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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

DROUGHT AWARENESS ROAD SHOW

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr. Senzeni Zokwana, accompanied by the MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Cyril Xaba, visited the area of Phongolo in Northern KZN on a drought relief oversight visit on Thursday 31 March 2016.

Here, Minister Zokwana together with MEC Xaba, got an opportunity to visit some of the drought intervention projects in the area, which followed by an engagement with the local farmers for a robust session on some of the challenges, successes and opportunities for the farmers.

The Minister's visit with the MEC, based its focus on some of the following objectives:

- To oversee national relief operations and provide support
- To showcase successful cases of relief and recovery operations
- To identify areas requiring further intervention for enhanced risk reduction, response and recovery operations
- To engage farmers and local role players and provide comfort and guidance in enhancing recovery efforts
- To communicate key considerations and provide guidance for effective and lasting recovery from drought and other hazards
- To draw lessons from local adaptation measures and how these can contribute to policy improvement

The theme of the oversight visit is: ***Entrenching resilience in drought relief and recovery towards a sustainable sector***, which seeks to provide a practical and grass-roots based leadership in drought relief measures.



National Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr Senzeni Zokwana together with MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba and uPhongolo Local Municipality Speaker Clrr Herbet Ngcamphalala officially opening a new dam built by the Department to mitigate drought in the province



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Minister Senzeni Zokwana together with MEC Cyril Xaba addressing communal farmers from Kwa-Somkhanda Community



Minister Senzeni Zokwana together with MEC Cyril Xaba in dialogue with farmers on drought relief strategies



Minister Senzeni Zokwana together with MEC Cyril Xaba accessing bales of hay that are going to be received by farmers