



GENDERCC SA



*“Our success came when the people realised the power inside themselves and developed their own passions.”*

Bertha Chiroro

## Women’s passion for community-based climate action

Project start: 2014, Award year: 2015

Through a “learn and build methodology”, 2,000 women and men farmers in rural communities have been empowered to use and maintain new technologies for farming, water harvesting, waste management and sustainable energy - including biogas digesters. A network of female technology champions has been established to transfer their knowledge and skills to more communities. New social enterprises emerged with the initiative of women leaders, building climate resilience and food sovereignty.



### UNIQUE VALUE

#### What’s special about this project

- ▶ The project unleashed entrepreneurial dynamics, with women and youth strategizing on alternative income generating activities. They established a mango processing cooperative, producing and selling mango achar. Beekeepers started their own organic honey business. Youth groups initiated the collection and selling of animal manure for owners of biogas digesters.
- ▶ GenderCC SA based their recommendations for a gender-responsive National Climate Change Policy on these good practice examples.



### AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ The grant supported women in the Western Cape to start social enterprises, contributing to a sustainable local economy.
- ▶ GenderCC SA is recognised as an important actor fighting for gender just climate action, forging new partnerships with other community-based organisations as well as government institutions.

### TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



2,000 farmers are direct beneficiaries of the project



Installation, use and maintenance of solar power



Installation, use and maintenance of biogas digesters



Water harvesting for irrigation of food gardens



2 agricultural cooperatives established

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