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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



LET'S MOVE THE NORTHWEST TOGETHER

Hon. Speaker & Deputy Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature;

Tonakgolo ya Porofense Ya North West, Rre Kaobitsa Bushy Maape;

Hon. Members of the Legislature & Colleagues in the Executive Council;

Distinguished Members of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development, Environment, Tourism, Agriculture & Rural Development;

Revolutionary Leaders of the Ruling Party, the African National Congress and other political parties;

Kgosi Moshe Mabe le Ntlo ya Bogosi mo Profenseng mmogo le Magosiotlhe;

Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers and Councillors;

Youth; Women & People with Disability (PWD) Structures in the sector;

Organised Agriculture, Farmers, Farm Workers & Farm Dwellers Fora;

Labour & Sectoral Unions, Sectoral Partners and Agricultural Stakeholders;

Our sister departments and all provincial departments that are present;

Esteemed Guests; Media;

Baagi botlhe ba Porofense ya North West ka go ikala;

Bagaetsho Dumelang!

The year 2022 framed **under the Theme “The Year of Unity and Renewal to Defend & Advance South Africa’s Democratic Gains”**, reminds us that this avowal must continue to be implemented both in words and actions as we strive to serve our people to the best of our ability.

Motlotlegi Mmusu Kgotla, jaaka re keteka kgwedi eno ya **AFRIKA**, re dira seno re ntse re sa lebale kwa re tswang ebile re solofela go le gontsi kwa re yang re le Afrika Borwa. Ditsholofelo le dikgatlhego tsa baagai ba porofense eno ya rona di ekaegile thata mo pusong ya rona.

Honorable Speaker, Agriculture which includes all economic activities of farming inputs and value-adding, remains an important sector in the economy of the North West province.

Honorable Members,

The vision of a united, non-racial and prosperous agricultural sector is based on three strategic goals of access and participation, competitiveness and profitability and sustainable resource management.

It is from this premise **Madam Speaker**, that as the Provincial Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, we have adopted five (05) of the seven (07) National Government Priorities of the 6th Administration in contributing towards transitioning the North West Province’s agricultural sector to a viable and sustainable sector for economic growth. During the 54th **ANC National Conference that was held in NASREC** the ruling party further reiterated its stance vowing and

promising to radically transform the lives of the people for the better thus making a meaningful and lasting difference to people's existence.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Honourable Speaker, despite the catastrophic effects of the COVID-19, the province still contributes to the national production of maize by 16.75%, Groundnuts by 41.97%, Sunflower by 33.82%, Dry Beans by 15.75% and Grain Sorghum by 25.38%. Other crops include soya beans, cotton and lucerne. It is worth noting that the province is leading and ranked Number One (1) in terms of Broilers, Groundnuts, Beetroot and Onions production.

The sector is also ranked Second (2nd) in production of Pigs, Cotton, Sunflower and Watermelon. Maize and Goats production follow the pack and are ranked Third (3rd) in the country. It is for this reason that the department **is refocusing the agricultural sector** in order to sustain and improve its commodity ranking status based on the advantage of the sector's comparative and competitive edge.

REFOCUSING & INTEGRATION OF THE SECTOR

Madam Speaker, the population is growing and of course it poses a threat for food security in the near future. Other parts of the world have evolved to mitigate this problem. Everything that can be managed can be improved through the use of technology. Based on this reflection, the department together with the Michigan University's agricultural expertise is gradually growing and echoes the importance of technology in the sector.

Honorable Members, in order to prevent similar incidences from happening again, the Department will introduce the Livestock and Traceability Systems (LITS) for the province in aligning the province with developmental technologies:

The department will also embark on a process of digitizing the administration of its veterinary laboratory services which will be done through the introduction of Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS).

Our blueprint during this fiscal year will be geared by Seven (07) Turnaround Strategic Intervention Pillars which will be highly action orientated to refocus; reclaim; transform and develop the North West agricultural sector, which will require an integrated approach amongst Government Departments, State Owned Entities, Industry Associations & Private Sector.

These interventions are as follows:-

- **Strategic Intervention 1: Aggregator Model**
- **Strategic Intervention 2: Provincial / District Corridors**
- **Strategic Intervention 3: Commercialization**
- **Strategic Intervention 4: Agro-Processing**
- **Strategic Intervention 5: Financial & Non-Financial Support**
- **Strategic Intervention 6: Building Relationships**
- **Strategic Intervention 7: Agri-industrial Infrastructure**

Hon. Speaker, in order to consolidate the implementation of all existing Master Plans, strategies and policies, the department has come up with the above Turnaround Strategic Interventions with the intent to **Re-focus agriculture in the province**, which will transition the sector towards sustainable and viable Agri-Businesses. Now it is within us to achieve the Presidential call for **“One District; One Budget and One Plan”**.

Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla

Jaaka Tonakgolo o ne a re laetse mo kopanong ya rona le mekgatlho e e farologaneng ya balemirui ka kgwedi ya Tlhakole, re ne ra tswelletsametseletsele ya dikopano le maphata a a farologaneng go akaretsa banna-le-seabe ba rona ba ba ka fa gare ga lefapha le ba ba kwa ntle ga lefapha; Balemirui le bo Masepala botlhe ba porofense.

Ditlamorago tsa metseletsele ya dikopano tseno tsa rona e ne ya nna go tlhamiwa ga **MUNIMEC**, e re e tlhomileng semmuso Mosupologo o re tswang mo go one o. (16 Motsheganong 2022). **Honorable Speaker**, ka re itsi gore moroto wa yo o esi ga o ele, seno ke maitlhommo le maikaelelo a rona jaaka lefapha go dirisana le ditheo tsotlhe le mekgatlho e e maleba e le go ka ungwelwa go bonala.

Honorable Members, this greater collaboration and coordination between government and the private sector was one of our efforts to attain the new vision of **a re-focused, united and prosperous agricultural sector in North West province**.

Motlotlegi Mmusa Kgotla

Re a itsi re le Lefapha gore mo nageng ya rona ga jaana mpuru o faretswe, re fara-ferwe ke mathata a a seng kana ka sepe, tshega e fapogile lerago.

Ditlhwathwa tsa dilwana tsa bareki di ile kwa godimo ka mokgwa o o tshosang ebile o tsibiketsa le mmele. **Jaanong re leboga madi a re a newang monongwaga 2022/23, mme re a tshepisa gore re tla a dirisa ka matsetseleko a katse e tshweu.**

Honorable Speaker

Our funds will speak to our mission and vision statements including our seven strategic key interventions, I mentioned earlier on. To this end, the Department will rely heavily on the use of financial manuscripts and policies in making sure that our people are prioritized and nothing else.

Honorable Members and the house at large, our economical standing during this fiscal year 2022/2023 stands at:-

BUDGET ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME ITEM: 2022/2023

PROGRAMME NAME	TOTAL ALLOCATION R'000	AMOUNT IN WORDS
1. ADMINISTRATION	R340,257	THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND RAND
2. SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	R39,811	THIRTY NINE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND ELEVEN THOUSAND RAND
3. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT	R449,746	FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX THOUSAND RAND
4. VETERINARY SERVICES	R154,180	ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND RAND
5. RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	R72,036	SEVENTY-TWO MILLION AND THIRTY SIX THOUSAND RAND
6. AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC SERVICES	R18,265	EIGHTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND RAND
7. STRUCTURED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING	R66,114	SIXTY-SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN THOUSAND RAND
8. RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION	R68,709	SIXTY EIGHT MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINE THOUSAND RAND
TOTAL	R1,209,118	ONE BILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND NINE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND RAND

COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAMME

Madam Speaker, for the current financial year, the department will, from its CASP & ILIMA/Letsema budget, begin the process of Commercialisation of at least 5 farmers in various Agri-Value Chain commodities, wherein R16.5 Million has been set-aside in this regard.

Honourable Members, working together with North West Provincial Shared Service Centre, the department will update a database of Commercial Producers, which will help structure support for the development of Mega-Projects, as well as focussed support within the commercialization programme.

Through this Programme, the department will ensure that it further supports three (3) sustainable Agri-Businesses towards the Value-Chain approach.

CROP MASSIFICATION & IRRIGATION SCHEMES

Honourable Speaker, in 2021/22, the department managed to plant **15 009** hectares across the province as part of Crop Massification Programme. In continuing with this noble mandate, we intend to plant by increasing hectares (inclusive of Taung & Disaneng Irrigation Schemes) in the 2022/23 financial year, across all the four (4) districts to benefit 210 farmers. The department is working with the Vaalharts Water Users Association (VWUA) and other stakeholders in the finalization of the Vaalharts, Taung Irrigation Scheme Master Plan.

This Master Plan will be used to solicit investments for, amongst others, the revitalization and expansion of the Taung Irrigation Scheme. The Molatedi and Hartebees Irrigation Schemes will be assessed in this

financial year, to help structure implementation from 2023/24 financial year onwards. In terms of Horticulture/Vegetable production, eight (8) projects across the province will be supported with production inputs, irrigation infrastructure, construction of tunnels and storage facilities and fencing.

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT

Honourable Members in continuing with Goat Massification programme, our primary focus will be the Ratlou Local Municipality (i.e: due to lack of water) in the current financial year. The programme will be implemented in collaboration with the Land bank, where focus will be on commercialization. Chevon is highly in demand and we want our people to grab the opportunity. Projects in Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati; Bojanala and Ngaka Modiri Molema districts will be assisted during the 2022/23 financial year. The support is inclusive of small-stock handling facilities, water provision, breeding stock, feeds and medication. 56 Farmers are to benefit from this project to the tune of R9.1 Million from CASP.

In terms of Cattle (large stock production), the major assistance will be with livestock water infrastructure, livestock handling facilities, fencing, as well as provision of breeding stock. 11 projects will be assisted to the tune of R34.7 Million through CASP, benefitting 147 farmers.

DESIGNATED GROUPS

Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla, fela jaaka mo ngwageng o o fetileng wa ditšhelete, re ne ra neelana ka dipoo di le lesome go basha le bomme ba balemirui, re tla dira jaalo le mo ngwageng ono wa 2022 ka go neelana gape ka dipoo di le some-a-mabedi le botlhano go basha; Basadi mmogo le di Military Veterans through the Bull Subsidy Scheme. As part of the

Nguni Livestock Development Repayment programme, 144 heifers will be distributed this year, benefitting 05 farmers.

Madame Speaker, for the period 2021, the department managed to support thirty-six (36) Designated Groups through Rural Development initiatives, which included Veterans, following the Presidential Imbizo.

The department is also proud that fourteen (14) People with Disabilities were trained through Kgora Farmer Training Centre as part of our partnership with the Department of Labour Compensation Fund.

For 2022/23 financial year, department has planned to support twenty (20) people from the Designated Groups.

FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY

Hon. Speaker, the Department continues to play a very critical role towards the development of the Integrated Provincial Food Security Strategy, which will be launched in the current financial year through the Food Security Coordinating Council of the Premier.

In the past financial year 2021/22, as part of Covid relief and poverty alleviation in the province, the department managed to support a total of **3 654** Households with agricultural food production initiatives through Food & Nutrition Security Programmes, which could not have been possible without the produce from our very own institutions, being Kgora Farmer Training Centre and the Potchefstroom College of Agriculture. The department has been producing seedlings and indigenous chickens granted to deserving households as agricultural production starter-packs. Food Security relief packages have been provided to needy rural

households across the province in collaboration with the Department of Social Development.

The Department has also been generating revenue by selling the by-products from Kgora Farmer Training Centre and the two Colleges of Agriculture benefitting the SMMEs development in the province.

Honourable Members, in our plans for 2022/23 financial year, the department will continue to pursue a ward-based approach, where vulnerable Households are targeted. To date, the department has developed its Integrated Food Security Provincial Implementation Plan, which categorises food security initiatives that would be implemented with a total of R16 Million earmarked to target 3 040 households and subsistence producers. In addition to this programme, the department in collaboration with ARC is rolling out the Potato Production Programme.

For the inception, 10 hectares is currently under production with harvesting underway. This programme fits into the Food Security Strategy and the department plans to expand production at identified sites with 200 000/ha per farmer of the 11 farmers in the next production season, starting September 2022.

EXTENSION & ADVISORY SERVICES

Ladies and Gentlemen, for the period 2021/22, the department managed to support a total of **7 992** Small-holder Producers across the province with agricultural advisory services through our Extension Recovery Programme (ERP). We therefore anticipate that this number will

increase in the current financial year, following the pronouncement by both the President and the Minister, on the appointment of additional 10 000 Assistant Agricultural Extension Advisors across the country, of which **443** will be allocated to the North West Province.

Assistant Agricultural Advisors will be appointed. So far thirty-eight (38) assistant Agricultural Advisors have been employed, and four-hundred & forty-three (443) will be appointed in this financial year (through the similar programme) Twenty-Five (25) Agricultural Advisors will be appointed in the year, for a three (3) year contract, through the Extension & Recovery programme (ERP) R11.1 Million from CASP will be used in this regard. **Honourable Speaker**, I have the honour to acknowledge one of our outstanding researchers **Mr. Nkosinathi Bareki** who is with us in the gallery for winning the National Mentor of the Year during the 2021 National Beef Recording and Improvement Scheme awards.

ACCESS TO MARKETS

Madam Speaker, to address food safety quality standards, the department has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB) for South African Good Agricultural Products (SA-GAP) smallholder vegetable projects compliance programme as part of access to both local and international markets in producing good quality products. To date eight (8) SA-GAP projects have been certified for this course. **Hon. Members**, we will be launching two village livestock auction facilities in Ganyesa and Khunwana as an intervention to link smallholder farmers to market during the current financial year.

Motlotlegi Mmusa Kgotla, tlhoba boroko ya bogodu jo bo tseneletseng, ebile bo rulagantswe jwa leruo le dikuno tsa mmidi e tswelletse go humanegisa bagaetsho. This phenomenon of livestock and other agricultural commodity theft should be strongly condemned at all levels within our communities. In dealing with the stock theft, we will collaborate with the Department of Community Safety & Transport Management (COSATMA) and Department of Home Affairs at cross-borders.

AGRICULTURAL AGRO-PROCESSING MASTER PLAN (AAMP)

Hon Speaker, the long awaited Agricultural Agro-Processing Master Plan has finally been signed by the Minister and all relevant stakeholders during her Budget Speech presentation of the 12th May 2022. This plan through the on-farm trials for key Provincial and District corridors such as Cannabis, Beef, Goats and Grains throughout the entire value chain will be of great help to our farmers.

We further wish to recognise the important role played by bees in Food Security and within our environment. So far, the province is assisting 33 Beekeepers across the province with enterprise development; beehives and related equipment's. We have just commemorated the World Bee Day yesterday while the international commemoration will be tomorrow, the 20th May 2022.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The province has been experiencing disasters in the past years, which include drought followed by floods during the rainy season and veld fires. To contain this as a department we have affiliated with the North West Umbrella Fire Protection Association (NWUFPA) as part of disaster mitigations.

MECHANISATION CENTRES

Honorable Speaker, the department has recently approved the Mechanization Policy whereby the old facilities will be refurbished to serve as Mechanization Service Centers for the farmers, as part of the development of Farmer Production Support Unit (FPSU) in collaboration with the DALRRD Provincial Shared Service Centre.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

Honourable Speaker, the pronouncement of Agricultural Colleges to be declared as a national competency which was planned to be as at 01 April 2022 has been deferred to 2023/24 financial year. This current academic year 2022 the total number of first year students enrolled at both Colleges is 178. In line with priority number 3 of Educational Skills and Health both Colleges achieved and conferred 107 graduates respectively. Further on, 24 students will be conferred with Diploma in Agriculture in Irrigation on 27 May 2022 at Taung Agricultural College. During the Financial Year 2021/22, Taung Agricultural College embarked on infrastructure development projects aimed at enhancement of practicum offering in line with progress towards being the Centre of excellence in Irrigation. **Motlotlegi Mmusakgotla,** the partnership between AGRISETA and Colleges continues to bear fruition by assisting students with funding. This partnership has made it possible in hosting a Career Summit that was held at Taung Agricultural College.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, the 2022 cohort of Compulsory Community Services (CCS) Veterinarians have arrived in the North West Province. Nine veterinarians have started at the beginning of March 2022 and have

been placed in the rural areas where veterinary services are not easily accessible. Due to increased disease outbreak control measures implemented in 2021/22, **16 923** visits to epidemiological units were conducted for veterinary interventions and **117 419** laboratory tests were performed according to the approved standards.

Madam Speaker, the province experienced an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) on the 18th April 2022, thereby breaking its long-standing FMD free status.

The outbreak is in the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District fenced farms. The outbreak is linked to the movement of cloven hoofed animals from Limpopo Province infested district. The disease has however been contained through the use of quarantine and good cooperation from farmers and is not spreading any further.

FARMER TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Honourable Speaker, the department continued to invest in farmer training and capacity building through the Accredited Kgora Farmer Training Centre, that saw 1 169 farmers across the province been trained in collaboration with the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in 2021. Department will continue rolling-out farmer training and capacity building programme by training 863 farmers as well as implementation of Learnership of 25 out-of-school Youth linked to CASP infrastructure projects, throughout the province to the tune of R11 Million.

As part of our collaboration with the Department of Social Development through Memorandum of Agreement, the department will provide accredited agricultural skills development training to 1000 profiled youths.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

As part of capacity development programmes, the department will train a total of fifteen (15) employees on Project Management and another twenty (20) on Monitoring and Evaluation who will assist in the implementation of projects and programmes across the department. The department is to intensify its recruitment and selection process in critical and scarce skills such as Agricultural Engineers; Extension Advisory Services and Veterinarians with the sole purpose to improve service delivery.

JOB CREATION

Madame Speaker, during the past year, as part of contributing towards triple challenges of Poverty; Unemployment & Inequalities in our beautiful province, the department managed to create an overall of **979** jobs through Landcare and Rural Development initiatives as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Environment and Culture (EAC) Sector.

For 2022/23 financial year, **1 147** Work Opportunities will be created throughout the province. Going forward the department intends to look into the model by extending the duration of these champions contracts to possibly a minimum of twelve months pending consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

The department has a binding contract with our people, and we cannot as civil servants renege from that agreement. That contract is written in black and bold further stipulating that it is neither a favour nor a hidden addendum; rather it is an obligation to service our farmers at all costs.

In **Isithwalandwe Umama Charlotte Maxeke's** words as we celebrate her teachings, she stipulates that **"This work is not for yourselves. Kill that spirit of self, and do not live above your people that you are supposed to serve but rather live with them and if you can rise do that holding their hand as well"** close quote.

Honourable Members, a ke tseye nako eno go leboga go menagane tshono e ke e rwesitsweng ke puso ya rona ya tlhakanelo go etella Bagaetsho pele mo go iseng diterelo tsa Temothuo mo porofenseng ka go ikala ga yone.

I would like to send my sincere gratitude to the Premier of the North West province, **Honorable Kaobitsa Bushy Maape** for continuous guidance and always willing to give an ear.

I continue to be grateful to the **Honorable Speaker Hon. Susan Dantje** and her undying believe and trust in our Department.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Chair of the Portfolio Committee, **Mme Hon. Bitsa Lenkopane** and the portfolio committee at large for the robust and critical engagements that make us do better as a department.

Thousands bow-down to my head of Department **Mr. Thupi Mokhatla** for steadying the ship at all times.

To the Departmental staff and all managers, the Department is in existence because of you and the machine is well oiled and running because of your efforts, for that I am thankful. Again let me thank my **political office** for their willingness to go an extra mile when required.

La Familia, I would like to thank my lovely husband **cde Pat Mohono**, who is always behind me in every decision taken and how can I forget children especially **my little Princess** who is forever censuring and carping every little thing I do, having a family it's a risky adventure, because the greater the love, the greater the loss, but guess what? Given a chance **I will still chose you again as my family. Ke a lo rata lotlhe.**

To my political home, the **ANC**, thank you for still believing in me and keeping me grounded and balanced all these years. **Ke a leboga.**

Modimo Rraetsho, I still know that I didn't travel this journey alone **or because I am smart** but rather I know that it is only your grace which is sufficient at all times that I am still riding the crest wave. **Modimo ke a leboga, mme ka re tswelela go nkgoga ka metlha.**

Ke a leboga - I thank you!

MEC Desbo Mohono

North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development