



Thornybush COMMUNITY

Q1 2025 Update

Did you know that your stay at a Thornybush lodge directly supports local community programmes?

The guest conservation levy you contribute goes towards initiatives that create real, lasting change and we're excited to share the progress being made through our NPO, Thornybush Community. Thornybush Community General Manager, Busisiwe Chauke, gives an update on the achievements from the first quarter of 2025.

“From January to February, we focused on our educational support social impact pillar as part of our back-to-school initiatives. We proudly sent 5 bursary recipients from Timbavati, Hluvukani, Justicia and Acornhoek to the renowned South African College for Tourism for a 1-year hospitality and tourism programme. As the class of 2025 departed, the class of 2024 returned to Thornybush lodges for internships, where they will gain valuable hands-on experience and provide world-class service to our guests.

As the new school year began, we celebrated Manyangana High School's success in achieving the highest matric pass rate in the Manyeleti Circuit for 2024. We are thrilled to see our educational support yielding such tremendous results.

In primary education, our back-to-school drive provided school uniform packs to orphans and vulnerable children at Hananani Primary School. We also teamed up with SPAR Hoedspruit on the national SPAR Bata #myschoolshoes campaign, raising 268 vouchers for school shoes. These vouchers benefited schools like Sishlekisi Primary School, where 85 children received new school shoes as they start their school year.

As part of our food security efforts, we continued supporting school gardens at Hananani Primary School and Wisani Day Care in Dixie village, ensuring a sustainable source of nutrition for their feeding schemes. Additionally, we donated hygiene items to the Wisani Day Care, thanks to a donation from Dr Tera Groff, a guest who contributed through our Pack-for-Purpose initiative.

We also supplied resources and seedlings for sustainable gardens at Uthla Agricultural Cooperative and Thousand Herbs and Vegetable Gardens as part of our local enterprise development support.



In March, our conservation awareness programmes took off. The first was the Wild Shots Outreach, which we have proudly partnered with for over 7 years. We also hosted our first Kids in Conservation School Safari Game Drive at Saseka Tented Camp, with learners from Sihlekisi Primary School, in Sigagule. This excursion gave learners a unique educational, yet fun-filled, wildlife experience. Through these programmes, we aim to inspire a lifelong passion and commitment for preserving our ecosystems.

Thornybush Community thanks all our partners and donors for their contribution to the impact we have achieved so far. We also recognise Thornybush for its unwavering support of our socio-economic initiatives and its commitment to the sustainability of our programmes and communities.

Finally, we acknowledge the #ThornybushTraveller. Your commitment and support make this positive impact possible."

Your stay truly makes a difference!

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