



DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL REPORT TO CITIZENS: 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Who We Are...

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

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

Mission: "To promote, through partnerships, sound agricultural practices that promote economic growth, food security and advancement of rural communities in KwaZulu-Natal."

2. What we do...

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

- * Agricultural services: Crop production, livestock farming, aquaculture, natural resource use and management and land reform (a national competency but supported by the Department at provincial level), extension, and land care, and agricultural research.
- * Veterinary services: disease control, prevention of zoonotic diseases, inspection services and primary health care services.
- * Rural enterprise and industry development

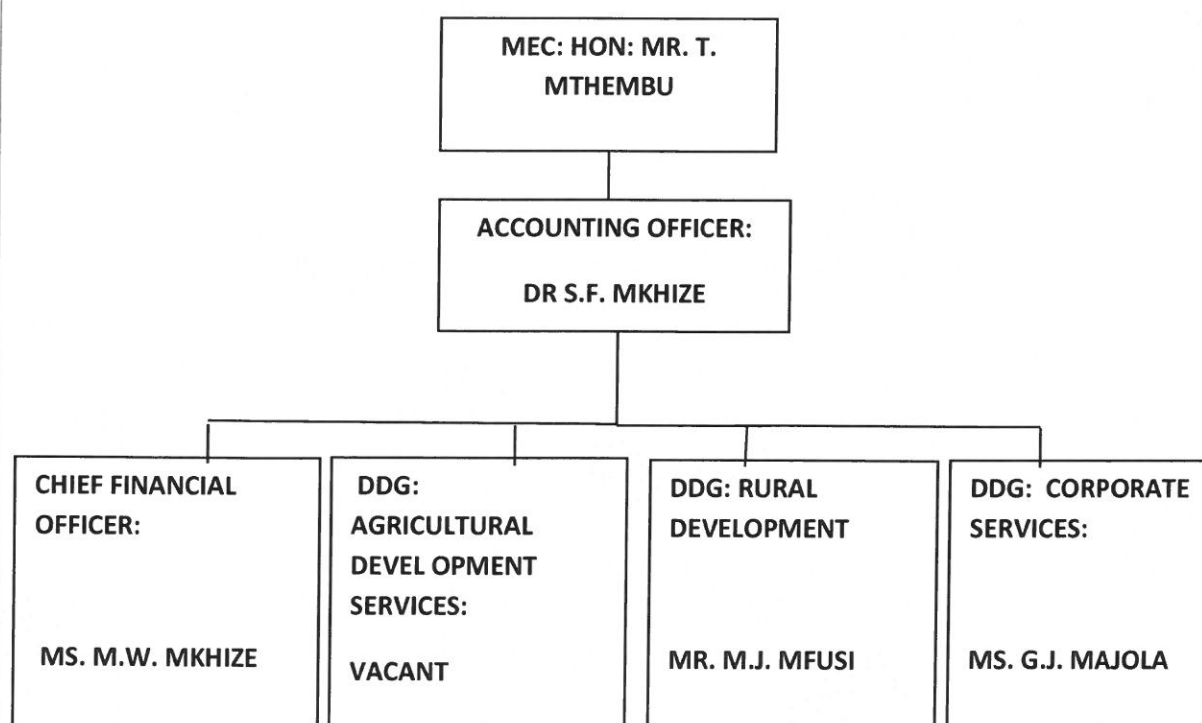
The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has also the following strategic goals:

- * Corporate governance and an integrated service delivery.
- * Provision of sound and transparent corporate and financial management systems.
- * Unleashing the agricultural potential of the province.
- * Maximizing agricultural development and output in the province.
- * Sustainable natural environmental management
- * Promotion of environmentally sustainable agricultural development.
- * Promote sustainable rural livelihoods
- * Improve access to services in rural areas through coordination

3. Who is in charge ...

The MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development is Honorable Mr. T. Mthembu. He is accountable for directing the KwaZulu Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development activities in line with the National and KwaZulu Natal Provincial Government's priorities.

The Acting Head of Department is Mr M.J Mfusi, a public servant appointed to ensure that the Department efficiently implements the Executing Authorities policies and directives.



4. Our Standards - and How We Met Them

- * Every client entering the department office will be attended within 60 minutes
- * Every farmer or potential farmer who applied for any agricultural service will be informed of the outcome within two weeks
- * Every group of people who want to be assisted in food security programme, seeds will be provided to them within a week
- * 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 has been guided by the following core values:

- * Batho Pele Principles and service orientation
- * Co-Operative Governance and Strategic Partnerships
- * Self-sufficiency and independence
- * Transformation
- * Financial Prudence and Resource limitations.
- * Accountability and Transparency
- * Development and recognition

The KwaZulu Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has three Programs:

Programme 1: Administration

Programme 2: Agricultural Development Services

Programme 3: Rural Development

RESULTS ACHIEVED ON PROGRAMMES

Programme 2: Agricultural Development

The Department in accordance with plans for 2016/2017 financial year achieved the following:

- * Planted 9000 hectares of maize and 5000 hectares of beans on communal estates programme.
- * Established 12 Irrigation schemes.
- * Planted 5000 hectares of maize and beans in special projects of Amakhosi in the Zululand District through mechanization programme.
- * Supported several beef and indigenous goat production projects in different district across the province including Umzinyathi and iLembe Districts.
- * Established 28 Dip tanks and 20 were rehabilitated. 58 boreholes have been drilled and 37 dams were established as part of drought relief program in the province.
- * Through the food security and nutrition program an estimated 7000 households were supported with agricultural inputs, 60 household gardens were established and 23 community gardens established. An estimated 250 food security livestock projects were

established.

- * 1936 green jobs created through Land care project

The department further prioritized the following projects

Bubulwane River Valley:

In 2016/17 the Department supported the scheme with 50 tons of 2:3:2 (22) fertilizer, 10 tons of LAN (28) and inputs. As a result, forty (40) ha of cabbages were produced for the local market and some were retailed at uThungulu Fresh Produce Market. Other vegetables that were produced were 5 ha of chillies, 10 ha of dry beans and 25 ha of potatoes. The Department has also planted 35 ha of rye grass on His Majesty's plot.

Maphophoma grain production: During the 2016/17 financial year the Department allocated funds for the purchasing of production inputs for Maphophoma Ward 11 primary cooperative for the production of +-200 hectares of maize and beans.

Emadlangeni Agri-Village: Nine (9) Communal Estates were established in Emadlangeni. In 2016/17 the department supported the project with mechanisation and agricultural inputs. The project has managed to plant vegetables, beans and maize of approximate 700 hectares.

Umzimkhulu Soya production: In the 2016/17 financial year, the department supported the project with 2 250 bags of soya bean seed, 3 750 bags of 2:3:2 (22) fertilizer, 280 kg of soya inoculants and chemicals to service an area of about 840 ha. The Department remunerated 15 tractor drivers and paid for diesel that was used in land preparation.

Sheep Shearing Shed: During 2016/17, the DARD finalised the construction of 4 sheep shearing sheds in Umzimkhulu Locam Municipality under Harry Gwala District.

Nsuze irrigation project: DARD provided 3 tractors and agricultural inputs for this project. During the 2016/17 financial year, the DARD supported this project with production inputs for vegetables and other crops. Nsuze irrigation scheme is operational and supplying Uthungulu Fresh Produce Market.

Nqanawe tunnel: Inqanawe Co-Operative is located at uMfolozi Local Municipality under King Cetshwayo District. Inqanawe farm area is 254.2 ha of which 170 ha consists of sugarcane under dry land and 50 ha under irrigation. The project is funded on 50/50 commercialisation package. In 2016/17, 85 X 100m multi-span tunnels were constructed. The DARD has construction offices, farm warehouse with a pack house, guard house, offices, car ports and electrified fencing.

Veterinary Services:

- * Rabies control vaccination campaigns have significantly impacted the outbreak of rabies

which have dropped from 500-38 positive cases without human deaths in the province during the reporting period 2016/2017

- * Five well-branded mobile animal health care clinics became operational in 2016/17 financial year.

Research and Development:

- * Staff at the Dundee Research Station was involved in the training and mentoring of Nqutu wool sheep farmers, which resulted in double the wool income of the wool sheep farmers at Nqutu.

Programme 3: Rural Development

- * 20 Agricultural graduates who registered on the portal were linked to internship opportunities within DARD.
- * 28 Agribusinesses supported with agricultural economics advice towards accessing markets and sustainable participation in value chains.

Programme 1: Administration

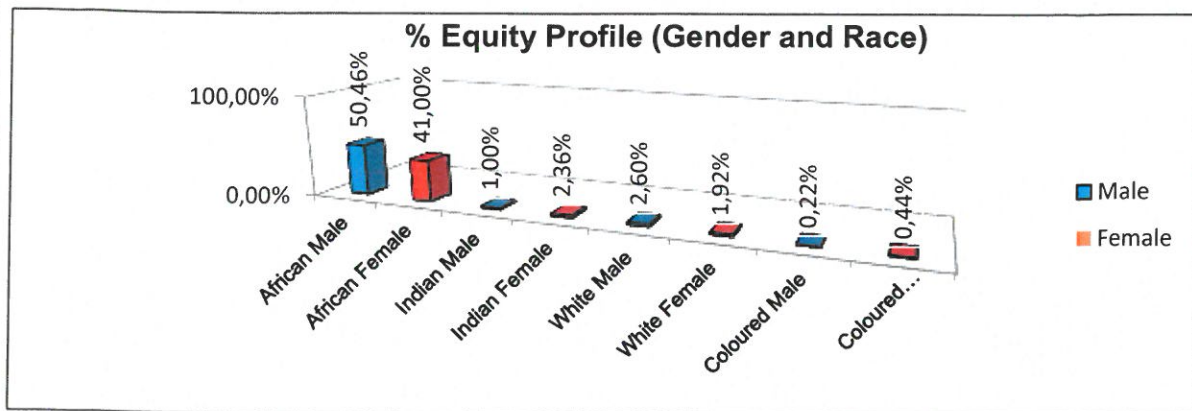
- * The department filled 3.2% post due to the departmental restructuring process, which is still in progress. All vacant posts could not be filled, as unplaced staff had to be first appropriately placed on the establishment. Unfunded vacancies have been removed which has resulted in a vacancy rate of 4% due to attrition.

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 that rural areas become economically active, create jobs, eradicate poverty and ensure food security.
- * To bring more hectares under irrigation, converting underutilised land in communal areas and land reform project into commercial production.
- * To facilitate the creation of sustainable rural enterprises, supported by increased investments in agro-processing, access to market and financial services

6. Our Organisation and Staffing as at 31 March 2017



The Department gender representation 1466 (54.28%) male while females are at 1235 (45.72%). The Department will strive to achieve a 50% equilibrium for gender representation as per legislated EE requirements.

In guiding the representation of race for the purposes of recruitment and selection, the Department currently utilizes the Provincial demographics. The status of Departmental demographics in relation to the Provincial demographics and the respective variances are reflected in the table below;

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISON

RACE	DEPARTMENTAL DEMOGRAPHICS	PROVINCIAL DEMOGRAPHICS	VARIANCE
African	91.44% (2470)	80.60%	10.84%
Colored's	0.67% (18)	2.1%	-1.43%
Indian	3.36% (91)	11.7%	-8.34%
White	4.51% (122)	5.6%	-1.09%

7. Our budget

The budget allocation to the department's vote was R2,216,742,000.

Expenditure for 2016/2017 financial year R 2,216,366,000

Under Expenditure for 2016/2017 R 376,000

At the end of the 2016-17 financial year, the department had spent R 2,216,366,000 of its budget. The under-expenditure of R376,000 is in respect of vacant posts under Programme 1: Administration. Programme 2: Agriculture and Programme 3: Rural Development were fully spent.

This is how the overall budget was spent by the Department in 2016/17 Financial Year:

Staff salaries..... R 950,488,000

Other running costs [equipment, training, etc]R 987,944,000
other costs:.....R 277,934,000

SUMMARY

Programmes : 1. Administration

Staff salaries.....R192,245,000

Running cost.....R 254,298,000

2. Agricultural Development

Staff salaries.....R 750,131,000

Running cost.....R 730,029,000

3. Rural Development

Staff salaries.....R 8,112,000

Running cost.....R 3,617,000

Other items (transfers, subsidies and interest/
rent).....R 277,934,000

TOTALR 2,216,366,000

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