## BENEFITTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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**De Aar** Solar Power

## EMPOWERING LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Jo-Ann Matjan, a beneficiary of our Enterprise Development Programme and Britstown local, has received vital support for her small business, Jo-Ann's Heavenly Treats. New baking and catering equipment, funding for additional stock, kitchen uniforms, and essential training to meet health and safety standards has been provided.

This support has enabled Jo-Ann to diversify her offerings to include birthday and wedding cakes, hot chips, donuts, and bread for local shops.

Since joining the programme in mid-2020, this entrepreneur has transformed her home-based business into a thriving enterprise, illustrating the great impact of community support.

## COLLABORATION FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT

In collaboration with other Northern Cape renewable energy projects, we held our second annual economic development roadshow to educate communities within the Pixley ka Seme Municipal District about available funding opportunities and support.

Over 4 days, the event drew nearly 500 community members, showing how renewable energy projects work together to help communities grow and thrive through various initiatives.



As part of the roadshow, we highlighted key beneficiaries of our programmes, including the Foundation for Alcohol-Related Research in Britstown and Garden Cottage in De Aar.



## A DECADE OF SOLAR ENERGY

For the past decade, we've proudly powered 19,000 households annually with clean solar energy, avoided 82,000 tonnes of  $CO_2$  emissions, and saved 100 million litres of water each year and supported a variety of community driving initiatives.

Our team gathered for a special lunch to celebrate these milestones and reflect on our journey thus far and our commitment to driving positive environmental impact and community support for years to come.





