

Growing a greener future together





HandPicked is a fresh-thinking agriskills development programme that cultivates youth entrepreneurship in agriculture.

How does vertical farming work?

- \$\text{lt's a hydroponic system.}
- Crops are planted in towers using the African Grower technology.
- The growing medium is coconut coir.

What are the benefits of the programme?

- Communities and youth are shifted from consumers to producers.
- Youth and homegrowers are equipped to become self-sufficient agripreneurs.
- Vertical farming uses less water and less space than traditional methods of growing in soil.
- Maximises scarce resources in urban and rural settings.
- Stimulates local economies.
- Tackles food insecurity and supports sustainability.



What do growers learn?

- ☑ Technical skills
- ✓ Business skills
- ✓ Modern growing techniques



Who are the beneficiaries?

- South African unemployed youth who have completed an agriculture qualification with any accredited higher institution of learning.
- Homegrowers and subsistence farmers.
- \$\text{Youth between the ages of 18 and 33.}

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