

Farmer Support and Development Services

Objectives

- Enable and support the agriculture sector to actively contribute to economic growth, inclusion, equality and employment creation and;
- Boost Food Security for all and ensure the sustainability.

Purpose

- Consolidate and enhance the role of the agriculture sector in radically transforming, modernising and re-industrialising Gauteng;
- Support viable and sustainable agricultural enterprises;
- Increase access to food security for all and;
- Ensure comprehensive rural development.

Function

- To provide extension and advisory services for sustainable agricultural development;
- Support to smallholder and commercial farmers;
- Provision of agricultural infrastructure support and;
- Coordination and support to households for the purpose of food security.

Support Programs

- Farmer training and Capacity building;
- Support to farmers with On-farm Infrastructure and Production Inputs – (CASP and Ilima/Letsema);
- Support to Agrarian and Land Reform projects;
- Support to Farmers with Extension and Advisory Services and;
- Support Food Security beneficiaries – Community, School and Homestead gardens.

Farmer Settlement and Development Programms

Purpose

To facilitate, coordinate and provide technical agricultural support to smallholder and commercial farmers through sustainable agricultural development; within the land and agrarian reform initiatives in Gauteng Province.

Functions

- Coordinate and manage the implementation of CASP infrastructure projects and Ilima/Letsema production input support to farmers;
- Support and transfer agricultural skills and knowledge to Land and agrarian reform project beneficiaries in their first year of settlement on farms;
- Facilitate, coordinate and support land reform and agrarian projects (pre and post settlement basis) in consultation with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform;
- Support land restitution and redistribution through post farmer settlement support.
- Commercialisation of small-scale farmers;
- Coordination of the Agri-Business Woman of the Year;
- Manage and coordinate the Agricultural Extension Conference and;
- Following a project management approach to all settlement and extension needs through gap analysis, goal setting and measuring of performance.

Extension and Advisory Services

Extension is a service or system which assists farmers, through educational procedure in improving farming methods and techniques, increasing production efficiency and income, bettering their levels of living and lifting social and educational standards.

Purpose

The sub-program will provide extension and advisory services to all levels and classes of farmers through individual and group extension services.

Function

- To render agricultural extension services to small and emerging farmers in the province;
- To present a forum for interaction between farmers and service providers in provision of training for farmers;
- To organize farmers into commodity focused study groups;
- To provide continued support to settled farmers and to facilitate the establishment of economically viable, environmentally friendly and sustainable production units;
- Drawing on skills and expertise of service providers, agricultural and academic institutions;
- To create a distribution points for agricultural innovations and related information and;

- To create a forum for interaction for farmers of different backgrounds enhancing sharing of information.

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