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### **INMED South Africa's Khumbudzo Manyaga Appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Aquaponics Association of South Africa**

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, (October 23, 2017): INMED Partnerships for Children is pleased to announce that Khumbudzo “KG” Manyaga, has been appointed the Deputy Chairperson of the Aquaponics Association of South Africa. As in-country affiliate INMED South Africa’s Adaptive Agriculture Program Manager, Manyaga has been instrumental in helping INMED become a leading expert in the field of aquaponics and climate-smart agriculture throughout the country.

Manyaga has led the installation and operation of INMED’s aquaponics projects in five provinces of South Africa, helping hundreds of individuals—including those with disabilities—achieve food security and sustainable income generation by strengthening local capacity to understand and address climate change, while resolving interrelated issues of environmental degradation, water scarcity and poverty in South Africa.

Aquaponics is an innovative and highly intensive food production technique that combines aquaculture (fish farming) and hydroponics (soilless crop growing) in a closed system that is

easily scalable to meet the needs of smallholder farmers, schools, government institutions, commercial enterprises and even home gardeners. INMED has developed a simple and affordable aquaponics system that uses “off-the-shelf” local materials. Its modular design and limited mechanization make this system easy to operate and maintain and does not require fertilizers, chemicals or heavy labor. INMED and its in-country affiliates have teamed up with a variety of multilateral partners to install dozens of aquaponics systems over the past decade as a climate-change-adaptation solution for drought regions.

“It’s so exciting to know that people out there acknowledge INMED’s expertise,” says Manyaga. Before joining INMED South Africa, he was a Professional Development Programme candidate of the Agriculture Research Council, where he gained invaluable research training and experience. Manyaga also has a Bachelor of Agriculture degree from the University of Venda, an Honours degree in plant production from the University of Pretoria and is currently working toward his Master of Science degree.

**About INMED:**

INMED Partnerships for Children is a nonprofit international development organization that has worked in more than 100 countries to create pathways for disadvantaged children and families to achieve self-reliance and success. Through multilateral partnerships, INMED builds effective systems that deliver innovative and sustainable approaches to break complex cycles of poverty and generate opportunities for success. INMED’s programs in climate-smart agriculture/aquaponics, maternal and child health and income generation and have made a sustainable impact on the lives of millions of children and their families since 1986. Learn more about INMED’s climate-smart agriculture and aquaponics programs at <https://inmed.org/aquaponics>.

**About INMED South Africa:**

Since 2006, INMED South Africa has implemented a variety of aquaponics and adaptive agriculture projects for schools, farming cooperatives and public/private initiatives. INMED’s success has been its ability to work in collaboration with a wide range of corporate, foundation and government partners to improve the health, lives and opportunities of tens of thousands of South Africa’s most vulnerable children. INMED South Africa is incorporated under Section 21 and is a registered non-profit organization (NPC/PBO) recognized by the Department of Social Development. Learn more at <https://inmed.org.za>.