



## Better Together

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Better Together is a contemporary acrylic painting by South African artist Shana Ellappa, reflecting on the vital role of community, collective care, and shared resilience within histories shaped by displacement and hardship. In environments where material resources were scarce, community became not only a support system but a means of survival, an enduring source of strength, connection, and belonging.

Through her ongoing exploration of ancestry, memory, and diasporic identity, Ellappa centres the idea that, in the absence of abundance, people turned toward one another. The work honours the networks of care, kinship, and solidarity that sustained individuals and families, particularly within the context of indentured labour and postcolonial histories.

Rather than focusing solely on struggle, Better Together foregrounds the power of togetherness, the quiet, everyday acts of sharing, support, and emotional connection that often go unrecorded but are foundational to collective survival. It positions community as both refuge and resistance, a space where dignity and humanity are preserved.

Frame	Framed in Oak
Medium	Acrylic on 390 gsm 100% Cotton Canvas
Location	Cape Town, South Africa
Height	94.00 cm
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Artist	Shana Ellappa
Year	2026

