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PLANTING SEASON IS WELCOMED WITH THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF FOUR COMMUNAL ESTATES IN KWANXAMALALA, IMPENDLE 29 September 2015

A new chapter in the history of agriculture in the Province was marked as Hon. Premier Senzo Mchunu together with KZN DARD MEC Cyril Xaba and the KwaNxamalala Tribal Authority leadership officially launched four communal estates in the area of Enzinga, Impendle with the sole purpose of participating in the Agricultural economy.

KZN Provincial Government heeded a call to the Department to relook at the way it has structured its programmes so that it focuses on creating food security and turning agriculture into a science and a business. This will be able to address the merging of the two distant economies of the emerging sector and the commercial sector.

Premier Senzo Mchunu and MEC Cyril Xaba visited the four cooperatives namely: Impendle Cropping, Sthujwana Project, Indabuko Project and Ntshiyabantu Project and the farming sites. A total of R15 263 660 will be invested in the area of Impendle with each cooperative receiving three tractors, a cheque of approximately R400 000 for tractor and driver running costs, farmer and extension service support.

Premier Senzo Mchunu was very upbeat about the launch of this programme and stated that this is only one pillar in the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development strategy, there is still lots more to be done in the Province regarding all forms of agriculture. He urged the people of the Province to take part in the sector as it offers great opportunities and stated that when one participates with determination, food security and participation in the agricultural economy is guaranteed.

“This is only the beginning, the Department is making massive strides in changing the face of agriculture in the Province” MEC Cyril Xaba said. The Department has monitoring mechanisms in place to oversee the day to day running of these cooperatives. MEC Xaba said “the people of KZN will never be the same again, the Department really wants to ensure that these two economies merge we are on a campaign to turn the Province green and ensure all farmers have an input in the economy of the Province and the country.”

The Department will be rolling out over 262 tractors to 144 Communal estates with over 28 202ha of land to be planted at a cost of over R238 million throughout the Province during the planting season.



From left Inkosi Zuma, KZN MPL Mr Supa Zuma, Impendle Local Municipality Mayor Clrr Sizwe Ndlela, KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba and KZN Premier Mr Senzo Mchunu during the handover of planting implements to the Zuma household of Ndzinga Community Impendle



MEC Cyril Xaba together with Premier Senzo Mchunu and Inkosi Zuma during the handover of planting implements to the Zuma household of Ndzinga Community, Impendle



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From left: Umgungundlovu District Municipality Chief Whip Clrr Gabela, Impendle Local Municipality Mayor Clrr Sizwe Ndlela, Inkosi Zuma, KZN Premier Mr Senzo Mchunu, Indabuko Women's Co-Operative Ms Thabile Xaba and Ms Phindile Mncube, MEC Cyril Xaba and KZN MPL Mr Vasco Hlengwa during the hand-over of 3 tractors and a cheque of R387 780.00



KZN Premier Mr Senzo Mchunu together with MEC Cyril Xaba handing over tractor keys to Ms Thabile Mncube of Indabuko Women's Co-Operative



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