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**Agriculture and Rural Development**  
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# DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET VOTE SPEECH 2024/2025





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In winter's Chill or summer's heat...

**A FARMER WORKS  
SO THE WORLD CAN EAT.**  
Thank You Farmers!!

**MEC Madoda Sambatha**  
North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

**26 JULY 2024**





**Honourable Speaker, of the North West Provincial Legislature Desbo  
Mohono  
Honourable Deputy Speaker, Tshepo Khoza of the North West Provincial  
Legislature**

**Tonakgolo ya Porofense Ya North West, Rre Lazarus Mokgosi;**

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Roshu**

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Development;**

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Magosi otlhe;**

**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 department and all provincial departments that are present;**

**Esteemed Guests and all Media Houses present;**

**Baagi botlhe ba Porofense ya North West ka go ikala ga yone;**

**Bagaetsho Dumelang!**





**Madam Speaker**, just yesterday, the Hon Premier said this on the occasion of the opening of the legislature, he said **"We have created a dedicated Agriculture Working Group and to hold hands with the private sector to review the Agriculture Master Plan to be in line and drive the new growth path for the province"**. The Department has heard the Hon Premier very clearly in his speech during the Opening of the Provincial Legislature, on 25 July 2024. His provincial address can be linked to what **Amilca Cabral** said, "Always remember that the people are not fighting for ideas, or for what in the men's minds, The people fight and accept the sacrifices demanded by the struggle in order to gain material advantages, to live better and in peace, to benefit from the progress, and for better future of their children. National Liberation, the struggle against colonialism, the construction of peace, progress and independence are **hollow words** devoid of any significance unless they **can be translated into a real improvement of the living conditions**".

## **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

### **Honourable Members,**

In the Census 2022 results, it is indicated that North West province is the 3rd leading province among 5 provinces in terms of net positive migration; making it one of the provinces attracting migrants into the country. Number of households in the province almost doubled since 1996, with 14% of these households involved in agricultural activities.

According to Stats SA 2022 General Household Survey, 30,0% of households in the province have reported inadequate food access; ranking eighth (8th) from 9th position in 2021. In addition, the Quarterly Labour Force Survey report shows that among 10 industries in the province, agriculture recorded positive growth between quarter 1 of 2023 and quarter 1 of 2024, which is 71,1% growth yearly. It should be noted that the sector is the fifth employer in the province accounting for 8.6% of the total labor force in the province.



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**Madam Speaker,** many will recall that this performance comes amid a country experiencing heat wave and drought that nearly destroyed the livelihood of many of our farmers. Based on this analysis of the 2024, 2nd production forecast, almost all the summer field crops declined worse than in the 1st estimates and the 2023 final crop. In the province soya bean crop was the hardest hit, declining by 53% followed by maize less by 48% as compared to the 2023 final crop.

## **DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET ALLOCATION**

**Honourable Speaker and the House at large,** our funds will speak to our mission and vision statements including all our **2024/2025** plans and interventions. To this end, the Department will rely heavily on the use of financial manuscripts and policies to make sure that our farmers are prioritized and nothing else. It should be noted that our land and agricultural dreams far surpass our actual plans in a sense that our **budget is far limited to address our intent of making sure that our farmer's needs and dreams are realized.** We have a practical question to ask and engage that as the budgets are shrinking from national allocation, now the question is hunger shrinking?, secondly is poverty also shrinking?, clearly the answer is a lot to be desired!!!

This is the reason why the ANC Manifesto **2024** has six priorities as Jobs, Re-industrialization, Energy/Rail and Logistics, Cost of living, Access to Health and NHI, and Access to Education. Our department will include all six priorities in its strategic planning session and will tailor make them relevant to the sector on both Animal and employee health. **Honourable Members,** when coming to education will be on sectoral skills catering for both agricultural colleges and Kgora Education programme.

**Madam Speaker,** we are pleased to announce to the house that 91% of the 1894 invoices were duly paid within 10 working days. In improving Audit outcomes, the department implemented 88% of all the PAAP actions for the past financial year. In total during the fiscal year **2023/2024,** the department managed to spend 97% of the allocated budget with five of the eight programmes spending the entire 100% allocated to them.



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**Honourable Speaker and the Premier, I present to you the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development budget which is to the tune of R1, 209, 718, 000, 00 ( One billion, Two hundred and Nine million, Seven hundred and Eighteen thousand).**

### **Budget Allocation per Programme Item: 2024/2025**

<b>PROGRAMME NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION R'000</b>	<b>AMOUNT IN WORDS</b>
1. ADMINISTRATION	R339,956,00	<b>THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINE MILLION,NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX THOUSAND</b>
2. S U S T A I N A B L E R E S O U R C E M A N A G E M E N T	R43,861,000,00	<b>FORTY THREE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE THOUSAND</b>
3. A G R I C U L T U R A L P R O D U C E R S U P P O R T A N D D E V E L O P M E N T	R445,815,500.00	<b>FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED RAND</b>
4. VETERINARY SERVICES	R152,518,000.00	<b>ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND</b>
5. R E S E A R C H A N D T E C H N O L O G Y D E V E L O P M E N T	R93,197,000.00	<b>NINETY THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND</b>
6. A G R I C U L T U R A L E C O N O M I C S E R V I C E S	R18,870,000.00	<b>EIGHTEEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND</b>
7. S T R U C T U R E D A G R I C U L T U R A L E D U C A T I O N A N D T R A I N I N G	R70,770,000,00	<b>SEVENTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND</b>
8. R U R A L D E V E L O P M E N T C O O R D I N A T I O N	R44,730,500	<b>FORTY-FOUR MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED RAND</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R1,209,718,000,00</b>	<b>ONE BILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND NINE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND</b>



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## AGRICULTURE PRODUCER DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

### Ilima/ Letsema and CASP

**Madam Speaker**, for the current financial year, the department will, from its CASP & ILIMA/ Letsema budget, continue to strengthen agricultural development by targeting beneficiaries of land restitution and redistribution, communal and privately owned land. For the past financial year **2023/2024**, 955 small holders and 4 commercial farmers were supported through CASP, thus creating 192 jobs. **Hon Premier** was succinctly correct when he said, **“We are convinced that it is possible to facilitate the commercialization of small black farmers and to open new markets without affecting the profitability of existing commercial farmers”**.

**Honourable Members**, Ilima/ Letsema programme has done well in assisting our farmers for the past fiscal year. The programme has assisted 3040 subsistence farmers, inclusive were also schools and community gardens.

**Motlotlegi Mmusu Kgotla**, about 11,000 hectares were under production under this programme ranging from grains, oilseeds, horticulture fibre, and livestock.

About 86 jobs were created under Ilima/ Letsema for the **2023/2024** monetary year. The year **2024/2025** will see the department rolling out plans and initiatives under CASP that will again cater for all deserving farmers. **Honourable Speaker, I would also like to take this moment to announce to the house at large that the call for 2025/2026 applications for funding will be open on Monday, 29 July 2024.**



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## Livestock Subsector

**Honourable Members,** In terms of livestock numbers NW is the second on pigs, fourth on goats, fifth in cattle, and sixth in sheep. NW is the leading province in terms of broilers at 23,7% in the 2nd quarter of 2023, followed by Mpumalanga at 23.2% (South African Poultry Association, Provincial distribution report 2Q 2023). North West province is the third biggest income-generating Province in terms of commercial agriculture, however, it continues to be confronted by the persistent triple challenges of poverty, inequality, and unemployment. **Honourable Speaker,** during the **2024/2025** fiscal year the department will make sure that we bolster the red meat commodity. The number of producers will increase to 535 beneficiaries with a total budget of R49 900 198.

The department will also intervene further by erecting fences, drilling, casing, testing boreholes, and constructing handling facilities.

## VETERINARY SERVICES

### Livestock Identification and Traceability System (LITS)

**Honourable Members,** Livestock Identification and Traceability System was introduced in the North West province as a trial session. The exercise added value to the program by introducing the system of a category of farmers that were previously not considered. The department has procured all the necessary equipment to implement the system and registered all its farms according to the Surveyor General in the system. Government officials had also been registered as administrators and verifiers of animals as they are registered. The Department had undertaken to subsidize the registration of all communal animals.





**Honourable Members,** the department has been continuing with the tagging of communal animals having already started with both Ngaka Modiri Molema and Bojanala.

In addition to assisting with biosecurity, a track and trace system of livestock could assist in the combatting of stock theft as each animal will be uniquely traceable to the original owner and the chain of successive movements of that animal will be recorded.

### **Animal Reproductive Technology (ART)**

**Honourable Speaker,** Artificial Insemination was formally launched during the first quarter of the current fiscal year. The roll-out will be during the mating season with an intent to coincide with the natural system of the animal and when conditions for pregnancy are most conducive. The processes of procuring for equipment for the program have started and human capital trained and certified.

**Madam Speaker,** the province is faced with a dilemma of scarcity of qualified Veterinarians. It should also be noted that this is a national crisis. There is a heavy outflow of Veterinarians for international destinations. In answering this plight, there is an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between North-West University and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and both parties are prepared to ensure that the MOU is implemented. In the last meeting between the Department and the University we both agreed to strengthen the working group and ensure that both the HOD of DARD and Vice-Chancellor of the University will take the responsibility to monitor the implementation of the MOU.





**The Department supports the University's resolution to establish the Veterinary School and we argue that this Veterinary School be at the Mahikeng Campus- an Executive Council resolution in this regard will be processed through Exco clusters format.** The existing infrastructure, including an Animal Hospital, Mobile Clinics, Laboratories, a well-equipped farm, and accredited Animal Health and Animal Production programmes, will provide a solid foundation for this initiative.

**Madam Speaker,** the university is also committed to expanding its research collaborations across all areas of agriculture, including agricultural economics and agribusiness. These efforts will serve as a catalyst to support subsistence, smallholder, and commercial farmers thus enhancing their productivity and sustainability throughout the province.

## **Grain Commodity**

**Honourable Members,** according to the crop yield ranking of the province nationally; maize is in 3rd position, sunflower 2nd, and Soya beans 3<sup>rd</sup>. Other grains such as sorghum, dry beans, and wheat are also produced in the province. During the **2024/2025** fiscal year, the department will support 256 beneficiaries under the grain commodity, with a staggering R 54 971 000 covering 5,000 hectares.

However, the department would like to acknowledge that these hectares are but a drop in the ocean due to the **outcry of budget constraints** the country is experiencing. Our intervention will range from supplying and delivering diesel, repairing pivots, installing solar systems for water pumping and construction of reservoirs.





## Horticulture Subsector

**Honourable Members,** the Horticulture industry in the North West province is characterised by mainly vegetable production occurring in the region of Bojanala District (Brits area) and fruit production mainly citrus. Beetroot is the leading vegetable produced in the North West Province followed by onions (20.8%) and oranges (19.8%).

Our budget for this sector is at 7 million rands and we will make sure that all districts will be catered for in making sure that we push back the frontiers of poverty thus ushering new hope to all our farmers' inspirations.

## Food Security Initiatives

**Honourable Speaker and your esteemed house,** the right to have access to sufficient food is embedded in sections 26 and 27 of the South African constitutional law of 1996, which states that "Every citizen has the right to have access to sufficient food, water, and social security".

During the past financial year, the department managed to support a total of 3770 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/farms, being Kgora Farmer Training Centre and Potchefstroom College of Agriculture.

**Honourable Members,** according to the National Food Security Survey, the district that is on top of our poverty index is **Dr. Kenneth Kaunda district** with **34%**, followed by **Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati** with **29%**, thirdly **Ngaka Modiri**





**Molema district** with **26%**, and lastly its **Bojanala district Municipality** with a mere **22%**. For the **2024/2025** financial year, a budget of R12 000 000 (Twelve Million Rands) will be set aside for food security targeting 2600 subsistence farmers from the departmental coffers and again an additional 2400 will be profiled for Presidential Economic Stimulus.

In total **5000 subsistence farmers** will be catered for during the **2024/2025** financial year, although our wish was to surpass that number.

**Honourable Members**, as we leave no stone unturned the Department is also in the process of finalizing a partnership with MDA (Mineworkers Development Agency) which is already active in this sector and has almost 11 000 backyard gardens within our Province, and a community vegetable garden initiative called **"Mphepe ke go fepe"** which originally started in Ditsobotla and has now increased to focus in other Municipalities.

## **FARMER FORA**

**Honourable Members**, one of the many ways to have a fully functional service delivery machinery is to frequently engage with farmers. Now this platform will be in an organised forum format which will serve as a bottom-up process for consultation and dialogue between small-scale farmers, commercial farmers, and government, focusing on agriculture and rural development, food security, and poverty reduction throughout the province.





## BEE FARMING

**Honourable Members**, it is said "When you go in search of honey, you must expect to be stung by bees", from the research acquired the department will further enhance Beekeeping in the province by commissioning a feasibility study and develop a strategy. Research and development explorations **on the establishment of district hubs for the production, processing, and marketing of honey and related products will commence this year.** Through your dedicated effort in this regard **Madam Speaker**, the Province is the best performer in this field!!

## AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES

### Sustainable Resource Use Management (SRUM)

**Honourable Members**, it is said "One has to buy or have land and wait, but not to wait to buy or have the land". Now the question is what do you do in the meantime with the land you have? Answer is you take care of the land. The department through the Land Care programme will continue to ensure sustainable land management practices through programs like junior land care, veld care, and soil care land conservation agriculture. This land care programme will also help secure **about 128 temporary jobs.**

The estimated budget from DORA grant to the tune of R9.4 million will be used. **Madam Speaker**, we cannot stop natural disasters, but we can arm ourselves with knowledge that can equip us in the future. Agricultural disaster risk mitigation is critical, given the current global climate change situation.





## Agricultural Colleges

**Motlotlegi Mmusu Kgotla**, Taung, and Potchefstroom Agricultural Colleges are a provincial priority to reposition and enhance skills development and knowledge in the sector, their mandate cuts across the region as well as at the national level. The National Department is still in the progress of the legislative processes and requirements that the colleges must comply with to be declared as a national competency. The Colleges Revitalization Plan (CRP), which is funded through CASP for about R18million, will ensure that the dilapidating infrastructure at the two colleges is attended to in line with the infrastructure maintenance plan, strengthening teaching and learning aid infrastructure and facilities that necessary equipment and machinery are availed to support value adding and processing.

**Honourable Members**, the partnership with AGRISETA will be strengthened to ensure the increased allocation for Learnership programmes in the province, to upskill and contribute to the reduction of unemployment and poverty levels amongst the youth through the plans that are put in place to prepare for the upcoming assessment of the colleges as accredited centers to offer registered qualifications in animal production, livestock farmer, poultry farmer, and dairy unit manager by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupation (QCTO).

## Agricultural Economic Services

**Madam Speaker**, working with all relevant stakeholders, we will ensure that the imperatives of the Agriculture and Agro Processing Master Plan (AAMP) and the Poultry Master Plan are being implemented. We will engage on the Cannabis Master Plan and ensure its operationalization. The department will use its "Agricultural





Refocus Strategy" as a vehicle to implement, while also informing the agricultural chapter of the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS).

**Honourable Members,** access to markets is a challenge for farmers and it's a fact, now through our provincial marketing strategy as well as through the SHEP (Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment Program) the department will help structure commodities and enterprises to ensure compliance with all marketing and economic parameters. Through CASP, the department has allocated R19 million to ensure support to our farmers. **Honourable Members,** Agro-processing and value chain development is still very low in the province, Department we will work very closely with DEDECT with both MECs and HODs with NWDC CEO and Board to develop plans and practical approaches to increase the agro-processing initiative in the Province.

The department is in a series of awareness workshops to farmers, in order to help them with compliance that will enable them access to both state and private funding opportunities. All funding institutions and programmes are being streamlined to ensure collaboration for funding and support of Agri-business.

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Honourable Members,** in our endeavor to capacitate unemployed graduates and contribute to the creation of employment, the department will continue with the rollout of the Unemployed Agricultural Graduate Programme by **appointing 140 graduates** during the current financial year.

The qualifying graduates will then be placed on various farms in the province for a period of two (2) years to acquire practical experience that will better prepare them to pursue entrepreneurship in the sector.





To date **Madam Speaker**, for the fiscal year **2023/2024** a total of **one hundred and nineteen (119) graduates** have been placed on **sixty-three (63) farms across the province**. Furthermore, as part of the Business Support Provision guided by the National Exit Strategy Framework, The Department is proud to announce that two (2) of the Graduates from the previous cohorts will be funded through CASP during the **2024/2025** current financial year to the tune of R1.54 million.

The department further collaborated with the North West University (NWU) Business School in providing both the New Venture Creation Skills Development Training to **86 Unemployed Graduates** as well as Agri-Preneurship Training to **26 Graduates** from the 2022/203 intake which was completed during the previous year.

Collaborating with the Agricultural Research Council (ARC), the department through AgriSETA accredited Kgora Farmer Training Centre will **embark on the training of two thousand three hundred and eighty (2380) farmers across the province on animal, plant, and horticulture production**.

In line with the prioritized/key commodities as per the Agriculture and Agro-Processing Master Plan (AAMP) and working together with the Commodity Groups and Associations in the North West Province, a total of nine (9) commodities will be subjected to a mentorship programme during the **2024/2025** financial year. The department through Kgora Farmer Training Centre will continue strengthening its relationship with AgriSETA in implementing grant-funded learnership programmes. Currently, AgriSETA is grant-funding 20 Learner Plant Production Learnership at Kgora Farmer.





**Madam Speaker,** in collaboration with the Citrus Growers Association (CGA) Grower Development Company, **the Department will be hosting the North West Citrus Growers Information Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Kgora Farmer Training Centre.** Currently, there are six citrus growers in the province of which five (5) are from Bojanala District with one from Ngaka Modiri Molema District.

**Motlotlegi Mmusa Kgotla,** in improving agricultural infrastructure and facilitating access to finance as well as an investment through Public-Private Partnerships, the Department has appointed IDT as the Implementing Agent to refurbish the State Owned Springbokpan Grain Storage Silos and the first phase of restoring electricity to the facility has been completed and contractor for the second phase of mechanical works will be appointed by the end of July 2024. Aligning with the Minister's call during his maiden budget vote on the 16 of July 2024 of collaborating with other stakeholders in the industry to push backlog, consultations with identified key stakeholders to conceptualise the operational plan/model through PPP has already unfolded and envisaged to be completed during the second quarter of the current financial year.

Since the inception, of the Agripark Programme in the **2015/2016** financial year, the National Department is prioritizing Farmer Production Support Unit (FPSU) which is key to driving Rural Development. Four (4) Farmer Production Support Units will be prioritized.

**Honourable Members,** Makweleng (FPSU) situated in Moses Kotane Local Municipality was identified in Bojanala district which consists of Hundred and Ninety-Two (192) Livestock farmers and One hundred and thirty-three 133 Sunflower farmers planting on 6 755 hectares of land. They have been supported with





production inputs Seeds, fertilisers, chemicals, and Diesel and 20 Bonsmara cattle for livestock improvement. **Honourable Members**, Madibeng FPSU situated in Jericho Village comprises of thirty-seven (37) livestock farmers involved in feedlot production to produce high-quality beef while maximising efficiency with the feedlot. The National Department has supported the FPSU to the value of R4 163 681, 00 for Feeds, Medication, Diesel, and Mechanisation.

Currently, they have received implements to the value of R254,150.00. The contractor is on-site implementing the project paving of the access road to the value of R8 000 000.00.

**Madam Speaker**, Ngaka Modiri Molema District has identified Mooifontein FPSU which consists of 81 farmers involved in Grain production in particular Maize, Sunflower, and Beans planting on two thousand four hundred and fifteen (2415) hectares. They have been supported with Production inputs and Mechanisation for the value of R21 367 949,71. In this financial year, they will receive Mechanisation and production inputs to the value of R 7, 283,704.00. As part of returning Mooifontein to its former glory days, the contractor is on-site finalising the project doing refurbishment of ablution facilities, repairs of water supply & drainage, fence & guard house to the value of R3 685 508,50.

**Madam Speaker**, Taung FPSU comprises five hundred and seventy-seven (577) farmers who are also involved in Grain production. They are planting Lucerne, Maize, Sunflower, and Vegetables on Three Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty-four (3854) hectares. They have received support for payment of electricity, procurement of Mechanisation, and production inputs for a total of R 12 641 349, 48.





Through the NARYSEC Program which prioritises skilling and placement of youth for job opportunities, currently, the department has 264 youth receiving training at various institutions, such skills include agricultural and non-agricultural.

## **Natural Disasters**

**Honourable Members,** disasters are never budgeted for as per the disaster management framework. The province will allocate a 1, 2% threshold of its budget within the context of the magnitude and extent of the disaster. However, in cases of provincial disaster over the year, relevant provincial state organs should be able to access funds from the provincial contingency fund once the 1,2% brinks have been reached.

As a department, we will robustly engage with both the provincial treasury and the provincial disaster office in strengthening disaster mitigation and interventions.

**Honourable Members and the house at large,** the North West Province faces critical challenges from wildfires, exacerbated by climate change, which also intensifies floods and droughts in a concerning cycle. Despite these devastating impacts, efforts by DARD and several Districts and Municipalities to have the State of Disaster declared for fires in the NWP were unsuccessful for the third time. This declaration would have provided vital funds to repair and replace damaged infrastructure, effectively recover from the disastrous fire season, and prevent recurrence.

We are committed to addressing and rectifying this matter in **2024** to ensure our province receives the support it urgently needs. In light of these challenges, we are





implementing an innovative, forward-thinking strategy that prioritizes proactive wildfire prevention over reactive measures. This paradigm shift is crucial for sustainable agricultural development.

## **Agricultural Extension Services**

**Honourable Members,** solemn resolve of agricultural extension is to enlighten producers and processors with insights from science to enhance agricultural productivity. Public extension remains relevant despite new innovative approaches such as the latest developments in digital information and communications. The strength of effective Extension Agricultural Services lies in the ability of all relevant stakeholders namely, public and private extension, researchers, service providers, and academic institutions to work together, sharing knowledge and information for the betterment of the sector. It is for this reason that a budget of **R25 519 000.00** is set aside to improve extension services in the province and further enhance the technological aspect.

## **LAND REFORM**

**Honourable Members,** as part of fast-tracking Land Reform and ensuring a change in Land ownership the Department of Land Reform and Rural Development in the province is **engaged in a process of transferring leased farms to the same beneficiaries thus making them FARM OWNERS (Title deeds), with a total of 614 farmers expected to benefit from this program. To date, 37 farmers have been approved for the transfer of such farms in title. Letsema le bolotse, A Lefatshe le boeleng beng ba lone.**





**Bagaetsho**, the Department is hard at work to ensure that the Communal Property Association (CPAs) becomes an effective method of holding the land in title for Restitution beneficiaries. **Bahurutshe Boo-Mokgatla CPA** will receive title deeds and showcase Agricultural Production to the value of **R450m** in Ngaka Modiri Molema District. **Boo- Moshe CPA** in Bojanala will receive title deeds of operating business with Export-market valued at **R350m**. **Subsequently, the Barolong Boo-Rapulane CPA** in Ngaka Modiri Molema district and **Barolong Boo-Modiboa in Matlwang** Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District are also returning land that has been lying fallow back to production.

To provide security of tenure to farm dwellers and contribute towards the improvement of their Socio-Economic situation, the Department will be acquiring 3 properties, two in Ngaka Modiri Molema district and 1 in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district at the cost of R11m covering 1200ha.

The department continues to intervene in Tenure Security of vulnerable farm occupiers; hence many cases are resolved successfully through mediation.

## **VACANCY RATE and IMPACT TO SERVICE DELIVERY**

**Honourable Members**, the expected engagements with Office of the Premier and Provincial Treasury should be properly coordinated and prioritising of posts that directly impact key Departmental activities and community empowerment is critical.





## CONCLUSION

**Honourable Members,** as a department our mandate and duty is to see to it that our farmers are protected and prioritised at all costs. That should be the order of the 7<sup>th</sup> administration.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the ANC and its Alliance partners for my nomination and election as an MPL in the NW Provincial Legislature and the Premier **Hon Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi** for my deployment as the MEC of Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Honourable Members,** those of us deployed must never downplay the responsibility even though some of us are making it as if performance does not matter.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Portfolio Committee chaired by Hon. Sipho Dial for the guidance to the Department, also thank the ANC strategy team led by the Chief Whip comrade Motlalepula Rosho for the guidance when formulating the budget speech.

To the Departmental staff (including the Provincial staff of the National Department component) and all managers, the Department is in existence because of your combined efforts and indeed together more can be achieved.

To my family, I thank you for understanding my calling and to always be the first when the chips are down.

**Ke a leboga –Ndiya Bulela- I thank you!**

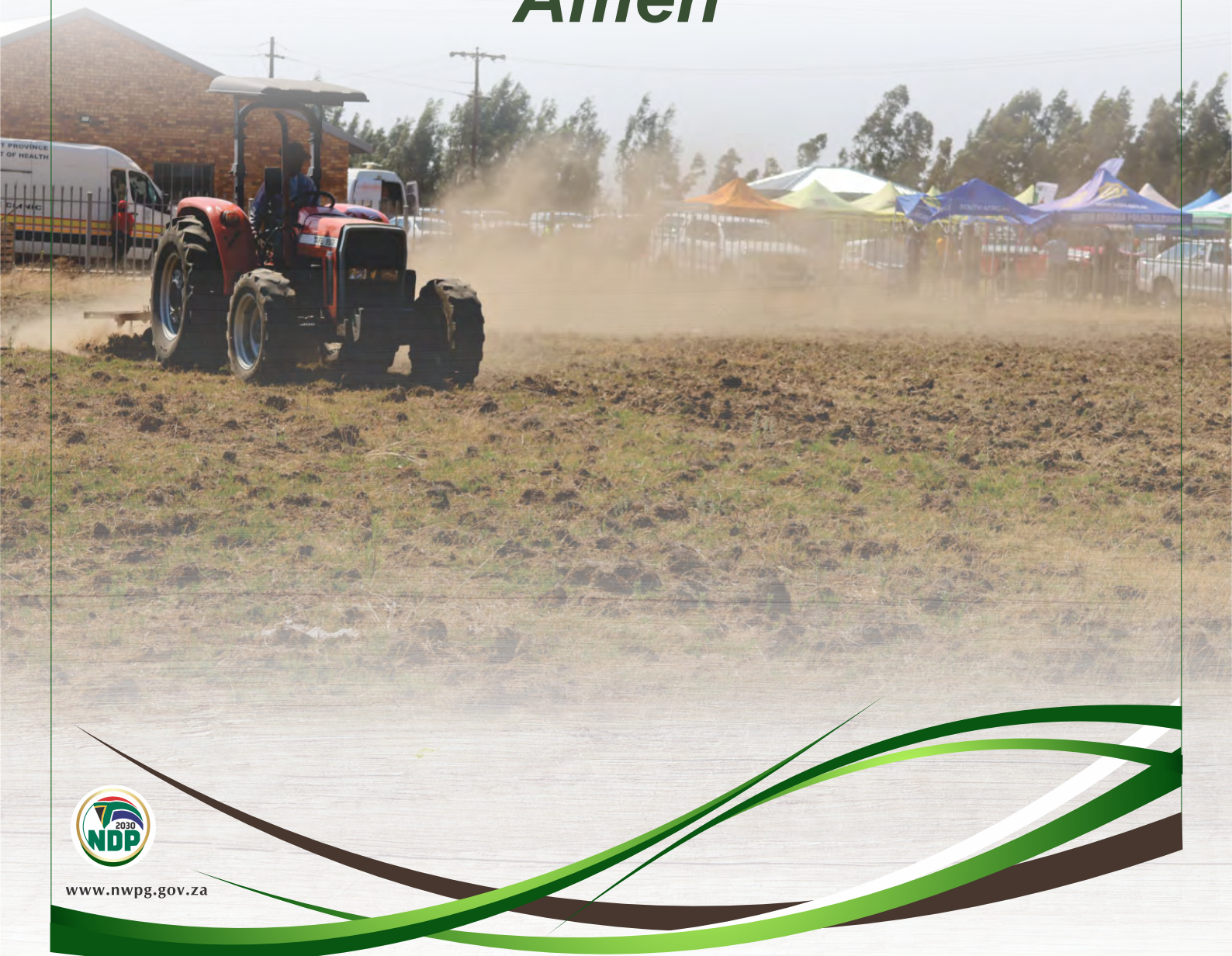




# A FARMER'S PRAYER

*Bless me with friends who come when I call  
Land that's fertile so my crops will grow tall  
Reliable equipment that doesn't breakdown  
Weather that's perfect sunup to sundown  
A bountiful harvest I will not regret  
For I am a farmer on this you can bet!*

## Amen



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