

# agriculture & rural development

Department: agriculture & rural development PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

# SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## 2015-2018

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#### **OFFICIAL SIGN OFF**

We certify that this Service Delivery Improvement Plan (SDIP) 2015-2018 was developed by the management of the department and stakeholders under the guidance of the MEC Mr. V.C Xaba.

The SDIP states the current situation in respect of its services, identifies service delivery challenges and where the Department aims to be in respect of improving its services delivery efforts.

The SDIP takes into consideration all relevant policies, legislations and other mandates for which the Department is responsible.

The SDIP accurately reflects the strategic goals and objectives which the Department will endeavor to achieve over the period of 3 years

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### CONSULTED STAKEHOLDERS

#### **External stakeholders**

- 1. Organised Agriculture
  - i. KwaNalu
  - ii. KZN Agriculture Association
  - iii. Black Famers Association
  - iv. Livestock Associations
  - v. Abattoir Industry
  - vi. Wildlife Ranching SA (WRSA)
- 2. Individual Farmers
- 3. Representatives of commodity organisation
- 4. Representatives of Organised agricultural forum

The list of names of external stakeholders is attached as Annexure A.

#### Internal stakeholders

- 1. MEC
- 2. Head of Department
- 3. Senior General Managers
- 4. General Managers
- 5. Senior Managers
- 6. All other employees of the department

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Branch: Corporate Services (Directorate: Human Resource Development, Directorate: Management Advisory Services, Directorate: Monitoring & Evaluation)

Branch: Financial Management

Branch: Rural Development

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## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development bases its strategic objectives as prescribed in Outcome 12, 7, 4 and Output 3 of the National Development Plan (NDP).

- Outcome 12 Efficient, effective and development orientated public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship;
- Outcome 7- Vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities and food security for all have been identified;
- Outcome 4 Strengthening employment economic growth and equality in line with the job creation model;
- Output 3 Improved rural services to support sustainable livelihoods.

In addition, the Provincial Growth and Development Plan (PGDP) identifies 7 strategic goals which are aligned to the Medium Term Strategic Framework outcomes (MTSF). These have been translated into 30 strategic objectives which have been assigned 8 Action Working Groups. Action Working Group 1 is chaired by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) which drives and reports on these activities. Agriculture is of key importance given the comparative advantages that KZN possesses with regard to its land and resources and hence its emphasis on job creation, increasing areas under production, increasing the value of agricultural contribution to the provincial economy and support programmes for commercial farmer development.

The New Growth Path (NGP) places jobs and decent work at the center of micro economic policy. It sets targets of 5 million jobs by 2020. The NGP set target is to increase small holders by 300 000 householders with 145 000 additional jobs coming from agro processing.

In an effort to ensure seamless service delivery that is adequately equipped to support, grow and develop the citizens, in particular, farmers, of the Province, the DARD has developed service standards to guide and ensure the realization of such commitment through the development of the SDIP. The SDIP was developed in consultation with all external stakeholders and beneficiaries of agricultural services as well as officials within the department. The SDIP covers the period from 2015-2018 where upon it would be subjected to an annual review. A guideline from the KZN Office of the Premier and the Department of Public Service and Administration was utilized to ensure that all aspects of the SDIP are adhered to.

The SDIP for the department complies with the provisions of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996; Public Finance Management Act, 1999, Treasury Regulations; the Public Service Act, 2001; the Public Service Regulations; the White Paper on Transforming Public Service Delivery, 1997 as well as the Batho Pele principles.

## SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

- Agriculture Advisory and Extension Services
- Agriculture Development Services
- Engineering (Infrastructure and Landcare support)
- Veterinary Services
- Research and Technology Development Services
- Rural development and coordination

#### VISION

A united, sustainable and vibrant agricultural sector with thriving rural communities in balance with nature.

#### MISSION

To promote, thorough partnerships, sound agricultural practices that stimulate economic growth, food security and advancement of rural communities in KwaZulu-Natal.

#### VALUES

- Batho Pele Principles and service orientation- Departmental officials will conduct themselves in a manner befitting a government that is caring, dedicated and pro-poor, influenced by the spirit of ubuntu.
- Co-Operative Governance and Strategic Partnerships- the Department commits itself to the principles of cordial intergovernmental relations and strategic partnerships across all spheres of society, with particular focus on business and civil society organizations as delivery partners.
- Self-sufficiency and independence- the Department commits itself to the promotion of self-sufficiency in all its interventions and focuses on the empowerment of people to be more independent and entrepreneurial.
- **Transformation** Department is an agent of state transformation agenda to change the historical uneven development of the South African and KwaZulu Natal society and its policies must reflect this character at all times.
- Financial Prudence and Resource Limitations- the Department is the custodian of public funds and its policies must promote economical use of such limited funds to achieve efficient and effective delivery of public services. Government will always be faced with a challenge of growing public demands and limited resources to fulfil every obligation.

- Accountability and Transparency- the Department is obligated to promote good governance by accounting and being transparent to the public, legislature and oversight institutions for its performance and use of public resources.
- **Development and recognition** The Department's employees are recognized as its most valuable asset and therefore it aspires to ensure the on-going development and recognition of an effective, professional team.

#### LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER MANDATES

#### **Constitutional mandate**

The legislative mandate of the Department is derived from various sections of the constitution. The department executes a concurrent national and provincial legislative mandate in terms of schedule 4 and 5 of the constitution. Section 27 of the Bill of Right of the South African Constitution, Act of 108 of 1996, gives obligation to the state to uphold health care, food, water and social security rights. **Section 27 1(b)** states, "everyone has the right to have access to sufficient food and water". **Section 27 1 (c)** states, "everyone has the right to social security, including, if they are unable to support themselves and their dependents, appropriate social assistance". **Section 27 (2)** states, "the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization of each of these rights.

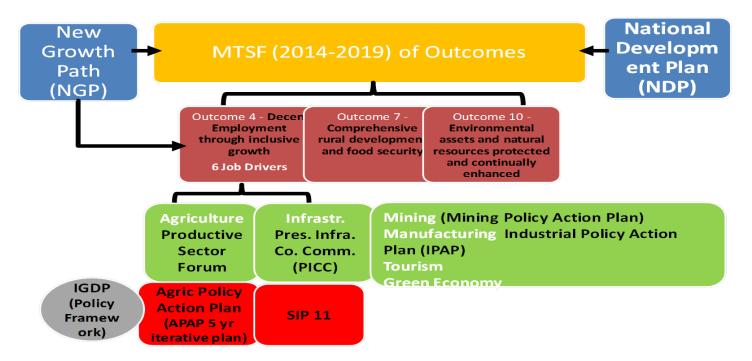
#### **Other Key Policy and Strategy Imperatives**

- National Development Plan (Vision 2030)
- New Growth Path (NGP)
- Industrial Policy Action Plan (IPAP)
- Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP)
- National Food and Nutrition Security Strategy (Fetsa Tlala)
- Integrated Growth and Development Policy (IGDP)
- Medium Term Strategic Framework 2014-2019

- Medium Term Strategic Framework Outcome 7
- Medium Term Strategic Framework Outcome 4
- Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS)
- Provincial Growth and Development Plan (PGDP)
- Operation Phakisa
- KZN Agrarian Strategy
- Agricultural Development Policy

Figure 1. National Policy Frameworks

Source: APAP, 2014.



## Agricultural Legislation

The following table provides a comprehensive list of Agricultural legislation that drives and influences the Agricultural development function:

Legislation / Policy	Key responsibilities
1. The KZN Animal Protection Act 4 of 1987	<ul> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>Education and awareness creation</li> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul>
2. Conservation of Agricultural resources Act 43 of 1983	<ul> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> <li>Awareness creation</li> <li>Education</li> <li>Compliance monitoring</li> <li>Control</li> <li>Assessment and approval of development rights</li> </ul>
3. Market of Agricultural Products Act 47 of 1996	<ul> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Creation of access to markets</li> <li>Development of compliance regime</li> <li>Enforcement of compliance</li> <li>Provision of infrastructure</li> </ul>
4. Control of Market in rural areas ordinance no 38 of 1965	<ul> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
5. Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act 10 of 1970	<ul> <li>Provision of framework</li> <li>Implementation of regulations</li> <li>Awarding of rights</li> <li>Control</li> </ul>
6. Plant Improvement Act 53 of 1976	<ul><li>Provision of regulatory guidelines</li><li>Policy development</li></ul>

7. Agricultural Pests Acts 36 of 1983	<ul><li>Definitions</li><li>Policy development</li></ul>
8. Agriculture Law Extension Act of 1996	<ul> <li>Provision of extension parameters</li> <li>Provision of regulatory frameworks</li> </ul>
9. KwaZulu General Law Amendment Act 3 of	<ul> <li>Provision of support programmes</li> <li>Provision of extension parameters</li> </ul>
1987	<ul><li>Provision of regulatory frameworks</li><li>Provision of support programmes</li></ul>
10. KwaZulu General Law Amendment Act 21 of 1988	<ul> <li>Provision of extension parameters</li> <li>Provision of regulatory frameworks</li> <li>Provision of support programmes</li> </ul>
11. National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998	Contribution and guideline in the preparation of district and provincial disaster management framework
12. Veterinary & Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act 19 of 1982)	<ul> <li>Education</li> <li>Awareness creation</li> <li>Code of conduct</li> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> </ul>
13. Livestock Improvement Act, 1977 (Act 25 of 1977)	<ul> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>Infrastructure development</li> <li>Programmes implementation</li> </ul>
14. Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act 40 of 2000) Replacing Abattoir and Cooperation Act	<ul> <li>Development of regulatory framework</li> <li>Provision of safe, wholesome and safe food of animal origin</li> <li>Prevention of illegal slaughtering</li> <li>Approving abattoir planning</li> <li>Creation of awareness</li> </ul>
15. South African Medicines and Medical Devices Regulatory Authority (Act, 1998)	<ul> <li>Creation of regulatory framework for compliance and enforcement</li> </ul>
16. International Animal Health Code of World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE-Office International des Epizooties)	<ul> <li>Setting of norms and standards</li> <li>Compliance and enforcement framework</li> </ul>

17. Animal Diseases Act 35 of 1984	<ul> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Prevention</li> <li>Control</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>18. International Code for Laboratory Diagnostic Procedure for Animal Diseases of World Organization for Animal Health.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Setting of norms and standards</li> <li>Compliance and enforcement</li> </ul>
19. The Sanitary and Phytosanitary agreement of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)	<ul> <li>Determination of acceptable water harvesting methods</li> <li>Monitoring of water quality</li> </ul>
20. Water Service Act, 1997 (Act 108 of 1997)	<ul> <li>Determination of acceptable water harvesting methods</li> <li>Monitoring of water quality</li> </ul>
21. Agricultural Research Act, 1990 (Act 86 of 1990)	<ul> <li>Identify area for research</li> <li>Support research institutions</li> <li>Establish archival database</li> </ul>
22. Agricultural Products Standards Acts, 1990 (Act 119 of 1990)	<ul> <li>Establish norm and standards</li> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Compliance</li> </ul>
23. Agricultural Produce Agents Acts, Act 12 of 1992	<ul> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> </ul>
24. Agriculture Development Fund Act, 1993 (Act 175 of 1993)	<ul> <li>Identify funding requirements in support of stakeholders</li> <li>Programme alignment</li> </ul>
25. Perishable Product Export Control Act, 1983 (Act 9 of 1983)	<ul> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> </ul>
26. Fertilisers farm feeds, Agricultural Remedies and stock remedies Act (Act 36 of 1947)	<ul> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> </ul>
27. Agricultural Credit Act, 1966 (Act 28 of 1966)	<ul> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Compliance enforcement</li> </ul>
28. Marketing Act 1968 (Act 59 of 1958)	<ul> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Creation of access to markets</li> <li>Development of compliance regime</li> <li>Enforcement of compliance</li> <li>Provision of infrastructure</li> </ul>

29. Plant Breeders Right Act (Act 15 of 1976)	<ul><li>Creation of regulatory framework</li><li>Monitoring and Compliance</li></ul>
30. Land Redistribution Policy for Agricultural Development	Policy Development
31. Agricultural Debt Management Act, 2001 (Act 45 of 2001)	Policy Development
32. Soil User Planning Ordinance (Ordinance 15 of 1987)	Policy Development
33. Hazardous Substances Act, 1973	Policy Development
34. Environment Conservation Act (Act 73 of 1989)	Policy Development
35. Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 1997 (Act 15 of 1997)	Policy Development
36. Medicines Control Act 101 of 1965	<ul><li>Compliance</li><li>Monitoring</li></ul>
37. Food stuffs cosmetics and disinfectants act 54 of 1972	<ul><li>Compliance</li><li>Monitoring</li></ul>
38. Conservation of natural resources Act 43 of 1983	<ul><li>Compliance</li><li>Monitoring</li></ul>
39. National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998	Compliance
40. National Environmental Management of Waste	Monitoring     Compliance
Act	<ul><li>Monitoring</li></ul>

## Transversal Legislation

Legislation assigned to province as	Key Responsibilities
part or as a whole	
1. The constitution of the RSA, Act 108 of 1996	Implementation and adherence to prescripts for effective overall public service management.
2. PFMA Act 1 of 1999 as amended by Act 29 of 1999	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management.
3. Public Service Act 109 of 1994	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management.
4. Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management and sound labour relations.
5. Skills Development Act 97 of 1998	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management and effective skills development.
6. Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management and employment equity.
7. Promotion of access to Information Act 2 of 2000	Implementation and adherence to prescripts for effective overall public service knowledge management and information control.
8. Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management.
<ol> <li>Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997</li> </ol>	Implementation and adherence to prescript for effective overall public service management.

#### SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Agriculture in its basic form is a business where the farmer buys inputs, uses these inputs with their skills, knowledge and abilities to produce a product that they then sell at a market place. Due to a lack in some of these skills, knowledge and abilities including availability of finances and decision models, farming is failing in the rural areas. The lack of success in the rural areas can thus be accounted to amongst other factors the lack of adapted business models and principles for commercial agricultural production.

Some farmers often lack farming skills to utilize the existing land to its fullest capacity leading to incorrect farm usage. This has caused vast farm areas to experience soil erosion, thus significantly reducing yields and profitability. Furthermore, cultural and generational beliefs result in a lack of commitment and willingness to farm, contributing to the under-utilization of farming land.

The demise of the marketing boards presents a major marketing problem for farmers in general and this is just another problem for small and emergent farmers who already struggle with basic agricultural production thus limiting farmers to improve and expand production.

## **EXTERNAL FACTORS**

### A. AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

KZN is largely rural in its geography, where poverty is in its peak. In pursuit of rural and agricultural development is central and consequential to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's). The Millennium Declaration was adopted in September 2000 by 189 world leaders who committed to "free all men, women and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty" by the year 2015.

The transformation of the agricultural sector is central to the future growth and wellbeing of KwaZulu-Natal. The population of KZN rural areas accounts for 54% of the total provincial population, and therefore makes it one of the most rural Provinces in the country. Furthermore, if poverty levels are aligned to the rural geography it is evident that the highest concentration of poor are based in the rural areas, and more particularly on communal areas of the Province. This places considerable pressure on the provision of services and infrastructure.

There is also in excess of 300 000ha underutilised but arable farming land under the ITB and it has been a key strategy of the DARD to unlock the vast potential of these lands. However the DARD has had to review its old strategy of carrying out

mechanisation services for farmers as this has created a sense of dependency by farmers and has negatively affected the sustainability of agriculture in these areas of agriculture in these areas.

## B. ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Unemployment was heightened during the global economic recession at the turn of the last decade, with SA losing 1 million jobs and KZN shedding over 120 000 jobs during the period of 2007- 2010. The most concern was the loss of jobs in the agriculture and manufacturing sector.

The 2011 National Census has revealed KZN's changing demographics. The province is home to about 19.8% of South Africa's population with 10.69 million people, and is no longer South Africa's most populous province. Gauteng with 12.91 million people has overtaken KwaZulu-Natal, which now contributes to 23.90% of South Africa's 54 million people. The unemployment rate in KZN stands at 20.8 %. According to Census 2011, 8 in 10 people in KZN are Black African. Unemployment and poverty is most brutal within this racial category and women and children are the main victims of the attendant effects. The guiding objectives of the NDP are the elimination of poverty and the reduction in inequality and all the elements of the plan must demonstrate their effect on these two objectives. With this said, it is therefore crucial for Government to invest in education, expansion of health care facilities and infrastructure for economic growth and employment opportunities. The continued prevalence of poverty, food insecurity, high unemployment and growing inequality in society are all formidable challenges the department will have to address through the newly identified strategy of Agrarian Transformation. (Extracts from Stats SA and DARD 2015-2020 Strategic Plan)

### C. CLIMATE

Climate change continues to be a global factor that impacts negatively on the world, the country and the agricultural sector. The ever-increase in unpredictable weather patterns resulting in hotter weather with down pours of rain has posed damaging effects on the agricultural sector. This type of weather impacts directly on agriculture crop and animal production affecting both the producer and consumer.

### **INTERNAL FACTORS**

### D. ORGANISATION

The Department has had uncertainty for a long time regarding its organisational structure. This proved unfavourable in aiding the Department to adequately deliver on its strategic objectives and has had inadvertently impacted on the morale of officials with disjointed planning and service delivery efforts. Vigorous consultation sessions were conducted internally and externally with

stakeholders. The proposed organogram has undergone due processes and is pending approval by the Minister of Public Service and Administration for approval.

The lack of business processes results in unclear and duplicated processes and procedures and hence non-maximum utilisation of resources.

#### E. TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Information Communications Technology (ICT) has become the major facilitator of business activities and has been the catalyst of fundamental processes and operations within the organization. The nature of ICT advancements in technology and government compliance, has led to the review of the Departments ICT Strategy. The Strategy was developed using the Government Wide Enterprise Architecture (GWEA) that interrogates four principles in ICT i.e. Business, Data, Application and Technology. The Strategy aims at bridging the gap between ICT and business by analyzing business and making recommendations for ICT to serve as a tool to ensure effective business. To this effect, technological initiatives are unpacked to improve productivity, reduce costs and improve decision making. The Department has recently migrated to a virtual private network (VPN) which improves ICT security while enhancing connectivity and curbing potential transversal system fraudulent activities. The department is in the process of migrating from a Novell platform to a Microsoft platform in line with that of the Office of the Premier. The department has researched various Microsoft offerings and intend on adopting the Microsoft Office 365 business architecture. The Microsoft Office 365 models looks at access to email and data at anytime and anywhere in the world. This is further enhanced by advanced collaboration and business process automation features such as Share Point and LINC. The Department has also completed a Desktop audit exercise. The aim of this exercise is to implement the Desktop standardisation policy as well as to develop a condition report on current desktops. With aging technology of both hardware and software the Department anticipates to replace a large quantity of desktop computers as well as servers. The life cycle and the speed at which technological facilities become obsolete have increased ICT budget requirements. The ICT Directorate have further factored the implementation of ICT systems to the Local offices, the creation of a data warehouse as well as the implementation of an Agriculture Information Management system (AIMS) as part of the ICT Operational plan for the forthcoming financial year.

### F. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

#### F.1 Internal

The department lacks an approved binding communication and marketing policy. This has resulted in uncoordinated efforts in ensuring effortless flow of information throughout the Department. This is further exacerbated by the inadequate infrastructure of the department that has seen some offices without network, insufficient budget to profile all programmes and enable the translation

of information for public consumption into isiZulu and lack of integration and communication on transversal issues between the department and public entities.

#### F.2 External

The low literacy rate of the majority of beneficiaries that the department serves, requires innovative ways to communicate. There is an absence of a feedback mechanism from the public. Such a system is pivotal to truly assess its services and serve as an avenue for the citizens of the Province to engage with the department

### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Inadequate, integrated and holistic strategies and plans to grow and support the agricultural sector from an economic and social level.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Inadequate departmental strategy
- Dis-functional organisational structure to support agricultural imperatives
- Disjointed planning and implementation (SCM to timeously support agricultural services/lack of statistics for sound baselines for planning/lack of communication strategy to encourage a more participative approach to departmental planning)
- Non-business orientated agri-business models
- Non-implementation of modern farming techniques and technologies
- Lack of policies and procedures
- Insufficient supply of skilled/specialised personnel
- Lack of integrated performance systems

### **NEW APPROACH TO AGRICULTURE - THE AGRARIAN STRATEGY**

Agriculture is seen as a primary driver of the KZN economy, given the strategic advantage that the Province has in terms of land and its natural resources. The Province is well endowed with natural resources and this diversity enables wide variations in the type of farming and level of agricultural production throughout the Province.

In line with the National Development Plan, the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy and sector policies, the Department has introduced new approaches that embrace the principles of agriculture as a science and a business. The Department has since adopted the transformation of agricultural sector through the Agrarian strategy that will be supported by an integrated approach to rural development, which will in turn contribute towards addressing food security, job creation and growth of provincial economy.

The strategy identifies with concepts of Agri-Village, Communal Estates, River Valley Models and expediting land reform recapitalisation and post-settlement support. The concepts of Agri-Village, Communal Estates, and River Valley Models offer improved opportunities for sustainable rural areas. Through these interventions, the Department together with the Provincial Government will strive to eradicate poverty, enhance social cohesion, enhance household food security, promote sustainable human settlements, promote safety and security of communities and enhance the productive use of land to ensure sustainability and economic growth.

The 2015 State of the Nation Address (SONA) introduced Government's nine point plan to boost the economy in realisation of the vision, goals and targets as set within the National Development Plan (NDP). Point two of the nine point plan speaks specifically to revitalising agriculture and the agro-processing value chain. In commitment to the realisation thereof, the Provincial Government has emphasised the need through the 2015 State of the Province Address to "Unleash the Agricultural Potential of KwaZulu-Natal". In doing so, this will ensure food security and production, economic growth of the agricultural sector in the KZN economy, provide opportunities for job creation, intensify support to the beneficiaries of land claims and land redistribution processes and the inclusion of more communal areas under the control of traditional leadership engaged in commercial agricultural ventures. In light of this, the Department has necessitated some major shifts in the approach and manner in which it plans to implement and fund agricultural interventions within the 2015-2020 term. These include a new funding and business model for farming projects, introduction of new approaches that embrace the principles of agriculture as a science and a business and the identification of agriculture potential as a job driver. To unlock agricultural potential, the department has conceptualised Agri-villages, Community Estates, River Valley Catalytic Models and Land Reform Support as the pillars of the new Agrarian Transformation that will change the provincial agricultural and rural landscape. The new concepts are not only limited to agricultural growth, but also to ensure integrated development of sustainable rural enterprises that will support further development within that space in the Province. Collectively, the greatest benefit of these, is the promotion of spatial concentration and the coordination of development initiatives that will result in integrated and vibrant rural communities. The strategy of the department therefore reflects its intention to create progressive development from subsistence food security activities to emerging and commercial farmer development, through the development, adaptation and implementation of policies. The strategy further responds to the mandate of integrated rural development and will take up the challenge of co-ordination and being the catalyst for integrated rural development. This will follow a multi-dimensional perspective incorporating elements of economic development, reduction of vulnerability and environmental sustainability, whilst building on the inherent strengths of the rural citizens and natural resources. In order to ensure that agricultural development, environmental and conservation management; and rural development goals and objectives are met, adaptive research and technology development in the field of agricultural development and environmental management will be boosted and applied. The ultimate success in attaining this strategy will be to employ the right people with the right competencies and skills thereby progressing to achieve a united, sustainable and vibrant agricultural sector with thriving rural communities in balance with nature. (Extracts from the 2015-2020 Departmental Strategic Plan)

#### i. Research, technology development and extension

Agriculture is a natural science based on well-defined theories and biological process. The production systems of agriculture are based on science that is effected by the environment where the production takes place. The natural resources dictate the potential of production and this is again affected by the climate and topography in which the resources are found. Agricultural production is thus directly influenced by the natural resources and climate, making it difficult to correctly predict what the yields will be as there are so many factors influencing it.

Research and technology development play a very important role to be able to establish new technologies in this ever-changing environment. New technologies and theories need to be tested to establish the probability of achieving the predicted results and to form the basis for scientific founded extension.

The extension services need to be on top of the latest tested technologies to enable them to provide the correct advice for a specific resource environment. The extension staff need to take the technology and translate it into an understandable message for the farmers so that they are able to incorporate the latest technologies in their farming practises.

The extension service staff have been equipped through the "Extension Recovery Programme" in the latest IT technology. This will be enhanced by agricultural technical training specifically aimed at commodities relevant to the extension area of the agricultural advisors. It will be commodity based focussed on the whole value chain, but with the emphasis on primary production. The agricultural advisors will in turn train the farmers on the latest technology in the specific commodity. This will be done in partnership with scientific organisations such as Universities in KZN, Agricultural Research Council and Commodity Organisations.

## ii. Commodity Approach

The Agricultural Policy Action Plan (2014) identifies critical commodities that have good opportunities for both import substitution and exports. These include:

- Maize, Soya linked to Poultry
- Red Meat / Dairy
- Vegetables and Potatoes
- Biofuels
- Sugar cane
- Forestry
- Aquaculture / Fisheries

As such the Department will pick these sectors for particular focus in its agrarian transformation strategy.

iii. Business Model

It is thus incumbent on the DARD to come up with a model that could be applied to suite a variety of different situations of ownership, management skills, knowledge and vision to assist the farmers to enter into the commercial agriculture arena.

The model thus proposes that farmers are encouraged to consolidate their areas of production into one composite area, which will provide for a sustainable profitable farming business. The group of farmers will form a managing business entity for their farming enterprise on the composite farming area. It may be agreed that the farmers can lease their land to the farming business entity to ensure a regular income.

## iv. Agroprocessing

Three business models have been identified in a study done by University of Pretoria for the DEDTEA, these are:

- Forward/vertical integration model (Farmers): The farmer positions the farming business to perform the distribution/retail functions within the distribution channel. The farmer, however, tries to cut out the "middle man" in the value chain. This model is not directly associated with agro-processing, however with the goal in mind of farmers to cut out the middle man;
- Backward integration model (Agro-processors): The Agro processing companies engage farmers and assist them to form producer groups with each group having a lead farmer. Contracts are signed on price, volume and quality of produce to be supplied;
- Inclusive value chain development model: The agro-input company conducts assessment to identify the major challenges of the smallholder farmer in adopting improved production technologies, access to agro – inputs and factors that account for application of agro – inputs. It designs value chain intervention from production through to the market to meet the needs of the farmers.
- v. Land Reform and recapitalisation

One of the key factors identified in the failure of commercial land reform projects is the lack of joint pre- transfer activities that are essential to ensure a seamless transfer process, and support systems are in place for the new entrant commercial farmers. The land acquisition strategy will be based on the following approach:

- The land acquisition strategy will be guided by the prioritised commodities as reflected in the National Development Plan, Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP) and the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy / Plan. These commodities have been identified as labour intensive and having significant growth opportunities will be targeted for acquisition and support.
- The District Land Committees, supported by a Provincial Technical Committee will formulate an acquisition strategy for each district. In formulating the district acquisition plan, the District Land Committees will take into account the dominant commodities in district, land acquired/ transferred to date, and gazetted restitutions claims.

- Whilst restitution is rights based, the District Land Committees with the support of the Provincial Technical Committee will guide the strategic prioritisation of claims to be settled in order to unlock the agricultural potential for the area.
- The settlement/ business models for restitution projects will be developed upfront with the respective commodities, and will ensure that there is a separation of the land holding and business entities. All projects will have a clear beneficiation plan to ensure that all claimants benefit from the restituted land.
- The assessment of the farm/s to be acquired and the development of the business plans and post transfer models will be finalised and supported by the District Land and Agricultural and Provincial Technical Committee, prior to submission to the National Land Acquisition Committee for the approval of a project.
- Farmer selection will be done in conjunction with the appropriate commodity organisations at a District level. The DARD will proactively work with commodity organisations and agricultural colleges to develop a pool of skilled farmers, specifically targeting the rural youth.
- vi. Agri-Villages

The concept of an agricultural village will form the basis for planning of settlement areas for agricultural development. The principles discussed below should provide some guidelines to take the process forward but these must be seen as guidelines and should thus be adapted for each situation and according to the needs of the specific community.

An Agri-Village in this context suggests the development of a new settlement, or converting an existing nucleus settlement for the purpose of settling rural dwellers in a concentrated settlement pattern.

vii. River Valley Model

The River Valley Catalytic programme is intending to create a platform for integrated planning and development. The river catchment is used as a basis for the development of the rural area. It encompasses a range of projects including irrigation schemes, economic infrastructure, improved market access, social infrastructure and skill development among other. It is meant to:

• Promote integrated, optimal development of natural resources, agriculture, infrastructure, social services, economic development; job creation; skills development; food security; etc.'

- Re-greening the environment and integrate environmental dimensions with other aspects of planning and management.
- Integrate land and water management.
- Focus natural resource benefits for regional development and serve as a regional planning and management strategy.
- Attract development into a river valley area and to promote sustainable rural development.

Through this programme specific river valleys are identified where there is a potential for irrigation development. Downstream and upstream activities in the value chain are identified that will enhance the development of the area to become economically and environmentally sustainable with the aim to achieve rural development, food security and poverty reduction and to contribute to local economic growth and GDP increase.

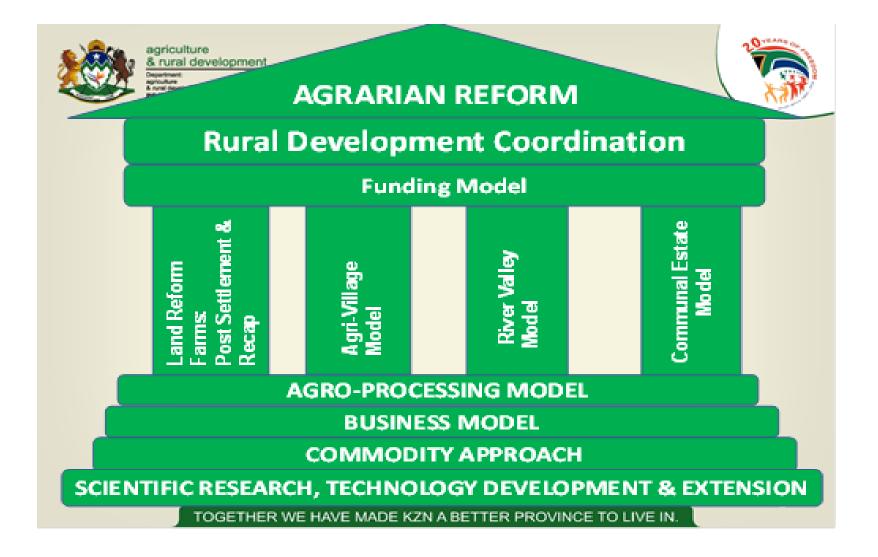
#### viii. Communal Estates

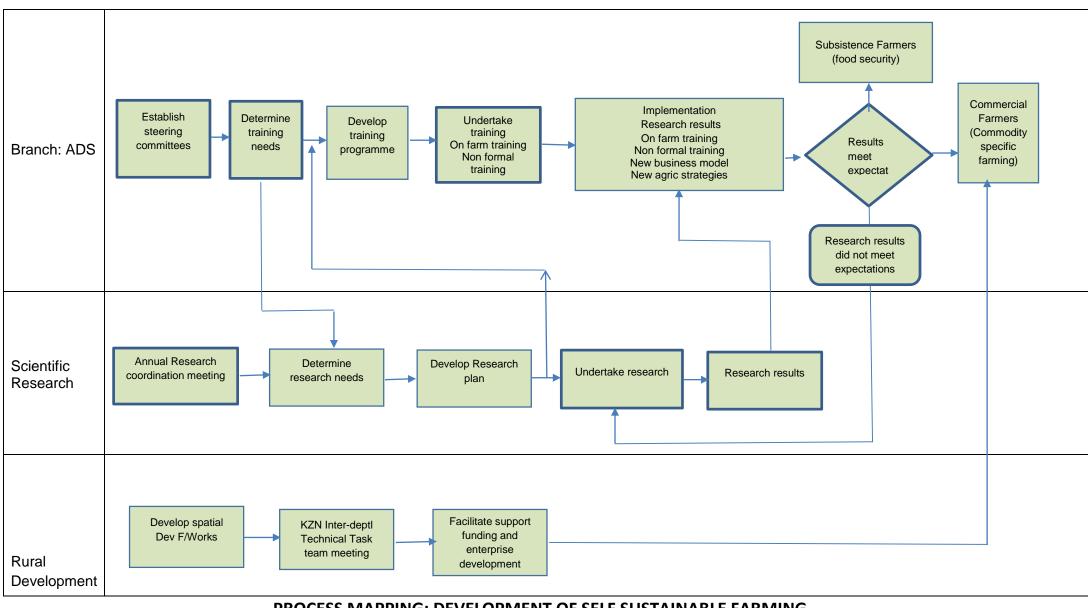
The DARD previously focus had been on food security at a subsistence level. This focus has not led to enhance the development of the agricultural sector and assisted to boost the sectors contribution to the GDP of the province and the country. It is therefore imperative for the DARD to radically change the approach to agricultural development. The DARD has thus decided to take a new path using an approach that has worked in the commercial agriculture, farming as a business for profit that is sustainable. The approach for this is the agricultural communal estate.

The purpose of the agricultural communal estate approach is:

- To propose a radical shift from sub-optimal farming yields and returns to a business where yields and profit is optimised and development takes place.
- To create a sustainable profitable farming business.
- To unlock the economic and agricultural potential in communal areas to stimulate growth in the agricultural sector and create much needed employment, through primary production and agro-processing activities.
- To create an economic viable business for the farmers to fully participate in the domestic and export markets; and

To promote integrated, optimal development and use of natural resources, agriculture, infrastructure, social services, economic development, job creation, skills development, food security, etc.





PROCESS MAPPING: DEVELOPMENT OF SELF SUSTAINABLE FARMING

### **ACTION PLAN:**

With due consideration to all of the above, the department has since identified the importance to improve in the development of farmers in respect of instituting strategies aimed at developing and supporting a greater degree of self-sustainability and growth of farmers from subsistence to commercial:

ACTION PLAN	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY OFFICE	SUB-RESPON-SIBILITY OFFICE(S)
Develop service impact indicators	<ul> <li>Establish a working group</li> <li>Develop plan to deliver on the agrarian strategy (including service impact indicators)</li> </ul>	Branch: Agriculture Development Services	Chief Directorate: Agriculture, Vet, Research & Engineering
Upon approval of the organisational structure migration of personnel to be prioritised	<ul> <li>Establish placement committee</li> <li>Conduct skills &amp; qualification audit</li> <li>Facilitate the migration process</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Chief Directorate: HRM & D
Prioritisation and job evaluation of newly created posts	<ul> <li>Profile and schedule posts for job evaluation</li> <li>Facilitate the development of job descriptions</li> <li>Undertake job evaluation of posts</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Chief Directorate: HRM & D

ACTION PLAN	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY OFFICE	SUB-RESPON-SIBILITY OFFICE(S)
Mapping of processes	<ul><li>Map process</li><li>Facilitate the development of SOPS</li></ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Chief Directorate: HRM&D
Develop Integrated Technology Systems Framework	<ul> <li>Develop implementation plan</li> <li>Develop data bank/repository</li> <li>Enhancement of systems</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Branch: Corporate Services Chief Directorate: Business Support
Develop plan to initiate training of agricultural advisors and farmers	<ul> <li>Skills audit</li> <li>Develop training programme</li> </ul>	Branch: ADS	Chief Directorate: Agricultural Services
Establish Project Steering Committees and terms of reference	<ul> <li>Appointment of committee</li> <li>Develop Terms of reference</li> </ul>	Branch: ADS	Chief Directorate: Agricultural Services
Finalise memorandum of understandings with commodity associations	<ul> <li>Conduct sessions with affected stakeholders</li> <li>Draft and finalise MOU's</li> </ul>	Branch: Rural Development	Chief Directorate: Rural Enterprise and Industry Development
Finalise training agreements	<ul> <li>Conduct sessions with affected stakeholders</li> <li>Draft and finalise MOU's</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Chief Directorate: HRM & D

ACTION PLAN	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY OFFICE	SUB-RESPON-SIBILITY OFFICE(S)
Institute standardised supplier contracts	<ul> <li>Develop specification requirements</li> <li>Initiate tender process</li> <li>Initiate funding model with FDI</li> </ul>	Branch: Financial Management	Chief Directorate: Supply Chain Management
Facilitate infrastructure plans for agricultural schools	<ul> <li>Finalise policy on Recapitalisation of agricultural schools</li> <li>Finalise MOU between DARD &amp; DOE</li> <li>Appoint assessment &amp; selection panel</li> </ul>	Branch: ADS	ADSS
Develop communication strategy (internal/external)	<ul> <li>Finalise draft strategy</li> <li>Initiate internal communication methods</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services	Chief Directorate: Business Support Services
Establish and facilitate Interdepartmental Task Teams for Rural Development (Land Reform, District Municipality SDF's)	<ul> <li>Initiate committees</li> <li>Develop Provincial strategy &amp;plans</li> <li>Facilitate rural development initiatives e.g. agri parks, enterprise development, land reform</li> <li>Co-ordinate monitoring and reporting</li> </ul>	Branch: Rural Development	Chief Directorate: Rural Development Co-ordination
Develop integrated agric information system to aid performance, planning, monitoring and reporting (agtrack, extension suite, monitoring systems)	<ul> <li>Undertake needs assessment</li> <li>Develop ICT Plans</li> </ul>	Branch: Corporate Services Branch: ADS	Chief Directorate: Business Support Chief Directorate: ADS

## SERVICE STANDARDS

KEY SERVICE	SERVICE CURRENT BENEFICARIES STANDAR			DES	IRED STANDA	RD
			2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
		QUANTITY				
		QUALITY				
Aid farmers to a level of self-sustainability through integrated Agricultural support/Development services through; > Training & Development > Scientific Support Services > Development support models	Farmers (emerging and Commercial), Organised Agriculture, Members of the Public (Vet)	Consultation	Farmers Day 64148 Consultation Session Demonstration 25 Livestock meetings	Monthly Project planning meetings with communities (PPC) Quarterly Consultation with IDP, DLC Quarterly Consultation meeting with DRDLR Establish 11 District Project steering committees by 30 Sept 2015 (Commodity association)	Monthly Project planning meetings with communities Quarterly Consultation with IDP, DLC Quarterly Consultation meeting with DRDLR 90% of compliance with policies and strategies	Monthly Project planning meetings with communities Quarterly Consultation with IDP, DLC Quarterly Consultation meeting with DRDLR 99% compliance with policies and strategies
				Annual Research	Annual Research	Annual Research

		coordination	coordination	coordination
		committees	committees	committees
		forums	forums	forums
		TOTUTINS	TOFUITIS	TOFUITIS
		Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
		Livestock /	Livestock /	Livestock /
			-	
		(Annual)	(Annual)	(Annual)
		wildlife	wildlife	wildlife
		Association	Association	Association
		Meetings	Meetings	Meetings
		Annual Client	1 x Feedback	Annual Client
		satisfactory	report on	satisfactory
		survey	Client Survey	survey
			results to	
			EXCO	
		Twice a year-	Twice a year-	Twice a year-
		Provincial	Provincial	Provincial
		Agriculture	Agriculture	Agriculture
		Education and	Education and	Education and
		Training forum	Training forum	Training
		rraining forum	Training for uni	-
				forum
		12 KITT- KZN	12 KITT- KZN	12 KITT- KZN
		Interdepart-	Interdepartme	Interdepartme
		mental technical	ntal technical	ntal technical
		meetings	meetings	meetings
		Establish 10	Establish 10	Establish 10
		District land	District land	District and
		agricultural	agricultural	land
		committees	committees	agricultural
				committees
	1			30111111111111

Access		Increase KZN	Increase KZN	Increase KZN
		fleet by 40	fleet by 40	fleet by 40
		vehicles &	vehicles &	vehicles &
		subsidized	subsidized	subsidized
		vehicles by 5%	vehicles by 5%	vehicles as per
		per annum	, per annum	demand
	9221		•	
	Demonstrations	1 x Integrated	Initiate 50%	Initiate 100%
		Technology	implementatio	implementatio
	55 New	Systems	n of integrated	n of integrated
	boreholes	framework	technology	technology
	established		systems	systems
	1 Lab	22 Offices be	Nil	18 Offices be
	established at	provided with		provided with
	North Region	internal &		internal &
	504 F	external signage		external
	531 Farmers			signage
	Days	Translation of 0	N1:1	<b>A</b> = = = = =
	1000	Translation of 8	Nil	As per
	1008	brochures/		demand
	Information	booklets in		
	Days	predominant		
	1 Sale yard	languages		
	I Sale yai'u	Develop policy	Nil	Nil
	Business card	on the		INII
	for frontline	recapitalisation		
	staff	of agricultural		
	5001	schools		
		5010015		
		Finalise 1 x	Annual	Annual
		MOU between	Monitoring	Monitoring
		DARD and Dept.	report	report
		of Education on		

	the		
	recapitalisation		
	of agricultural		
	schools		
	Fund 4 x	Fund 1 x	Nil
	agricultural	additional	
	schools on	agricultural	
	infrastructure	schools on	
		infrastructure	
		Implement	Implement
		Phase 2	Phase 3
		funding	funding
	Develop policy	Maintain	Maintain
	on identifying	standard	standard
	and classifying		
	farmers		
	2500 farmers to	2500 farmers	20% of
	be trained in	to be trained	identified
	agricultural	in agricultural	farmers
	techniques	techniques	undergo
			training
			programme
	Establish 4	Establish 4	Maintain
	MOU's with	MOU's with	standard
	commodity	commodity	
	groups-	groups-	
	CITRUS	Red meat	
	Banks	Milk	
	Sugar Cane	Grain SA	
	NWGA	Poultry	

		Establish 2 training agreements with tertiary institutions – UKZN & UNIZULU 10 Agri Parks Established 20 Industries supported in rural	Establish 2 training agreements with tertiary institutions – Mangosuthu & DUT 10 Agri Parks Established 20 Industries supported in rural	Maintain standard 10 Agri Parks Established 20 Industries supported in rural
Courtesy	Attending to customers Acknowledge ment of correspondence Answering of telephone Response to telephone messages Client surveys Handling of suggestions	development Develop Departmental Code of Ethics 50% of Agric Advisors to attend Customer care and diversity training Acknowledge requests within 5 working days and act within services standard	development Maintain standard 70 % of Agric Advisors to attend Customer care and diversity training Acknowledge requests within 5 working days and act within service standard	development Maintain standard 100% of Agric Advisors to attend Customer care and diversity training Acknowledge requests within 5 working days and act within service standard

	Wearing of	Develop Name	Issue 50% of	Issue 50% of
	name tags	tag policy	name tags for	name tags for
	name lags	tag policy	all officials	all officials
			an Unicidis	an Unicidis
		Policy for	Procure	Maintain
		wearing of	uniforms for	standard
		uniforms for line	all line	standard
		function	function	
		Turretion	officials	
Openness &		Radio slots - 35	Maintain	Maintain
Transparency		shows, 32	standard	standard
	Communicate	technical shows		
	status of			
	projects to	Develop and	Develop and	Develop and
	clients quarterly	publish Annual	publish Annual	publish Annual
		citizen report	citizen report	citizen report
	Display of			-
	service	Display of	Maintain	Maintain
	commitment	Organisational	standard	standard
	charter	Structure and		
		contacts in all		
	Display of	offices		
	service delivery			
	improvement	Display cost of	Revitalisation	Maintain
	plan	services in 70	of 11 District	standard
		Departmental	Offices	
		offices and	reception area	
	Display of	website	with TV and	
	organogram		updated	
			information	
	1008			
	Information	Display of	Maintain	Maintain
	days	Service	standard	standard
		Commitment		
		Charter and		

Information	531 Farmers Days 25 Livestock meetings Translation of departmental documents to isiZulu 1008 Information Days 60 Market Days 9221	Service Delivery Improvement Plan in 70 Departmental offices 32 Radio slots Produce 50 pamphlets Produce 8 brochures per annum Publish 12 publications Nil Participate in annual agricultural show	32 Radio slots Produce 50 pamphlets Produce 8 brochures per annum Publish 12 publications Information on services on call hold facility Participate in annual agricultural show	32 Radio slots Produce 50 pamphlets Produce 8 brochures per annum Publish 12 publications Maintain standard Participate in annual agricultural show
	9221 Demonstration	-	-	-
Redress	Complaints acknowledged in writing Provide	Appointment of 11 District Batho Pele Champions	Establish 11 District Batho Pele Forums	Maintain standard

		Departmentel	Maintain	Maintain
	progress on	Departmental	standard	standard
	complaints to	Complaint boxes in all	Stanuaru	Stanuaru
	complainants			
	1	Departmental		
	Implement	offices (70)		
	approved			
	complaints	Progress on	Maintain	Maintain
	policy	complaints	standard	standard
		within 10		
	Suggestion	working days		
	boxes			
		Provision of a	Maintain	Maintain
	Complaints	Departmental	standard	standard
	registers	Ombudsperson		
Value for	Utilisation of 3G	Develop	Maintain	Maintain
Money	cards	specifications	standard	standard
		for standard		
	Monitoring of	contracts &		
	projects	award 2		
		suppliers per		
	Quality business	contract		
	plans(cost			
	effective versus	Establish 4	Establish 4	Maintain
	sustainability)	MOU's with	MOU's with	standard
		commodity	commodity	
	Evaluation of	groups-	groups-	
	training courses	CITRUS	Red meat	
		Banks	Milk	
	Utilisation of	Sugar Cane	Grain SA	
	official vehicles	NWGA	Poultry	
			-	
	Adherence to	100% evaluation	90%	99%
	departmental	of project	compliance	compliance
	M&E process	proposals -	with policies	with policies
	INIAL DIOLESS	proposuls		

		financial		
		viability		
		Departmental	Departmental	Departmental
		Risk	Risk	Risk
		Management	Management	Management
		Plan	Plan	Plan
		Annual	Annual	Annual
		Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring
		report reflecting	report	report
		5% compliance	reflecting 5%	reflecting 5%
		to identified	compliance to	compliance to
		risks	identified risks	identified risks
Leadership &	Personal	Departmental	Annual review	Annual review
Strategic	Development	Strategic plan	of	of
Direction	plan for staff	(2015-2018)	Departmental	Departmental
	[	()	Strategic plan	Strategic plan
	Development of		(2015-2018)	(2015-2018)
	work plan for		(2010 2010)	(2010 2010)
	staff	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental
	Starr	Annual	Annual	Annual
	Assessment of	Performance	Performance	Performance
	employee	plan	plan	plan
	performance			
		Departmental	Annual review	Annual review
	Job Descriptions	Human	of	of
	for posts	Resource Plan	Departmental	Departmental
		(2015-2018)	Human	Human
	Strategic		Resource Plan	Resource Plan
	planning		(2015-2018)	(2015-2018)
	Operational	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
	planning	reviews of	reviews of	reviews of
		performance in	performance	performance

	Monthly staff	line with the	in line with the	in line with the
	meetings	Annual	Annual	Annual
	meetings	Performance	Performance	Performance
		Plan	Plan	Plan
		rian	rian	rian
		Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
		Departmental	Departmental	Departmental
		EXCO/	EXCO/	EXCO/
		MANCO/Branch	MANCO/	MANCO/
		-	-	-
		meetings	Branch	Branch
			meetings	meetings
		Annual	Annual	Annual
		Department	Department	Department
		Public Service	Public Service	Public Service
		Week by 30	Week by 30	Week by 30
		September 2015	September	September
			2016	2017
Encouraging	EPMDS cash	Annual	Annual	Annual
Innovation &	bonus and	agricultural best	agricultural	agricultural
rewarding	salary notch	practise	best practise	best practise
service	increments	conference	conference	conference
excellence				
	Departmental	Nil	Creation of	Nil
	service		social facilities	
	Excellence			
	Awards linked	Host Annual	5 x entrants	7 x entrants
	to Premiers	Individual and	for Batho Pele	for Batho Pele
	Excellence	Team Service	Team of the	Team of the
	Awards	Excellence	Year	Year
		Award		
	Extension		6 x entrants	12 x entrants
	Recovery		for Individual	for Individual
	Recognition		Service	Service
	system		Excellence	Excellence

			Awards	Awards
	Recognition of performance	Annual	Annual	Annual
	performance	Departmental	Departmental	Departmental
		Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day
		oporto Day	openes bay	oporto Day
Service Delivery	Client feedback	Annual	70% of	80% of
Impact	meetings	Monitoring	projects to	projects to
		Report on	achieve	achieve
	Monitor	Agricultural	sustainability –	sustainable
	Suggestions /	productivity, vet	(economic	projects-
	Complements	stats	sustainability	(economic
	/Complaints		& technical	sustainability
	systems		viability)	& technical
	_			viability)
	The number of			
	self-sustainable	Develop	Maintain	Maintain
	cooperatives	framework that	standard	standard
	established per	defines		
	year	measurement/		
		levels of farmers		
	Monitor income generated per	Annual SDIP	Annual SDIP	Annual SDIP
	live stock sale	implementation	implementatio	implementatio
	INCE SLOCK Sale	report	n report	n report
	Reduction of	report	mepore	niepore
	outbreak of	Annual Client	1 x Feedback	Annual Client
	controllable	Satisfaction	report on	Satisfaction
	disease	Surveys	Client Survey	Survey – 5%
			results to	improvement
			EXCO	in client
				satisfaction
				levels

TIME	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
COST				
Personnel	870 178 000	964 988 000	1 030 428 000	1 099 634 000
G & S	931 533 000	864 258 000	873 970 000	905 954 000
Training & Dev	17 415 000	14 742 000	15 183 000	16 093 000
HR	3575	3218	3575	3575

## SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture & Rural Development commits itself to improve service delivery by overcoming the identified challenges in a manner that is more responsive to the needs of its clients.

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