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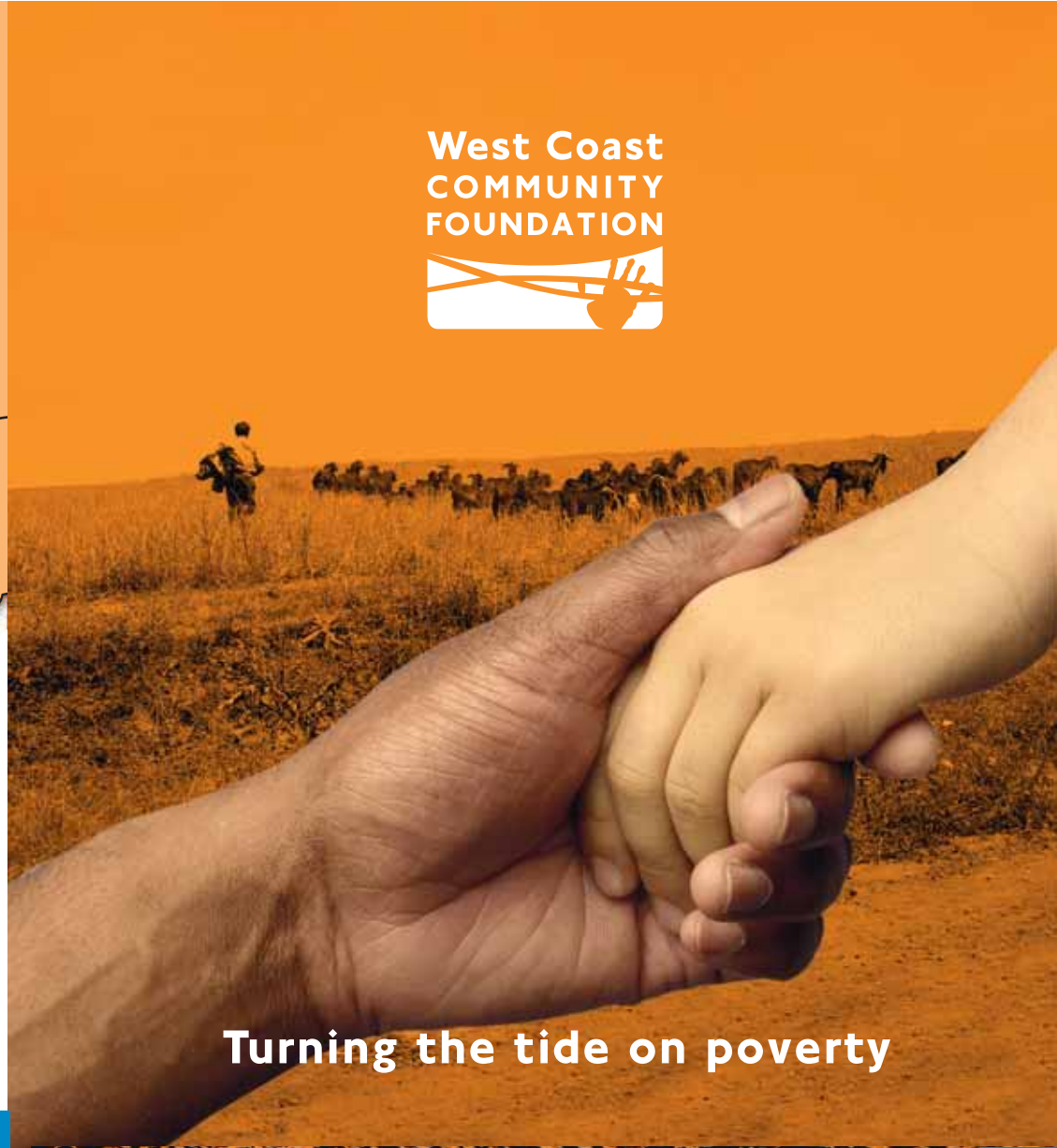

Turning the tide on poverty

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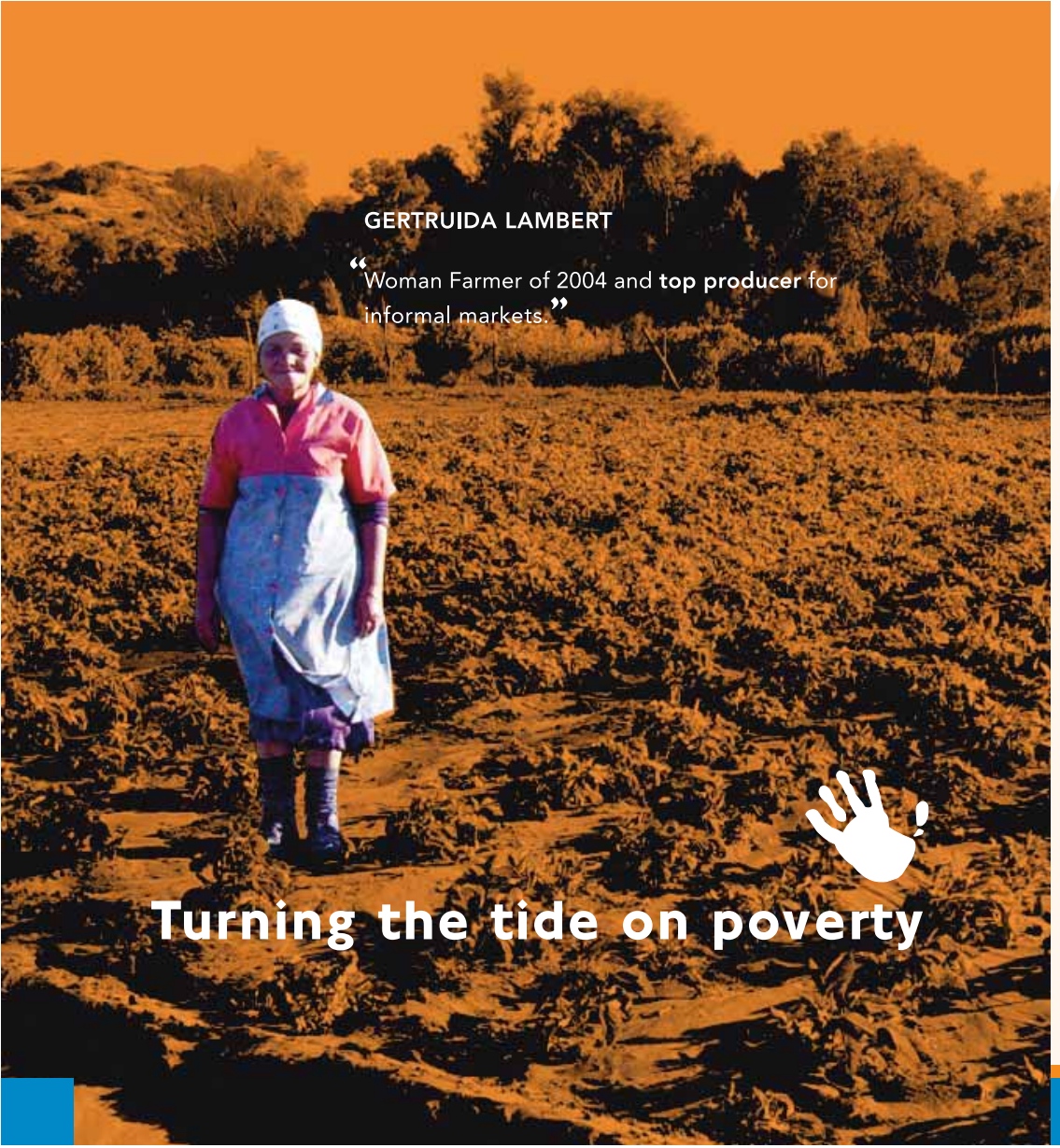
“Donating plant and seeds to **help build** the Agriculture in the West Coast..”



Growing the community together

“Feeding and nursing hundreds of children each week.”

Building a better future



GERTRUIDA LAMBERT

"Woman Farmer of 2004 and **top producer** for informal markets."

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Capacity Building:

Instead of offering centralised training, the WCCF has chosen to provide hands-on situational training in the context of the projects in which the trainees are involved – a practical approach, **rendering better results.** Formal training is complemented by a mentoring service to grantees, ensuring that they receive adequate support during implementation. On average the WCCF presents 12 training modules annually.

We have identified a need for personal development training to be provided to women in the smaller towns and villages along the West Coast, where resources and support are particularly scarce.

The WCCF holds an annual NPO conference, allowing all the community stakeholders to come together and discuss **the needs of their respective communities.**

Research and Community Database:

Very little information is available to the public as to the status, assets and characteristics of small settlements and towns in the West Coast region. Documents provided by local government tend to summarise information on a municipal basis alone, yet each municipality consists of a number of separate small towns and settlements.

As a community foundation **working throughout the West Coast** region, the WCCF feels it has a responsibility to take the lead in compiling comprehensive information.

Furthermore, following on from a research process, we have developed a database containing the details of approximately 380 Community-Based and Non-Profit Organisations.













Finance

As funding from overseas is not a long term option, it remains vital that the WCCF obtain local support and Funding as well. Through the donations of local businesses and individuals, as well as overseas grants, the foundation has been able to create grants for youth development, childcare, orphans and vulnerable children, **education and skills development,** community development, income generation, sports, arts, culture and services to the elderly. Donations can be made to the general fund or be used for a purpose close to the donor's heart.

Capital Growth Fund

The WCCF board has taken the decision to form the Capital Growth Fund so as to pool permanent assets to be invested, allowing **development initiatives to be funded** from the proceeds. An initial sum has been set aside for the creation of the Capital Growth Fund, obtained with the support of current donors. This fund does not preclude other opportunities or the acceptance of gifts which may be donated or gifted to the WCCF.

Partnership

The WCCF partners with business to manage their CSI activities, and is the ideal BBBEE partner.

Friends of the Foundation

The WCCF offers you the chance to become a **Friend of the Foundation** and to pledge your support for the WCCF's objectives and causes, by donating R400 a year. Help us grow more Friends so that our income bese can increase. In return you will receive newsletters, annual reports of the progress made by the WCCF, and invitations to special events. Becoming a Friend of the Foundation will allow you to positively affect those living in poverty-ridden West Coast communities, affording them educational and earning opportunities and contributing to the **betterment of their lives.**

Who is the WCCF?

West Coast Community Foundation is an independent, registered non-profit organisation that aims to mobilise capital and distribute resources to organisations and projects involved in the development of communities along the West Coast and the **reduction of poverty in these areas.**

The foundation is positioned in a unique way, allowing us to be able to respond to a number of local issues and to offer support to groups that are often overlooked when it comes to receiving funding from national and regional donors. By linking donors with the causes and communities they are most interested in supporting, we are able to transform countless lives and assist in the building of stronger communities. We believe it is vital to understand the underlying causes of poverty in the region in order to **construct an effective strategy.** The foundation is a registered Public Benefit Organisation, with Section 18 A status.

Programmes & Services

Grant Making

West Coast Community Foundation's grant programme was established in 2005, and since then a number of grants have been given to individuals in need. These grants, in conjunction with mentoring and training, allow individuals to come together and **work jointly towards the betterment of their own lives** and the lives of their communities. In 2006-7, 35 grants were awarded. In the first half of 2008, 31 grants were awarded.

Food security and production – for own consumption as well as broader income-generating projects – is another focal point for the WCCF's Grant Making programme. We work alongside local government in the West Coast and the Blaauwberg section of the Cape Metropole; these bodies provide technical and infrastructural support to emerging farmers, several of whom have achieved success in their endeavours and are now in partnership with major supermarkets for the production of vegetables.







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