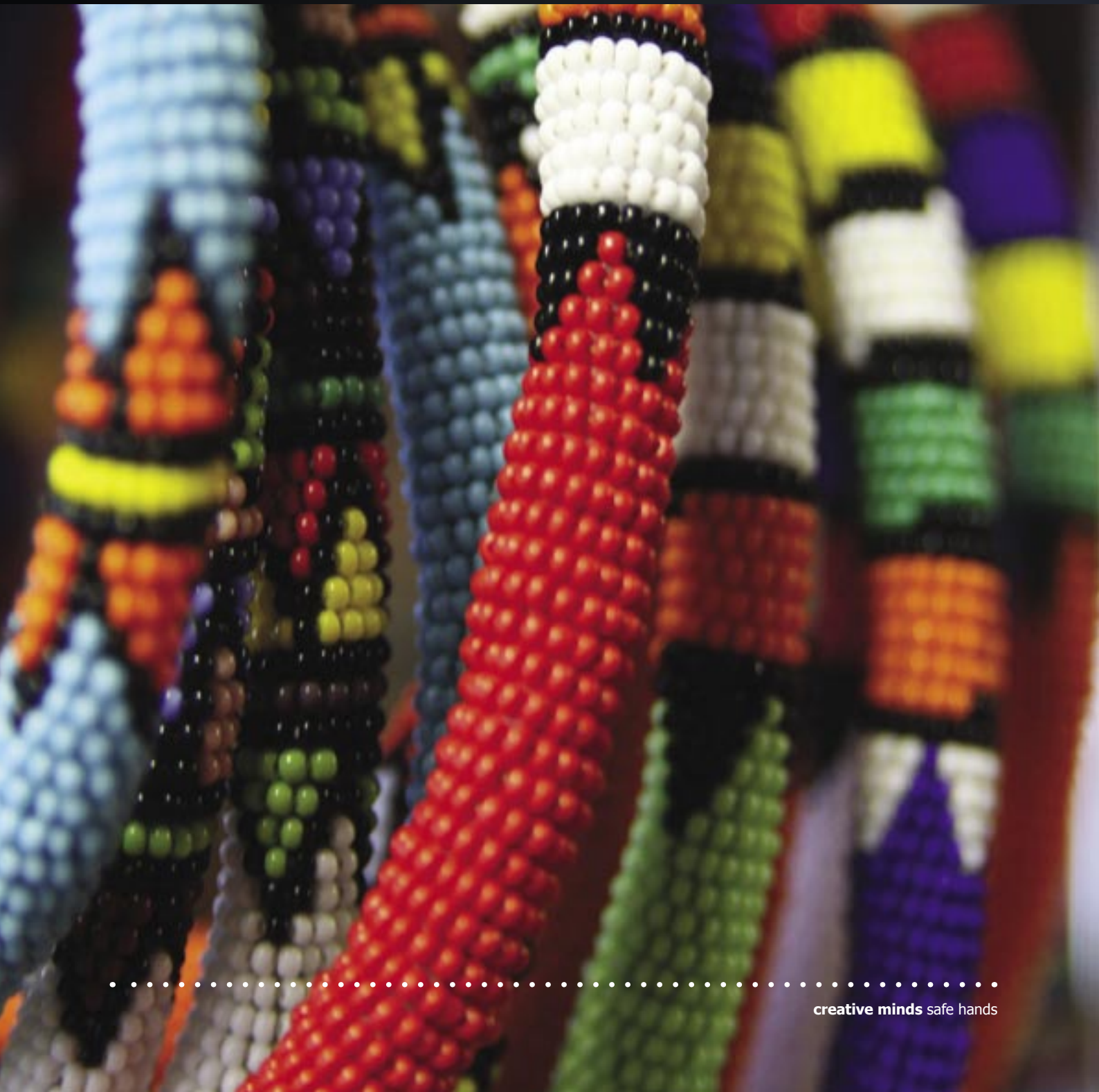




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Economic prospects have improved as a result of this award-winning project.

Key Facts

We have assisted our client in generating 741 project proposals, assessed and evaluated 500 proposals, approved 213 for funding and are currently implementing 185 local economic development initiatives.

In 2007 our client, The Department of Economic Development, won the award for Gijima KZN as the top Government Project for Development Promotion. In 2008, the programme together with The Stables Wine Estate (one of the projects funded) won the Partnership Award.

Also shortlisted for the Major Consultancy Project of the Year under the British Expertise International Awards 2008.

A ground-breaking and innovative project to increase employment and alleviate poverty in KwaZulu Natal, one of South Africa's economically-challenged regions, is gaining international acclaim for WYG for its sustainability.

Working with the provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT) and a broad range of other stakeholders, we delivered a £10.7 million EU-funded technical assistance project that included the management and disbursement of a £14 million grant fund supporting over 180 local economic development projects.

There are scores of success stories, from small-scale farmers who now compete effectively in the sugar cane market to the Inina Craft Agency in Eshowe, a group of 150 women living in rural areas who banded together to market and sell traditional crafts. After a six month funding plan, the cooperative now sustains itself, with research showing that the women's earnings make up a third of their household income and that the extra money is going on improved nutrition and education.