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Staff at the Thelumoya plant sorting moringa leaves

Moringa products hit the market

Larry Bentley

WITH the support of the Siyazisiza Trust, the Thelumoya Phansi community garden in Nkandla has begun production and sale of moringa powder to markets in the area.

The powder has proven to be extremely popular to the extent that farmers at Thelumoya Phansi are battling to keep up with demand.

The Thelumoya Phansi, now has a small

moringa plantation and a mini-processing unit comprising a solar dryer and small grinder on site.

The group has also recently expanded their operation with the establishment of a small nursery, which produces and sells moringa trees to other micro farmers.

The moringa tree

The tree, sometimes referred to as the 'Miracle Tree', has small, rounded leaves

which are highly nutritious containing protein, calcium, beta carotene, vitamin C, potassium and which also have a range of other beneficial nutrients.

It is a fast-growing, hardy pioneer tree that grows well in degraded soil.

It is also a legume – meaning it fixes nitrogen into the soil from gas captured in the air.

The moringa tree is thus a natural fertilizer and an excellent companion for other plants growing nearby.

Moringa powder is one of the primary products produced from drying and grinding the leaves of the tree.

This powder is highly sought after within the health food sector and nowadays it is also available in most health shops in South Africa.

However, despite the numerous benefits and high nutritional value, moringa products are not readily available for people within the deeper rural areas of KZN.

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