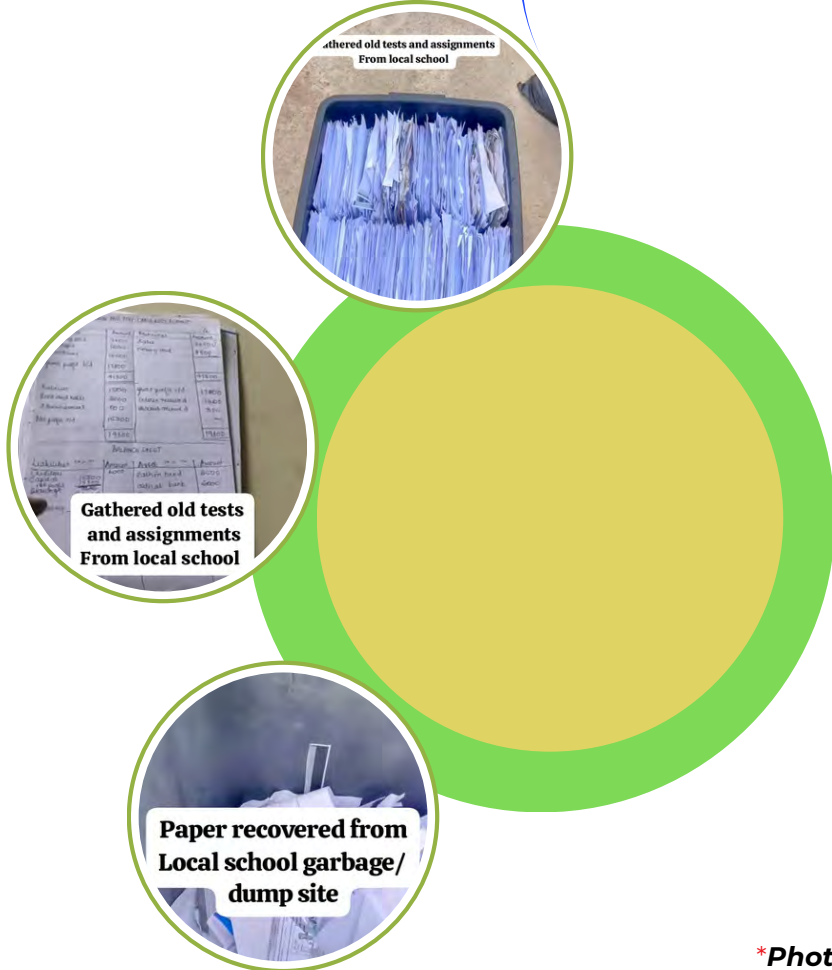
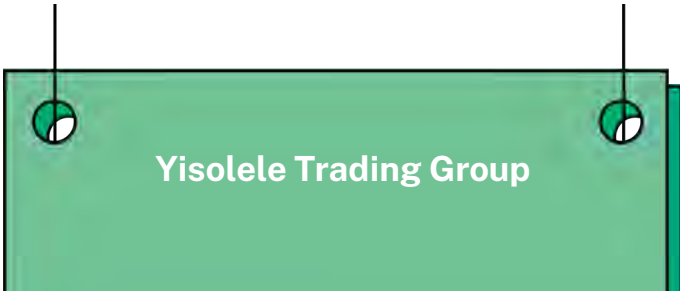
Future Growth Plans



Expansion of recycling operations into large-scale paper product manufacturing



Invest in modern recycling machinery to boost efficiency and quality of recycled paper.



**paper making
process
from
recycled
paper**

**Photo: Courtesy of Yisoilele Trading Group*

ZUKHANYE RECYCLING

Waste Management And Recycling

At a Glance



Founded: 2021



Kwadwesi



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Women owned

Zukhanye is a women-owned waste management enterprise based in Kwadwesi, specializing in the collection, sorting, and resale of recyclable materials. The company provides a reliable and sustainable solution for managing generic waste by ensuring valuable recyclables are recovered and sold to buy-back centres. Through its operations, Zukhanye reduces landfill waste, promotes recycling practices, and creates economic opportunities in the local community.

Our Story



Collection of Generic Waste



Sorting and Categorization



Delivery to Buy-Back Centres

Impact



Reducing waste sent to landfills.

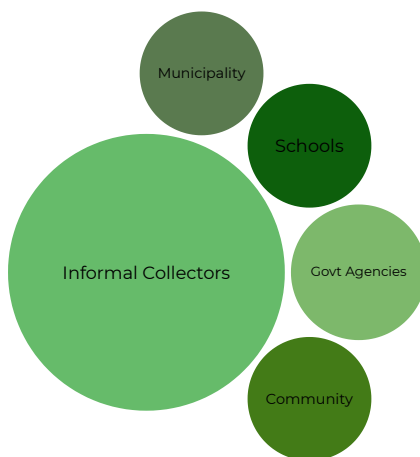


Creating livelihood opportunities through waste trade.



Creates opportunities for women and youth to participate in waste collection

Target Market



Vision

To become a leading women-owned recycling enterprise in Port Elizabeth, driving environmental sustainability, economic empowerment, and community development through responsible waste management.

Future Growth Plans



Establishing a dedicated waste sorting site in Kwadwesi to increase capacity.



Introducing structured collection programs

GREEN MSME BOOST PROGRAMME

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