

Brett Malila (BA, HONS, MA (Rural Development)).

Personal and professional profile.

Brett Malila has been involved with Nemato Change a Life for approximately 4 years. His involvement started when he was the Manager at the President's Award for Youth Empowerment in Grahamstown and worked very closely with several of our young people to encourage them to make positive choices and achieve



their Gold Award's. He has also been involved in Nemato's strategic planning sessions, which he voluntarily facilitated for us. Brett is on the Board of three local NGO's all dealing with issues of poverty and Youth Empowerment. He has changed many lives in a wide range of different projects and organisations. "I am by nature not one to look for accolades or recognition, and have always valued my worth by the number of people I have been able to assist or put on an improved life journey."

So in the language of my funders, let us speak of my impact. The translator I met in Glenmore village during my MA field work in 1999 is now a driver supervisor at Sasko and productively farms their plot in Glenmore. Thirty families on the Qamata irrigation scheme, are now able to access state assistance to purchase farming inputs. Two of the general workers from my team of Working for Water contractors now both have their drivers licenses and full time employment. Approximately 300 recipients of a land restitution claim I worked in Newlands, received compensation for their removal/displacement. A group of 6 casual farm workers in the Addo region are now gainfully employed as an acting group in the off season, performing Industrial Theatre on HIV, Wellness and labour issues to great acclaim and rave reviews. 200 young, unemployed people will be trained as development workers across 8 districts in the Eastern Cape. Two of my mentees (Rhodes Students who I meet with on a monthly basis to ensure that they are giving their all, as I preach hard work and perseverance) **WILL** pass their end of year exams.... This is the tip of the iceberg, yet the list can and will be endless. This is me simply doing my job in the most professional way I know how and it feeds my personal sense of achievement."

This is why he is on the Nemato Advisory committee and we hope, will become more involved with our youth as time goes on.