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DARD VISITS MTHETHWA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL, KWAMBONAMBI 19 June 2015

MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, together with the new Head of Department Dr. S.F. Mkhize, visited the area of Mthethwa Traditional Council in KwaMbonambi in the northern part of KwaZulu-Natal. Here, the MEC deliberated about challenges faced by the people in the area of Inkosi Ntemba Mthethwa.

Inkosi Mthethwa and his people were delighted to see the MEC visit their area for the first time. The Inkosi highlighted some of the major challenges they are facing as a community, but what seemed to be the main challenge on top of the totem pole was the issue of drought. The community reiterated the sentiments of the Inkosi and stressed how drought has impacted them negatively with diminishing grazing land for cattle and livestock.

The Department had identified some of the agricultural challenges in the rural area of KwaMbonambi which will be dealt with. MEC Xaba said that the Department has been alerted to these concerns and Departmental staff will remain on the ground to gather accurate information to curb some of the challenges raised. This was one of many areas that MEC Xaba undertook to visit throughout the Province; zooming in on issues that best align with the strategy of Agrarian Reform and Transformation by the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.



MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, greeting Inkosi Ntemba Mthethwa of Kwa-Mthethwa Traditional Council



MEC Cyril Xaba together with Inkosi Ntemba discussing some issues pertaining to Agriculture



MEC Xaba together with KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Head of Department Dr Sipiwe Mkhize and Dr B.V. Mthethwa addressing Izinduna of Kwa-Mthethwa Traditional Council



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