

FROM UNDERDEVELOPED SPACE TO THRIVING LEARNING HUB

TURNING CHALLENGE INTO OPPORTUNITY

ELDORADO PARK

On 2 March 2026, Seriti Institute, in partnership with the Clean Air Fund and the City of Johannesburg, conducted a site visit to Willow Crescent School in Eldorado Park.

What was initially presented as a school food garden revealed critical gaps in infrastructure, production, and technical capacity. Recognising the opportunity, Seriti committed to transforming the space into a functional, productive garden supporting food security, learning, and skills development.

WHAT WAS IMPLEMENTED



2400 Vegetable seedlings planted & donated
(cabbage, spinach, lettuce, beetroot, onions)



Fruit trees introduced
(apple, lemon, orange, granadilla, strawberry)



Shade net structure installed
(25x10m)



Hands-on skills transfer with partner
(New Pathways)

IMPACT ON THE SCHOOL

- Learning Hub
- Teacher involvement
- Learner participation
- Improving education & school nutrition.

BEFORE

AFTER



BUILDING OWNERSHIP & SKILLS

Seriti implemented and trained the New Pathways team, ensuring practical skills transfer and strong ownership. This approach enables long-term sustainability and complete ownership.

BEFORE

From limited production to a structured, productive garden space

AFTER



CONCLUSION

The garden is now fully operational and has been handed over to the school and New Pathways for ongoing oversight management.

WHAT WAS ONCE UNDERDEVELOPED IS NOW:

- A source of fresh produce; a practical learning space; a potential small enterprise; a future demonstration and training hub.
- With continued local ownership and commitment, the site has strong potential to grow into a sustainable community asset and model for replication.

Partnering for communities where people and nature thrive.