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# **PROJECT PROFILE HORSE SHOE AND WOSIYANE RIVERSIDE CLUSTER PROJECTS IN WARD 01 OF EZINQOLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

## **1 DISTRICT OVERVIEW**

The Ugu District has a population of 722 484 (7%) and the Topography is good to moderate soils with good yield. High rainfall during summer months. Good yield throughout the year under irrigation and other parts of the district forms valley bush veld - with moderately steep terrain. It has a good agricultural potential with a long sustainable production under management. The soil classification is ranging between soils: C, D, and E.

## **2 HORSE SHOE PROJECT PROFILE**

### **2.1 BACKGROUND**

The project name is Horse Shoe Irrigation Scheme. It is located at Ezingoleni Ward 1 under Inkosi Z.A. Ngcobo. There are currently 11 beneficiaries of this project. Horse Shoe started in 2013 when the Ugu Municipality allocated one of their farms to communities of Ezingoleni Municipality. The project has benefited from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development with the installation of an irrigation scheme on a 30ha area and fencing of 16ha. The project has planted vegetables on 16ha for income generation and home consumption.

### **2.2 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES**

The project beneficiaries are 11 comprising of 5 males, 5 females and 1 youth.

### **2.3 JOB CREATION**

The Horse Shoe project currently employs 10 people. It has potential to employ 20 people.

### **2.4 CURRENT STATUS AND PROJECT OUTPUT**

Horse Shoe has been supported with production inputs such as 175 000 cabbage seedlings, 72 000 tomato seedlings, 100 000 onion seedlings, 15kg spinach seedlings, 15kg butternut seedlings and 400 000 tea tree cuttings. The service provider was appointed in March 2016 to supply and deliver these inputs. She has placed orders with Sunshine Seedlings for vegetable seedlings and Oribi Gorge for tea tree cuttings.

Only 58 000 cabbage and 24 000 tomatoes seedlings have been delivered to the project due to delays on the part of the Nursery. Tea tree cuttings will be ready at the nursery in September 2016.

Currently, the farmers are busy with land preparation. Shortage of water has also hindered their planting. The electricity was registered under the Ezingoleni Municipality and payment was delayed. This challenge is in the process of being rectified.

Farmers will generate income and thus improve their livelihoods. Vegetables will be sold locally at Fruit and Veggies in Shelly Beach and the surplus will be used for household consumption. Tea tree will be sold through Oribi Oils to local and international markets. Through sound management of the cooperative and training of farmers in the management of their crop, their knowledge and skills in crop production will improve.



Mr Nyawose removing weeds after disking at Horse Shoe Farm

## 2.4 DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS

The Department has previously funded this project for a period of 3 years since 2013/14. The following activities have been undertaken:

| YEAR      | ACTIVITIES  | BUDGET ALLOCATION |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| 2013-2014 | Installation of new irrigation Infrastructure on 30 ha area.<br>Fencing of 16 ha.   | R3,193,901.00     |
| 2014-2015 | Planting of tea tree 1.6 ha   | R 150, 000.00     |
| 2015-2016 | Production inputs   | R1,150,000.00     |
| 2016/2017 | Production inputs (175 000 cabbage seedlings, 72 000 tomato seedlings, 100 000 onion seedlings and 400 000 tea tree cuttings) | R1,500,000.00     |

### **3 WOSIYANE/ RIVERSIDE PROJECT PROFILE**

#### **3.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The project name is Wosiyane Riverside Cluster. It is located at Ezinqoleni Ward 1 under Inkosi Z.A. Ngcobo. There are currently 65 beneficiaries of this project. The extent of the project is 128ha. It is a cluster of 2 primary co-operatives. Wosiyane Riverside Cluster started in 2014 when the 2 co-operatives of kwaNyuswa organized themselves to plant dry beans on a large scale. This project has two sites for production. The project has benefited from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development with the erection of fencing and production inputs during 2015/2016 for finance, tractors and implements. The production inputs include dry bean seed and fertilizer.

#### **3.2 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES**

The project beneficiaries are 65 beneficiaries comprising of 45 males and 20 females

#### **3.3 JOB CREATION**

The Wosiyane Riverside Cluster project currently employs 20 People. It has potential to employ 35 people.

#### **3.4 CURRENT STATUS AND PROJECT OUTPUT**

Farmers will generate income and thus improve their livelihoods. This will be sold locally to Cheribean and used for home consumption. This project will help alleviate poverty, fight disease and generate income.

Through sound management of the cooperative and training of the farmers in the management of their crop, their knowledge and skills in crop production will improve.

Wosiyane Riverside cluster have planted dry beans at an extent of 128ha. They have completed harvesting and are in the process of trashing these dry beans.



Fencing at Wosiyane Riverside Cluster



Dry beans after harvesting at Wosiyane Riverside Cluster

### 3.5 DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS

The Department has previously funded this project a period of 3 years since 2013/14. The following activities have been undertaken:

| YEAR      | ACTIVITIES   | BUDGET ALLOCATION |
|-----------|--|-------------------|
| 2014-2015 | Social facilitation and formation of Co-operatives   |                   |
| 2015-2016 | Installation of new fencing of 7.69 km<br>Procuring production inputs (384 x 25 kg Ukulinga dry beans, 384 x 50 kg 2:3:4(30)+Zinc fertilizer, 193 x 50 kg LAN.<br>Machinery :2 tractors ,2 x 4 row planters,2 x 3 row plough,2 boom sprayers and 1 disc plough | R 1,923,000.00    |
| 2016-2017 | Production inputs: Dry beans and Fertilizer  | R 1,118,000.00    |



## 5. OTHER PROJECTS UNDER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The following projects have been implemented from 2014 to 2016:

| Project Name         | Project Type                            | Crop type/ Activities  | Project Size | Beneficiaries | Cost      |
|----------------------|---|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| Mthavuna             | Irrigation scheme                       | Vegetables and green mealies   | 10ha         | 25            | R1.2 mill |
| Sizuzimpilo          | Tea tree                                | Essential oils, supported with fencing and Mechanisation and also supplied with production inputs. | 10ha         | 20            | R1.4 mill |
| Thuthuka/Cliefview   | Liming, fertilization and mechanisation | Fertilization<br>Mechanization   | 100ha        | 40            | R2.4 mill |
| Mlozana Grazing camp | Removal of alien plants                 | Removal of alien plants  | 535ha        | 45            | R800,000  |

## 6. PLAN FOR 2017/18 UNDER THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

- **ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRI-PARK**

- This project will cater for all the relevant Agricultural projects within the Ugu District.

- **CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WEIRS (LIVESTOCK DAMS)**

- **ESTABLISHMENT OF CATTLE PRODUCTION PROJECT**

- **HOSTING OF LIVESTOCK AUCTION**