

Official Handover of Kitchen to the Al-Maamana Outreach Programme New Lentegeur Mitchells Plain 5 October 2016

Breadline Africa (BLA) joined the City of Cape Town Parks Department in handing over a container kitchen to Al-Maamana Outreach Programme, located in New Lentegeur, Mitchells Plain near Cape Town.

Mr Abobaker Dramat opened Al-Maamana in 2009 in response to an increasing number of children who came to his door asking for food. A weekly feeding scheme was established with local volunteers who assisted in preparing the meals. Since then, the programme has extended to feed more than 450 vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community, which include the elderly and homeless.



Mr Abobaker Dramat and Ward Councillor, Ms Goawa Timm cut the ribbon

The much-needed kitchen container was placed on a large area leased from the City of Cape Town for a community vegetable garden that supplies the feeding scheme. Al-Maamana works in partnership with the City Works Programme (CWP) and the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPW), who assist communities with their vegetable gardens and growing of fruit trees. They also partner with Green Pop, the Department of Social Development and the Early Childhood Development Department.



In his opening speech, Mr Dramat stated that the vegetables grown in the garden are used in the feeding programme and are not sold. He thanked the many volunteers who support the programme and advised that the garden will expand, not only to provide greater sustenance, but also to serve as an educational resource that

showcases and teaches agricultural skills to people wanting grow their own food.



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Ward Councillor, Ms Goawa Timm acknowledged the pledge undertaken by the community to keep the area clean and to develop the open spaces and officially handed over the keys following the ribbon cutting ceremony, to the delight of the many elderly invited community members who were treated to celebration lunch thereafter.

