# Planting the FASD message

DE AAR – Years ago an audit done in communities, served by FARR, indicated that many community members feel that FARR is bringing hope to households.

Tapping into this, the FARR Team in De Aar, decided to have a positive focus for International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Day on 9 September. Using the symbolic "9" in the date (9th of the 9th month), reminding all about the importance of nine-alcohol free months of pregnancy,the FARR Team enrolled nine households in a new residential area in De Aar to participate. Together with Tanja Fourie, colleagues and volunteers from the ACVV in De Aar, vegetables were planted in the gardens of these nine houses. In doing so, it was explained that by planting seeds, we can grow vegetables and produce some of our own food, creating a better tomorrow for our families. In December the gardens will be visited again by FARR and the ACVV to see which gardens were the most successful.

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The FARR De Aar team with the ACVV volunteer group.

# AfriForum eis Emthanjeni munisipaliteit om watertekorte dringend op te los

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In 'n brief van AfriForum word die Emthanjeni-munisipaliteit versoek om die organisasie van 'n aksieplan te voorsien van hoe die munisipaliteit die watertekorte gaan oplos.

Dié brief is vandag (18 September) aan die munisipaliteit gestuur. AfriForum maan ook die munisipaliteit om al sy waterpunte van water te voorsien om verligting aan die gemeenskap te bring.

Die gebrek aan water in De Aar, Hanover en Britstown hou 'n groot gesondheidsrisiko in en toegang tot skoon water is 'n grondwetlike mensereg.

Volgens AfriForum is die watertekorte die gevolg van swak instandhouding en die munisipaliteit se onwilligheid om hul pligte teenoor die gemeenskap na te kom.

Nadat Werner Strauss, AfriForum se distrikskoördineerder vir die Kalahari, ondersoek ingestel het, is bepaal dat die munisipaliteit 59 boorgate het maar dat daar bykans geen meer waterpompe en pyplyne is wat werk nie.

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The ACVV volunteer and Ms Tanja Fourie preparing the soil for the planting of the vegetables.

Ms Eldene Kok (De Aar Community Worker) preparing the soil for the planting of the vegetables

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Die munisipaliteit het tot en met 25 September om op AfriForum se brief te reageer. Indien geen terugvoer teen dan ontvang is nie, sal verdere stappe oorweeg word.

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