

# Ludonga Lamavuso Projects & Services



**“I am able to do what I enjoy and support my family. That is a blessing” – Sonnyboy Mavuso**

After working in forestry for 12 years, Sonnyboy Mavuso started growing vegetables to feed the kids at a crèche in Iswepe. He soon found that the small plot was yielding more food than the kids could eat, so he started selling the excess veggies at the local informal market.

This sparked a dream to start his own farming business. Once he had saved enough capital he registered Ludonga Lamavuso Projects and Services (Pty) Ltd, and went in search of land.

## Gaining access to land

In 2013 Sonnyboy approached Mondi for help to access land to establish his farming operation. Mondi gave him access to a plot of unplanted land among their plantations, and Sonnyboy's business took off.

He is growing cabbages, tomatoes, green peppers and spinach, selling the produce at informal markets. He is also supplying Pick 'n Pay and Mondi's Food For Forests programme, which provides field staff with a daily meal.

Sonnyboy has five permanent employees and hires temporary staff in planting season.

He plans to start growing field crops like potatoes and sugar beans soon, and wants to build a vegetable stall in his community to formalise the retail side of his business.



## Business support

Mondi Zimele provides business support, including a soft loan for purchasing essential equipment. MZ also sent Sonnyboy to Buhle Academy to do a vegetable production and bookkeeping course.



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