

Zuma dishes out seeds of hope in KZN

One of the ways to fight poverty in rural communities is to grow their own food. KZN agricultural minister Super Zuma aims to do just that through his department's One Home One Garden initiative

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As part of mitigating challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality, the MEC for the KwaZulu-Natal department of agriculture and rural development, Super Zuma, recently handed over farming implements, seeds and seedlings to the farmers in the province through its One Home One Garden initiative.

The One Home One Garden initiative aims to assist households to be able to produce enough food to meet basic household food security needs and where viable, sell the surplus to generate an income. Zuma was visiting Ward 20, Mbotsha, in Port Shepstone.

“This programme will boost township agriculture whilst fighting the scourge of poverty facing our people,” Zuma said.

“The department seeks to strengthen food security programmes in collaboration with other sector departments and stakeholders to promote increased access to food, especially by vulnerable groups in our community.”

Drive agrarian reform

Zuma further proceeded to Mbotsha community hall where he engaged with the community on programmes, services, and projects the department had. He said these would help community members overcome obstacles they face on a day-to-day basis.

“We need to drive an agricultural revolution in the province. Seeds and seedlings will now be available for community consumption in our districts and local offices.”

Zuma said his department would continue distributing seeds and seedlings on different platforms including government events and community centres.

“There’s no doubt that if we want to respond to the needs of our people, we need to quicken the tempo in delivering the service to our people. The language we would like to reiterate is to accelerate our pace to deliver services to our people.”