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## Adjudication team visits female projects

AT LEAST 23 female projects have been visited to date by the department of agriculture, land reform and rural development's adjudication team.

The team started with its enormous task of visiting the projects across the province earlier this month – after receiving about 26 entries for this year's Female Entrepreneur Awards.

The significant of visiting the projects is to ascertain how well female farmers know their projects, in both livestock and crop farming.

The visits also strive to get first-hand information on their daily duties at the farms thus by checking how well they do their record keeping among others.

The Female Entrepreneur Awards Competition (FEA) is an annual event

striving to acknowledge the contribution of women, young women and women with disabilities in the sector through food security, job creation, economic growth and poverty alleviation. This happens through leveraging entrepreneurs from being subsistence to commercial farmers.

The departments received less entries this year compared to previous years due to the tougher competition rules, especially in categories like smallholder, processing, export and commercial.

The projects visit by the team will pave a way for the department's top class Female Entrepreneur Awards 2018 gala event that will take place in August. Details of the total prize money per category will be outlined at a later stage. – DALRRD