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KZN DARD LAUNCHES THE GAYEDE GOAT PROJECT

On the morning of the 15th of July 2016 the community of eMakhabeleni, Kranskop where given an opportunity to feel a sense of belonging in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Here, MEC Themba Mthembu officially handed over a dip tank to service over 1500 cattle in the area of Ndundumeni, Makhabeleni, Kranskop. Subsequent to this, the MEC handed over a cheque of R1 million to the Gayede Goats Project, which is a youth run project in the area. Under the Provincial Goat Master Plan, it was identified that uMsinga and surrounding areas should be the hub of goat production in the Province. uMzinyathi District has been identified as one of the poorest districts in the country but it also showed that it can be a major contributor in the provincial economy through livestock as a commodity of focus.

This is one of the 10 districts identified for the development of Agri-Parks in the Province and to date, a goat abattoir is in the process of being constructed in the area as part of this great plan. MEC Themba Mthembu also got an opportunity to interact with the communities. He met subsistence farmer Mrs. Shonaphi Gasa, who was very excited about government plans in the area. MEC Mthembu said such farmers should be grouped together into a structure that will see them reap better and more sustainable rewards.

Visit the Newsroom to read more in MEC Mthembu's speech in both isiZulu and English



KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu together with Induna Mjabuliseni Gasa and Induna Phiwayinkosi officially opening the Makhabeleni Diptank



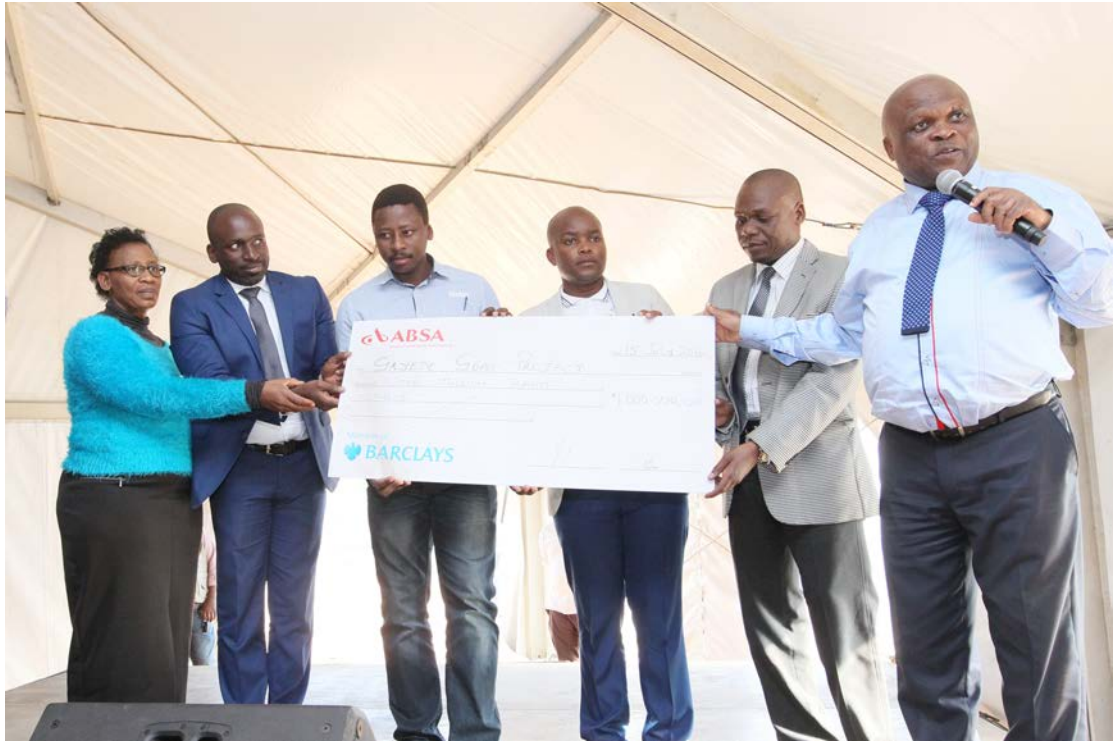
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MEC Themba Mthembu visiting Gogo Cele's small garden



MEC Themba Mthembu together with Umvoti Local Mayor Clrr Thami Ngubane at Gogo Cele home garden



MEC Themba Mthembu together with Umvoti Local Municipality Mayor Thami Ngubeni handing over a R1 million cheque to Gayede Co-Operative Goat Farmer