



**Golder Trust  
for Orphans**



## SNAPSHOT

**Name of the Project:**

Hamba Ekukanyeni (also known as Walk in the Light)

**Type of Project:**

Investment Grant Project

**Location:**

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

**Number of Orphans Being Supported:**

300+

### Overview

Hamba Ekukanyeni is a Christian mission organisation based on a farm 10 km outside Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

Hamba Ekukanyeni's mission is to meet the desperate needs of disadvantaged children, widows and caregivers in the area around the farm (a small community called Haniville), more pertinently orphaned children whose parents have succumbed to AIDS and poverty, and whose lives have no future.

The community of Haniville is a very poor community where it is common to have families of 12 people living in 2 room houses. Many of these people, mainly children, end up sleeping on the floor.



*Preparing the geraniums for planting.*

The socio-economic conditions have also led to an explosion in HIV/AIDS and the ravages of the pandemic are starting to be seen with people now getting very sick after having contracted HIV up to 6 years ago.



*Community garden ladies.*

### Community Garden for Widows, Caregivers, Grandmothers

- › This project is still in its infancy and Hamba Ekukanyeni is teaching older ladies/caregivers to plant and grow their own vegetables.
- › It is awesome to see how these ladies are changing their lives.
- › The project started in January 2003 with 7 people starting the 14 week course with 5 completing it. Two ladies have stayed on and are now mentoring the new course. There are also 9 teenage boys (5 of whom are orphans) that are also starting to learn how to grow vegetables to help support their families. The course is 14 weeks as that is how long it takes to get the first harvest.

### Outreach Services

In addition to the community garden, Hamba Ekukanyeni provides medical, funeral and government registration services to the people of Haniville. They also take in abused or abandoned animals and teach local people how to administer care to the animals and take care of them properly.

### How We Helped this Project

Thanks to the support of the Golder Trust for Orphans, Hamba Ekukanyeni has undertaken a geranium essential oils enterprise that is designed to help families in Haniville escape the property trap they are currently in.

Funding from the Golder Trust for Orphans has allowed Hamba Ekukanyeni to plant geraniums on 10 hectares of land near the ministry. These geranium plants will be harvested and processed to create essential oils, which will be sold locally. The proceeds from the sales will go to support local families in Haniville. In addition, families involved in this initiative will be learning some very valuable farming and enterprise skills.

### Where to Find More Information

<http://www.walkinthelight.co.za/index.html>

Recent Photos from Hamba Ekukanyeni:



*Clockwise from top left: Local women preparing geraniums for planting, Local kids helping in the garden, One of the orphans, Entrance to the Essential Oils Project.*

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