



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT TO CITIZENS: 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Who We Are...

We are the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal with the following Vision and Mission:

Vision: “An inclusive, sustainable and radically transformed agricultural sector that builds thriving rural communities in balance with nature.”

Mission: “To advance sound agricultural practices that stimulates comprehensive economic growth, food security and advancement of rural communities.

2. Strategic Objective:

To provide agricultural support services to farmers in order to ensure sustainable development and management of agricultural resources

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Strategic Goals:

- * Corporate governance and an integrated service delivery.
- * Unleashing the agricultural potential in the province
- * Sustainable natural environmental management
- * Promotion of sustainable rural livelihoods
- * To provide veterinary services to clients in order to ensure healthy animals, safe animal product and welfare of people of South Africa

3. What we do...

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has the following main services

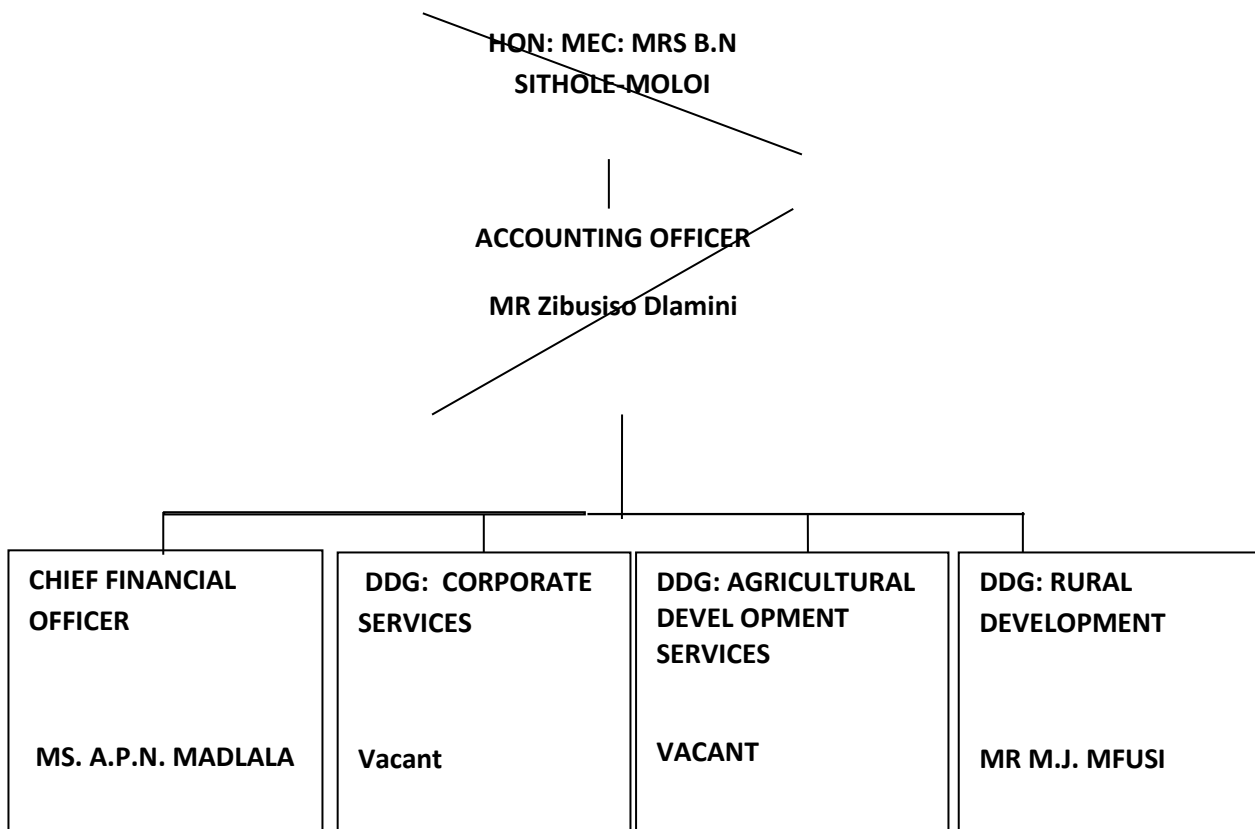
- * Advisory services i.e. Crop production, livestock (inclusive of veterinary services)
- * Registration, de-registration of abattoirs and regulation of slaughtering
- * Certification of meat imports / exports, Primary Animal Healthcare Services e.g. vaccinations, Laboratory diagnostics services

- * Agricultural Development Services i.e. research, accredited and non-accredited agricultural training, scientific support, engineering design and development services, natural resource management, mechanization support.
- * Rural Development Monitoring and Co-ordination i.e. Rural Development Spatial Planning and development services, Social facilitation, Economics, Marketing and value adding, Business entity and social facilitation, Funding, investment and partnership.

4. Who is in charge ...

The MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development is Honorable Mrs. Bongiwe Sithole-Moloi (MPL). She is accountable for directing the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in line with the National and KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government's priorities.

The Head of Department is Mr Z Dlamini, who is the Accounting Officer charged with the responsibility to implement Departmental policies and strategy and ensuring proper systems and controls in order for the Department to be effective, efficient and economic.



Our Standards - and How We Met Them

- * Every client entering the department office will be attended within 60 minutes.
- * Request for services to be acknowledged within five working days.
- * Complaints about service delivery will be dealt with and progress report provided to the complainant within 10 working days from the date of complaint.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development been guided by the following core values:

- * Batho Pele Principles and service orientation
- * Co-Operative Governance and strategic partnership
- * Self-sufficiency and independence
- * Transformation
- * Financial prudence and resource limitation
- * Accountability and transparency
- * Development and recognition

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has three Programs, through which it provides services to its clients.

Programme 1: Administration

Programme 2: Agricultural Development Services

Programme 3: Rural Development

RESULTS ACHIEVED ON PROGRAMMES

The Department in line with the 2021/2022 budget speech delivered by the former MEC achieved the following;

Programme 2: Agricultural Development Services

- * 6641 Grain producers from a target of 5631 supported.
- * 970 EPWP jobs created.
- * 4400 Hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated for coping and crazing.
- * 351 Km of fencing for agricultural purposes erected
- * 21 315 Households supported with food production initiatives.

- * 70 000 seedlings produced at the Makhathini Nursery for the farmers in the uMkhanyakude district.
- * The Department Successfully implemented a total of 46 livestock value chain projects.
- * 13 Rural livestock auction sales conducted across the province where more than 1800 animals were sold.

Veterinary Services:

- * 7 9850 Samples collected for targeted Animal diseases.
- * 31 871 Laboratory tests done
- * 59 095 Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats.

Research and Development:

- * 1 Nursery established at Makhatini.

Programme 3: Rural Development

- * 37 Agricultural projects have been part of the Department's mentorship Programme.
- * 340 Agricultural graduates were placed on farms as part of the agricultural graduate development programme

Programme 1: Administration

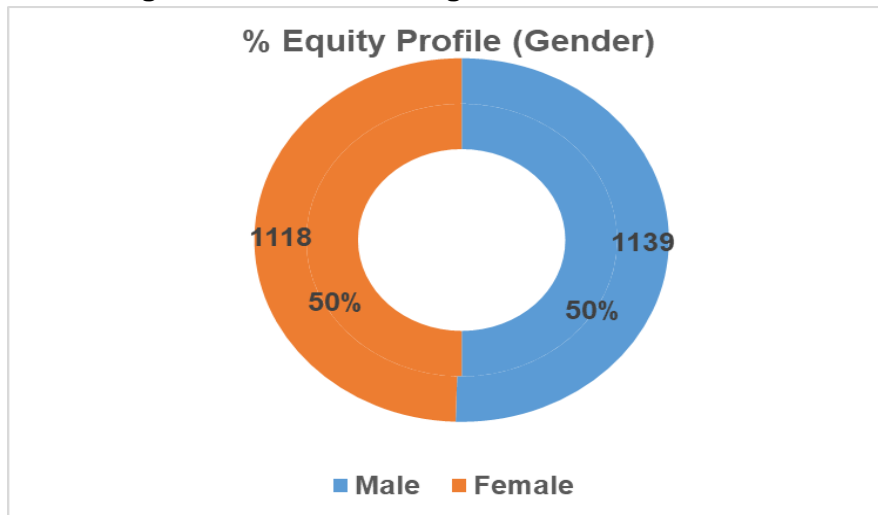
- * The department filled 0.75% of vacant posts (228), which resulted in a reduction of the Departmental vacancy rate to 5.35%. The department advertised all approved posts. Due to the delay in the recruitment process, a lesser number of vacant posts were filled. It should be noted that the Head of Department post was advertised and filled.
- * Department placed a further 20 graduate interns in the 2019/2020 financial year.
- * To contribute to the scarce skills, the Department appointed 6 Candidate Engineers and subjected the them to the developmental programme for 2020/2021 in order to ensure that they meet the registration requirements to qualify as Engineers.
- * The Department will rolled out its Artisan Development Programme, where six (6) tractor maintenance artisans are in the development programme. This augments the department's internal capacity to repair tractors, which are rendered by the mechanisation Programme.

5. How we intend to improve services

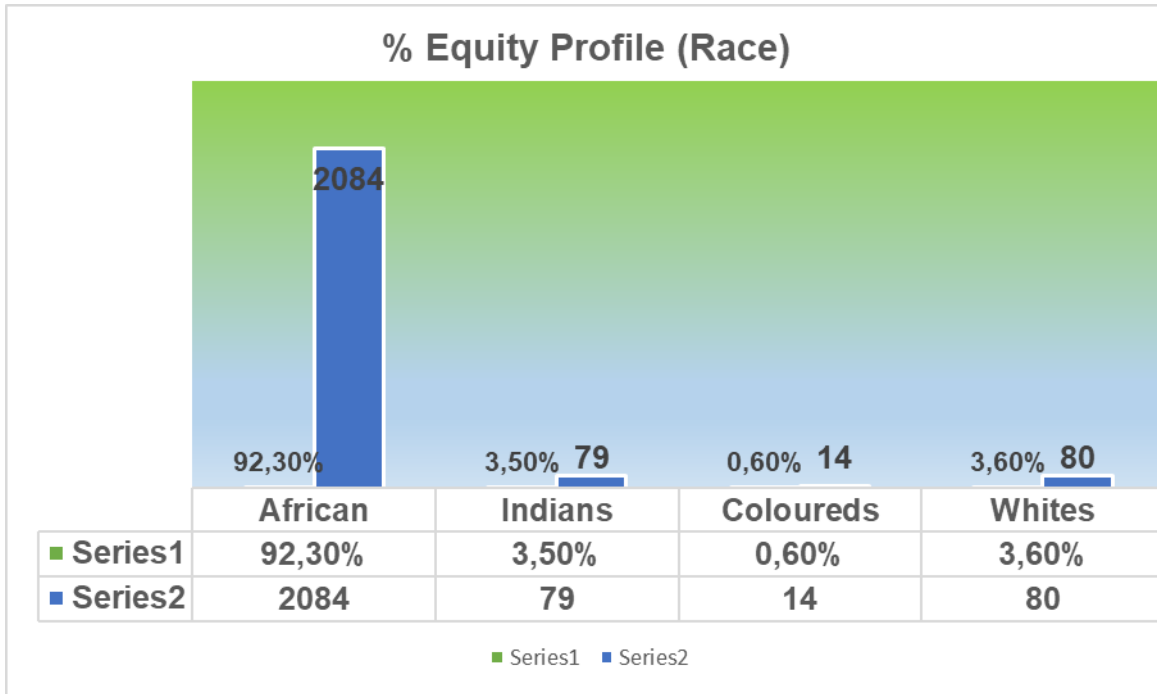
During the current financial year, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will continue:

- * To ensure improved household food security that rural areas become economically active, create jobs, eradicate poverty and ensure food security.
- * To promote small holder farming through increased effort in supporting livestock farming and food production
- * The utilisation of grant funding to promote job creation and support of agricultural infrastructure and practices
- * Strengthen research support
- * Propel the amalgamation of DARD entities, filling of vacancies in line with equity targets and implementation of skills development programme e.g. mentorship.
- * To facilitate the creation of sustainable rural enterprises, supported by increased investments in agro-processing, access to market and financial services

6. Our Organization and Staffing as at 31 March 2022



Overall gender representation illustrates that the Department is at male 50% and females (50%). The Department has achieved 50% equilibrium in its gender workforce representation.



The Departmental EE Plan currently utilizes the KZN Provincial Demographics as a guide for race representation and guides the recruitment of employees within the Department based on its approved policy on Recruitment and Selection. The status of the Departmental race demographics in relation to the provincial race demographics and the respective variances are reflected in the table below.

Race	Departmental Demographics	Provincial Demographics	Variance
African	92.30% (2084)	80.60%	11.7%
Coloured	0.60% (14)	2.1%	-1.5%
Indian	3.50% (79)	11.7%	-8.2%
White	3.60% (80)	5.6%	-2%

7. Our budget

The budget allocation to the department's vote was R2, 546,022,000.

Expenditure for 2021/2022 financial year R 2,545,006,000.

Under Expenditure for 2021/22 R 1,016,000

At the end of the 2021-22 financial year, the department had spent R2, 545,006,000 of its budget. The under-expenditure of R1,016,000 is constituted as follows:

Programme 1: Administration recorded actual expenditure of R633.680 million compared to final appropriation of R634.016 million, leaving under expenditure of R336,000. This under-expenditure relates to the departmental stores account, which has a credit balance, therefore reducing the expenditure that has been recognized on the primary financial statements. Analysis of the prior year purchases shows a number of payments were made at year-end (31 March 2021) of approximately R330, 000. Purchases were on hand at year-end, and issues made in current year in relation to prior year stock, which then justify the credit in the 2021/22 financial year.

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Programme 2: Agriculture actual expenditure amounted to R1.836 billion or 100% of the Final Appropriation, with under-expenditure of only R680,000 relating to two conditional grant projects where the contractors failed to implement the projects.

- o R326,000 in respect of combi-court at Cedara College under the CASP: Upgrade Agric Colleges
- o R354,000 in respect of the Phumelele Irrigation Scheme under Ilima/Letsema grant.

Programme 3: Rural Development recorded actual expenditure of R75.774 million, resulting in fully spent against final appropriation.

This is how the overall budget was spent by the Department in 2021/22 Financial Year:

Staff salaries.....	R1,117,449.000
Other running costs [equipment, training, etc]	R 1,033,551,000
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SUMMARY

Programmes : 1. Administration

Staff salaries.....R 232,572,000

Running cost.....R 386,317,000

2. Agricultural Development

Staff salaries.....R 848,193,000

Running cost.....R 608,189,000

3. Rural Development

Staff salaries.....R 36,684,000

Running cost.....R 39,045,000

Other items (transfers, subsidies and interest/
rent).....R 394,006,000

TOTALR 2,545,006,000

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