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## 67 Minutes

Mandela Day, celebrated on July 18th each year, honours the legacy of Nelson Mandela, South Africa's former president and global icon of peace and justice. Nelson Mandela was born on 18 July 1918 and annually, on his birthday, individuals and corporates worldwide are encouraged to dedicate 67 minutes of their time to community service, symbolising the 67 years Nelson Mandela spent fighting for human rights and social justice.

The day serves as a reminder of Mandela's humanitarian contributions to the struggle against apartheid, his advocacy for reconciliation and his enduring commitment to creating a fair and equitable society. It encourages us to positively engage our communities, reflecting Mandela's belief that everyone has the power to effect change and small acts of kindness can have a lasting and far-reaching impact.

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visiting the Mazinyane HIV Center in Mbasane village. Our mission for the day was to revive the vegetable garden by planting seedlings and erecting a shade net cover to shield the vegetables from harsh weather conditions.



This vegetable garden, consisting of a variety of produce (including spinach, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, beetroot and others) yields essential, organic nutrition for the children and at the same time, teaches these young children the valuable life skill of how to grow their own food.



We were proud to have achieved both goals for the day and by acquiring our shade net from a local supplier in Mkhuhlu village, which employs people from the surrounding communities, this not only provides us with necessary construction materials, but also supports the local economy.

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Before

After



Mandela Day reminds us of the enduring power of community and the impact we can have when we come together with a shared purpose. Our experience at the Mazinyane Pre-School was a testament to this spirit, as we brought new life to a garden, supported local businesses, and fostered warm connections within our

Mandela's unwavering belief in the power of collective action.



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