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Growing Sustainable Livelihoods Through Community Ownership

In Filabusi, Emthonjeni Women's Forum (EWF) is supporting women and families to build sustainable livelihoods through community-owned agricultural projects. The Ngazimbi Garden has become a practical example of how collective ownership, hard work and access to livelihood opportunities can strengthen household resilience and women's economic empowerment.

The garden produces a diverse range of crops, including maize, tomatoes, spinach, green pepper, onions and cabbages. Beyond providing nutritious food for families, the produce creates opportunities for income generation through the sale of surplus crops within the community and surrounding markets.

The project promotes family and community ownership, encouraging beneficiaries to take responsibility for production, maintenance and decision making. This approach strengthens the sustainability of the garden while building skills in farming, resource management and collective enterprise.

Through its economic empowerment programming, EWF continues to create opportunities for women to participate meaningfully in livelihoods and income-generating activities. Initiatives such as the Ngazimbi Garden demonstrate that when women have access to productive resources, skills and opportunities, they can contribute significantly to household food security, generate income and build more resilient communities.



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Faith Leaders Take Action Against GBV in Insiza



Emthonjeni Women's Forum (EWF), through the EmpowerHerFaith! Uniting Against GBV project, continues to strengthen the role of religious leaders in preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV) in communities.

EWF brought together religious leaders in Insiza for a reflective meeting focused on progress made in integrating GBV prevention within faith spaces. The engagement demonstrated a significant shift, with leaders increasingly taking ownership of GBV prevention through sermons, Bible studies and church activities.

Importantly, all participating religious leaders reported having established GBV Committees within their churches. Leaders also committed to establishing functional GBV Desks before the end of 2026, while working with EWF to develop and display GBV referral posters to ensure congregants can easily access information and support services.

Religious leaders are challenging harmful gender norms and promoting shared responsibilities within families. One SDA leader shared how teachings on shared household responsibilities translated into practice, with men participating in cooking and gathering firewood in the recent camp meeting.

Through partnerships with faith leaders, EWF is helping transform churches into safe, informed and responsive spaces where communities can challenge GBV and promote gender equality.





Five Years of Advancing Gender Equality in the Workplace

"Before our interaction with Emthonjeni Women's Forum gender equality in many workplaces was more an aspiration than a lived reality especially for us working in farms. Today, women are taking on leadership roles, workplaces are strengthening policies against sexual harassment, workers are accessing protective equipment, and women are organising themselves to improve their economic wellbeing." Tryphine Silindi –Hamara Farm

Over five years, EWF has contributed to significant improvements in gender equality and safer workplaces.

Key successes include:

- Increased participation of women in workplace trainings and leadership roles, including supervisory positions.
- Establishment and strengthening of sexual harassment policies and committees, with cases being addressed.
- Improved access to PPE and water and sanitation facilities, contributing to safer and more dignified working environments in Umguzu Farms.
- Formation of workplace and informal sector committees to strengthen workers' voices and participation.
- Establishment of ISAL groups, supporting women's economic empowerment and financial resilience.
- Increased awareness and capacity on GBV prevention, counselling, referral pathways and gender-equitable workplaces.
- Strengthened workplace policies through gender policy reviews and disability inclusion.
- Increased attention to workers' mental health and psychosocial wellbeing through counselling and support groups.
- Strengthened advocacy for safer workplaces, including engagement around ILO Convention 190 on violence and harassment at work.

From limited representation and awareness to stronger policies, leadership, support structures and economic opportunities, EWF's five-year journey demonstrates the power of sustained advocacy and engagement in transforming workplaces for women.





At Emthonjeni Women's Forum (EWF), we believe that real change happens when awareness is matched with action. Through the We Are One Fund, your support helps us turn knowledge into protection providing legal aid, psychosocial support, and safe spaces for survivors of Gender-Based Violence. Your contribution also amplifies women-led initiatives, strengthening grassroots efforts that challenge harmful norms and advance equality in our communities. As we continue to confront the structural barriers that erode the rights of women and girls, we invite you to stand with us your donation is not just support, it is a lifeline that empowers survivors and fuels lasting change.

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