

Nini Myeza's Journey from Survival to Agroecology Champion

Nini Myeza's story is one of resilience, learning and community. What began as a struggle for food and stability has grown into a thriving agroecology journey – one that supports her family and helps others in her community.



On Elandspruit Farm, Nini Myeza has turned a small household garden into a source of food, income and knowledge – and a place where other farmers come to learn.

Nini tends to her garden on Elandspruit Farm.

Her home had also deteriorated into a structure made from mud, wood and zinc, without electricity or piped water.

Nini shares what she has learned with other farmers.



That began to change when Nini became involved in AFRA's Agroecology Programme. Through the programme, she received farming tools, seeds and training in agroecological practices.

Nini with other community members at a local garden.

Nini became an AFRA Agroecology Champion, and her homestead was established as a Learning Site where neighbouring farmers can see agroecological practices in action.



Nini's garden has therefore grown into something much bigger than the small plot where she began. It provides food for her household, creates opportunities to earn an income and gives other farmers a place to learn.

Through her garden and her role as an Agroecology Champion, she is not only strengthening her own household – she is helping other farmers grow too.