



**DURBAN POPULATION  
4 MILLION**



The eThekweni Municipality is a metropolitan municipality created in 2000, that includes the city of Durban and surrounding towns. eThekweni is located on the East coast of South Africa in the province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and is the third largest metropolitan municipality in the country, with a population of +/- 4 million people. The city comprises 110 wards, 68% of which are peri urban and historically underdeveloped. The city features a diversified economy with strengths ranging from manufacturing, logistics, real estate, and finance to tourism, leisure, sports, and arts and culture. The city has identified 22 key catalytic projects which include Automotive Supply Park, Avoca Nodal Development, Cornubia, Dube Trade Port, Point Waterfront, Inyaninga, Bridge City Development, Rivertown Precinct, Oceans uMhlanga, Ntshongweni Development and Sibaya Coastal Precinct with a total investment value of R276 billion contributing to the city's strategic objectives.

### Food System Challenges

Despite some great efforts and successes in providing infrastructure in the area by the municipality, some residents of eThekweni still live in poverty. eThekweni may be food secure, but there seems to be no resilience. This was evident during the Covid 19 pandemic when food supplies were disrupted, directly impacting agricultural projects and thus low-income households. In addition, challenges such as lack of skills, lack of access to credit and investment, limited land use rights, high water costs, and/or risk of theft and vandalism.

### City Food Vision

Our vision is to be the most liveable city by 2030. Therefore, the City is constantly looking for ways to avoid socioeconomic and environmental barriers that are directly related to the way the City maintains and uses its resources. This has underscored the urgency of strong food policies to ensure sustainability while prioritizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG1, SDG2, and SDG3).

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## Expertise

The city currently supports 500 community gardens, school gardens (including ECDs), and 1100 households (through the One House One Garden program). The support, in the form of infrastructure such as fencing, irrigation systems, equipment, seeds and seedlings, and mentor training, helps farmers first to achieve food security and second to make a profit by selling their produce. Through incubation support services the municipality has been able to offer an enabling environment for small enterprise within the agriculture value chain. This includes:

### Mechanisation:

2100 Hectares supported

### Fencing & Irrigation:

40x Farmers supported

### Agri-Industrial Value Chain:

4x Nurseries

### Agri-Park Incubator:

Tunnel Farm  
Vertical Farm

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**Cato Ridge B21 Farm:**  
Poultry Broiler

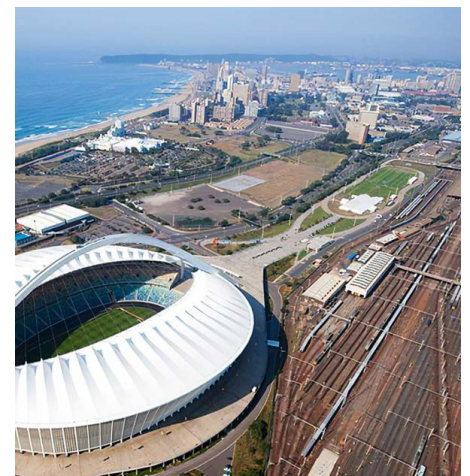


## Food Strategy

- Agricultural development in eThekweni was necessitated by factors such as the inclusion of large peri-urban and rural areas in the municipality, where food security depends mainly on agricultural production. The City has therefore defined its role in this regard as follows:
  - Promote and support agricultural development
  - Promote food security and sufficient and sustainable food production
  - Enhance the development, implementation and adoption of sustainable, ecosystem-based systems
  - Improve food systems through climate resilient farming practices
  - Alleviate poverty and unemployment
  - Significantly contribute to the health and well-being of eThekweni residents
  - Improve the productivity of SMME's and reduce barriers to markets

## Learning Needs

As a city, we are keen to learn about the sustainability of various food policies, capacity building, and innovations to prevent food waste. We are also interested in learning how to change people's attitudes about eating certain foods such as fish, which has high nutritional value and contains amino acids.



## Resources

- 🔗 [eThekweni Municipality - Agri-business](#)
- 🔗 [eThekweni Municipality - Agro Ecology Unit](#)
- 🔗 [eThekweni Agri-business Master Plan - DRAFT](#)



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