

## ACFS Community Education and Feeding Scheme

ACFS is a registered non-profit organisation with a primary focus on combating malnutrition. The organisation reaches into many areas of Gauteng with projects focused on alleviating poverty, HIV/Aids awareness campaigns, community and individual feeding initiatives and community upliftment programmes, including food gardening and early childhood development. ACFS feeds 31 000 children and beneficiaries on a daily basis.

Deloitte supported ACFS with a grant contribution to sustain a skills development programme that upskilled 20 unemployed women and men – parents of children admitted to the ACFS feeding scheme – in sewing, beadwork, shoemaking, knitting and baking. With the acquired skills, participants were equipped with the skills to start small businesses that will enable them to become self-reliant.

One of our success stories of this programme was that of Matibeletso Metsing, from a child-headed family. She had managed to pass her matric but was unable to proceed with a tertiary education. She enrolled and completed the ACFS sewing training course and has since started up a successful sewing business. This enabled Matibeletso to become financially independent and as a result, she and her family were discharged from the ACFS feeding scheme.