

# MONDI ZIMELE PROJECT

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## Fanyana Nursery and Garden Services

### Growing trees for the future

Mondi Zimele has stepped in to support an emerging nursery and garden services business that has secured a contract to operate Mondi's tree seedling nursery in Piet Retief.

The low interest loans, business coaching and mentoring provided to Fanyana Nursery and Garden Services by Mondi Zimele, through the Mondi Zimele Jobs Fund, has proved to be invaluable in supporting the business which was rocked by the sudden death of its founder, Fanyana Nkosi, in February 2013.

Fanyana's widow, Doris Shabangu, and the Fanyana Nursery management staff have considerable nursery experience between them, and with guidance from the MZJF team and Mondi's nursery manager, they have maintained continuity and production.

The business was established by experienced nurseryman Fanyana Nkosi in 2011, securing a contract to operate Mondi's Piet Retief nursery, which produces eucalyptus seedlings for Mondi's plantations.

The MZ Jobs Fund loan was used to purchase a tractor and seedling trailers which helped the team meet the production target of 3 000 trays per month. Each tray has 128 seedlings, so that converts to 38 400 seedlings per month.

This work is performed with a total staff complement of 25 people.

Fanyana Nursery and Garden Services has successfully overcome the challenges that have come their way, and they are quietly confident that they will continue to meet their targets and grow the business into the future.

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