

## **Nurturing Growth: Revamping a Community Garden**

At EDGE Solutions, giving back isn't something we talk about, it's something we do. One of our proudest initiatives is the full revamp and reinstallation of a vital community garden that supports the meals of over 100 people a day.

This garden is more than just a plot of land - it's a lifeline. Situated in an under-resourced area in Claremont Johannesburg, the garden provides fresh, nutritious vegetables to families, children, and elders who rely on its daily harvests. Not long before our involvement, a severe storm devastated the existing garden. Heavy rains and flooding washed away most of the fertile soil, damaged the planting beds, and destroyed much of the structure that had taken years to establish. When we learned that the space was in desperate need of support, we knew we had to act.

True to our belief in developing future leaders, we brought the youth into the heart of this project. Side by side, our team and local young volunteers and sponsors dug, planted, cleaned, and cultivated. From reworking the garden beds to installing irrigation and draining systems, and composting areas, every task was done with purpose - and a lot of heart.

By getting our hands dirty together, we didn't just rebuild a garden, we built connection, pride, and purpose.

The revamped garden will hopefully grow and continue to flourish into a thriving ecosystem. With improved layout, sustainable planting methods, this space is set up to keep giving for seasons to come. More than just a once-off donation, this is a long-term investment in food security and community wellness.

We believe in solutions that last and as with all gardens, this is just the beginning. We look forward to seeing what continues to grow.