



GRAIN SA

‘FARMER DEVELOPMENT’

INTERIM REPORT TO THE MAIZE TRUST

1 OCTOBER 2013 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2014

FINANCIALS TILL 31 JANUARY 2014

PRESENTED ON 17 MARCH 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This interim report shows the consolidation of the two separate budgets that were approved by the Maize Trustees for the current financial year (the application for the continuation of the 'normal' programme as well as the application for the new office for the Eastern Cape- Maclear).

Unfortunately we were only able to fill the position in the Eastern Cape as from 1 February 2014 – we have appointed Mr Vusi Ngesi who was previously employed by Pannar serving the Eastern Cape. We are looking forward to the contribution he is going to make in the province.

All the other projects are progressing well. We have presented a very large number of courses during this reporting period. Last year we managed to secure funding from the ARC for training courses and we believe that this will be repeated again this year. In the light of the funding from the ARC, we have done most of the Maize Trust courses so that when the ARC money is released after March, we are able to continue with the large number of courses being presented each week.

Our thanks to the Maize Trust for making this entire programme a reality – we believe that we are assisting farmers to grow as farmers, while at the same time contributing to household and national food security.

Financials

MAIZE TRUST ACTUALS	Actuals	Budget	Budget
Project duration: Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	YTD	YTD	Remaining
EXPENSES			
Study group inc. management fee	R 1 143 582	R 3 331 939	R 2 188 357
Demonstration trials inc. management fee	R 273 344	R 586 691	R 313 347
Farmers days inc. management fee	R 93 727	R 885 520	R 791 793
Demonstration trials tillage costs inc. management fee	R 8 502	R 51 877	R 43 375
Partnerships inc. management fee	R 113 970	R 308 366	R 194 396
Farmer of the Year inc. management fee	R 117 475	R 400 917	R 283 442
Advanced farmers inc. management fee	R 1 410 937	R 4 941 004	R 3 530 067
Training material inc. management fee	R 179 579	R 319 946	R 140 367
Training courses inc. management fee	R 1 563 246	R 2 308 781	R 745 535
Pula Imvula inc. management fee	R 668 509	R 2 258 130	R 1 589 621
TOTAL COST Including Management Fee	R 5 572 872	R 15 393 171	R 9 820 299

CREATION OF AND SERVICE TO STUDY GROUPS.

PROJECT NUMBER

Study Groups : Project A1 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Creation of and service to the study groups.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

The developing producers need training and support in order to become commercial farmers. Many are producing maize only for household food security and need to improve their production methods, management and marketing skills. There is world-wide concern about food security – not so much from the perspective of a food shortage, but rather from the affordability point of view. It is important that we assist all producers of maize to improve their production practices.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To encourage developing farmers, who have access to land, to form study groups which meet regularly to access training and information relating to the maize industry. Farmers start at the study group level and then progress from there. We are finding also that as farmers graduate from the programme, they become very valuable members of the study groups as they can pass on first-hand experience to the other farmers.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 3 331 939

Used to date: R 1 143 582

Remaining: R 2 188 357

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Establish and service the following study groups
 - a. Free State – 11
 - b. Mpumalanga – 26
 - c. Eastern Cape – 50
 - d. KZN – 14
 - e. North West - 10
2. Hold monthly meetings with all the groups in the months from February to August (7 meetings in total).
3. Take the members of the study group through a training programme planned for the year.
4. Include the Departmental Agricultural extension officer in the study group meetings, where possible.
5. Maintain a data base of study groups and members which includes the hectares they plant annually as well as the yields they achieve.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

In the North West, the following study groups are being serviced:

- Makouspan
- Brooksby
- Siberia / Mareetsane
- Weltevreden
- Mofufutso
- Middleton B
- Mafikeng
- Witpan
- Sione
- Vrisgewaagdt
- Goedgevonden
- Ikageng
- Tigane

In the Free State, the following study groups are being serviced:

- Thaba Nchu
- Sannaspos
- Bultfontein
- Jacobsdal
- Koffiefontein
- Fouriesburg
- Wesselsbron
- Ficksburg
- Theunissen
- Edenville
- Paul Roux
- Fouriesburg
- Welkom
- Senekal
- Ladybrand

In Mpumalanga, the following study groups are being serviced:

- Barberton Farmers – Barberton,
- Bettysgoed Farmers – Bettysgoed,
- Cunningmore A – Bushbuckridge;

- Clau Clau Study group - Clau Clau Intamakuphila F/Assoc – Mayflower,
- Inkalane CPA – Badplaas,
- Jeppe’s reef F/A - Jeppe’s reef,
- Hibamandla Farmers (Cunningmore B) - Bushbuckridge,
- Gingirikani F/Assoc – Mkhuhlu,
- Kwanang Sandford Group – Marite
- Lijahasisu F/A – Mpuluzi,
- Luzamo A – Moedergat,
- Luzamo B – Kromdraai,
- Sibuyela Emasimini – Esandleni,
- Nghexana F/Assoc (Kildal) – Bushbuckridge,
- Phambili Phakane Farmers – Phakane,
- Salubindza Study group – Salubindza,
- Siyaphambili F/A – Diepdale,
- Steenbok F/Assoc B – Steenbok,
- Schuezendal F/Assoc – Schuzendal,
- Thuthukani F/Assoc – Fernie,
- Mjejane F/Assoc – Mjejane,
- Ronaldsey F/Assoc – Mkhuhlu,
- Sulphur Springs
- Donkerhoek
- Sheepmoor
- Pixley Ka Seme (Daggakraal)
- Masethuthukeni (Nigel)
- Delmas

In KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Free State, the following study groups are being serviced:

- Bergville Agriculture
- Dukuza
- Dundee
- Emangweni
- Emmaus
- Kestell
- Mhlungwini
- Mtshezi
- Ndumo
- Nquthu
- Uphuzane
- Vryheid
- Zwelisha

In the Eastern Cape, the following study groups are being serviced:

- Black Diamond
- Gqagqhala
- Intsingizi
- Khanyayo
- Lower Tsitsana
- Lunyaweni
- Mabandla
- Mount Ayliff
- Ndunge
- Njijini

- Ntlozelo
- Nyaniso
- Ongeluksnek
- Paballong
- Pontseng
- Pitseng
- Sidakeni
- Siyaphambili
- Taung
- Upper Tsitsana
- Umnga Flats
- Nvenyane
- Mbenya
- Ezicubeni Maize Co-op - Cofimvaba
- Inqaba ka Ngudle Co-op - Cofimvaba
- Kofa Association - Dutywa
- Mayipase - Middledrift
- Mbozisa Farmers Association - Mthatha
- Machibi Massive Food - Peddie
- Ithango Farmers' Co-operative - Indwe
- Njezweni Agricultural Primary Co-operative - Ngqeleni
- Zimbileni - Shawbury
- Ndlangisa
- Zabalaza Co-operative - Ida
- Nkondlo Maize Growers - Ngcobo
- Ithemba Farmers' Co-operative - Elliot
- Sikhulule Primary Agricultural Co-op - Mthatha
- Siyakhula Gxididi Maize Project - Mthatha
- Masincedane - Centane
- Middledrift Farmers Association - Middledrift
- Nyoka Farmers Association - Cofimvaba
- Ngximnde Primary Agricultural Co-operative - Cofimvaba
- Umnga Maize Project - Tsolo
- Ncora Irrigation Scheme - Cofimvaba
- Ntonga Agricultural Co-operative - Middledrift
- Nthingwevu Farmers Association - Cofimvaba
- Mrhoshozweni Maize Project - Mthatha
- Jojweni - Lady Frere

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

To date, some of the lectures that have been presented include the following:

- Soil moisture conservation
- The value of tractor maintenance – how to extend the working life of your tractor
- Chemical weed control and a spray programme
- Fertilization and top dressing
- Crop rotations

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

We have not experienced any problems with this project – the farmers look forward to the meetings and participate readily.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots: Project B1 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Demonstrations trials.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In the less commercialized areas, it is necessary to have the demonstration trials so that the developing farmers are able to see the results of good production practices – correct soil preparation, correct application of lime, if applicable, correct fertilization (resulting from the soil sampling), correct plant population and cultivar selection, proper weed and pest control etc. The farmers are able to experience the practices and then do the same on their own land.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To establish and manage trial plots where farmers can be exposed to the benefits of correct soil preparation, fertilization, cultivar selection, weed and pest control and harvesting. The personnel in the programme will coordinate the establishment of these trials with other role players in the industry – the contractor, the seed companies, the fertilizer companies and the agro-chemical companies so that the farmers are exposed to the best possible production information and techniques.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 586 691

Used to date: R 273 344

Remaining: R 313 347

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To establish the following trial plots :
 - a. KZN – 5
 - b. Mpumalanga – 13
 - c. Eastern Cape - 16
2. To get input supplier companies to participate in the trials.
3. To demonstrate poor practice against good practice.
4. To manage the trials properly so as to expose farmers to best practice.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

We have been fortunate again to be assisted by many input supply companies with the establishment of the demonstration trials. These companies not only provide the seed, fertilizer and chemicals, but also assist with the work of planting and managing the trials, as well as sharing their knowledge with the farmers in the areas.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

We have found it to be very advantageous to use the local methods and equipment in the planting of the trials so that the farmers can see that nothing is preventing them from improving their production practices – they just need to apply the knowledge that we are giving them.

Trials planted in Mpumalanga:

- Barberton Trial plot - Barberton
- Salubindza Trial plot - Hazyview
- Schuzendal Trial plot- Malelane
- Luphisi Trial plot - Nelspruit
- Jeppe's Reef Trial plot- Malelane
- Cunningmore A Trial - Hazyview
- Kildare Trial plot- Hazyview
- Khumbula Trial plot- White river
- Fernie Trial plot - Caroline
- Hereford Trial plot - Caroline
- Cork Trial plot - Hazyview
- Kromdraai Trial plot - Caroline
- Daggakraal
- Donkerhoek
- Sulphur Springs

Trials have been planted in the Eastern Cape at:

- Nkondlo Maize Project - Ngcobo
- Siyakhula Gxididi Maize Project - Mthatha
- Machibi Massive Food - Peddie
- Ntonga Agricultural Primary Co-operative - Middledrift
- Ngximnde Primary Agricultural Co-operative - Cofimvaba
- Nyoka Farmers Association - Cofimvaba
- Masincedane - Centane
- Ithango Farmer's Co-operative - Indwe
- Sikhulule Primary Agricultural Co-operative - Mthatha
- Ithemba Farmers' Co-operative - Elliot
- Sikhulule Primary Agricultural Co-operative – Mthatha
- Nvenyane Study Group
- Mr Tobo- Ndunge
- Lunyaweni Study Group
- MR Boki

- Mrs. Mfoxo- Umnga Flats
- Nvenyane Study Group
- Ntsingizi SG
- Khanyayo
- Njijini
- Kokstad

Trials have been planted in KwaZulu- Natal at the following places:

- Uphuzane
- Vryheid
- Mhlungwini
- Emangweni
- Dukuza
- Seotlong (Free State near Kestell)

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

It is often a problem to keep livestock out of the trial sites – this is particularly the case when grazing is scarce. We do our best to ensure that the trials are well protected.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Demonstration trials continue to be a good way of showing small scale farmers the benefits of correct methods – these farmers are mostly in the deep rural areas and they do not see good farming practices on a daily basis.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots : Project B2 / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Contracting and inputs for the establishment of the trial plots.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

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MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

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PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 51 877

Used to date: R 8 502

Remaining: R 43 375

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To contract agricultural contractors to work the soil and plant the demonstration trials.
2. Procure, where necessary, the inputs for the trials.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

All the trials have been planted as listed in the report above – we have indeed been very fortunate to have most of the inputs and tillage work donated.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

As above

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Each year we make provision in the budget so that we could purchase the inputs if we were not able to have them donated.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmers Days: Project B3 / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Farmers days.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In order to assist the farmers in their development towards commercial production, they need to be exposed to demonstrations where they can become familiar with the practical aspects of crop production.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

Once the sites for the demonstrations trails have been established, it is very important that the developing farmers in that region be exposed to all the aspects of planting and tending to the crops that are to be planted on those sites. The farmers days offer an opportunity for the farmers to get together with other farmers, input supply companies and all other role players in the industry who are invited to be part of these days – the farmers gain much information and exposure during these occasions.

In the more commercialized areas, trials are planted by the various input supply companies and ARC affiliates where farmers' days can be held, specifically for the developing farmers. Farmers' days are also held on the farms of commercial farmers as well as other suitable venues. These days expose farmers to information and enable them to establish a support system which exists in their area of farming. We need to prepare farmers for the day that they will not longer be part of a development programme – they need to have their own systems of support.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

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NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved :R 885 520

Used to date: R 93 727

Remaining: R 791 793

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Each of the 8 offices is to host 10 Farmers Days during the year.
2. To invite members of the study groups close to the site to attend the farmer's day.
3. To invite the local departmental extension officers to attend the farmers days.
4. To invite input supplier companies to attend the farmer's days and give a lecture on their aspect of the production.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

In the North West, the following farmers' days have been held:

8th October 2013 Study groups invited:

- Kaalpan study group
- Makouspan Study group
- Siberia Study group
- Mareetsane Study group
- Brooksby study group

+56 farmers attended

9th October 2013 Study groups invited:

- Mafikeng Study group
- Ventersdorp study group
- Ikageng Study group
- Itsoseng/Blaauwbank Study group

+/- 30 Farmers attended

The following farmer's days are planned for Mpumalanga:

- Schuzendal - 19/02/2014
- Luphisi - 21/02/2014
- Salubindza - 26/02/2014
- Cork - 28/02/2014
- Khumbula - 12/03/2014
- Barberton - 14/03/2014
- Kromdraai - 19/03/2014
- Hereford - 20/03/2014
- Jeppe's Reef - 21/03/2014
- Fernie - 26/03/2014
- Kildare - 28/03/2014
- Donkerhoek - 25/03/2014
- Daggakraal – 26/06/2014
- Sulphur Springs – 27/06/2014

The following farmer's days are planned for the Free State:

- Fouriesburg 13/03/ 2014
- Welkom 27/03/2014
- Edenville 10/04/2014
- Wesselsbron 22/05/2014
- Paul Roux 29/05/2014
- Seotlong 12/06/ 2014
- Bothaville 19/06/2014

- Welkom 26/06/2014
- Jacobsdal - Oranje Riet - Public Hall – November 2013
- Thaba Nchu/Sannaspos - Glen Agricultural College – February 2014
- Bultfontein - Boertjie Plek – April 2014
- Koffiefontein - African Spirit Assembly Hall – May 2014
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The following farmer's days are planned for the Eastern Cape :

- Nkondlo Maize Project – Ngcobo - 10/03/ 2014
- Ithemba Farmers' Co-operative – Elliot - 11 /03/ 2014
- Siyakhula Gxididi Maize Project – Mthatha - 13/03/2014
- Machibi Massive Food – Peddie - 19 /03/ 2014
- Ntonga Agricultural Primary Co-operative – Middledrift - 20/03/2014
- Ngximnde Primary Agricultural Co-operative – Cofimvaba - 25/03/2014
- Nyoka Farmers Association – Cofimvaba - 01 /04/2014
- Masincedane – Centane - 07 /04/ 2014
- Ithango Farmers' Co-operative – Indwe - 10 /04/2014
- Sikhulule Primary Agricultural Co-operative – Mthatha - 14/04/2014

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Very few of the farmers' days have been held already as we usually wait for the crop to be well established before inviting the farmers to a day. Most of the farmers' days will be hosted during March and April and we will be able to report on them in the final report.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is deemed to be adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project – a wonderful way to introduce the farmers to all the local role players in the field of crop production and input supplies.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Partnerships : Project B 4 / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Partnerships with other institutions.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There are many important role players in the maize industry and it is important that there be a good working relationship between all. The field of agricultural development is very wide and it is important to access information and support on all aspects – no-one group can take ownership of the development process.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To involve all the various role players in the agricultural industry in the development of farmers – there is a role to be played by each one in terms of their own speciality. Co-ordination is essential if there is to be constant and sustained progress. In the interests of long term sustainability, the farmers have to be assisted to get to know all the various role players in their field of farming – they must have a network of support that will continue once they reach commercial status.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 308 365

Used to date: R 113 970

Remaining: R 194 396

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To assist farmers wherever possible to access money for production, and to liaise with input supplier companies so as to negotiate support for the developing farmers.
2. To maintain contact with other developmental organisations who are in the farmer development field so as to maximise the impact of all the various programmes.
3. To maintain close contact with the provincial departments of agriculture so as to be able to support their extension staff and increase their capacity for delivery on the ground.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The question of production financing for the developing farmers remains very challenging. During 2013, at the request of the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, we prepared a business plan for the financing of 466 farmers on 61 000 ha – the plan was for the mechanization required as well as the production inputs for these farmers. This was to be part of the Masibambisane Project, which later became known as the Fetsa Tlala project. Despite all our efforts and follow up, it is sad to acknowledge that all this came to nothing and no new farmers were supported financially by the DRDLR. At their request, we repeatedly amended the plan until in the end, the money that was approved for the North West was given to a relatively unknown service provider.

At the national level, we have a good relationship with a number of officials in the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (Mdu Shabane, Vusi Mahlangu, Dr Moshe Swartz, Dr Tom Zhuwau, Edwin Moshabele, Malibongwe Gcwabe to mention a few). At the provincial levels we have good relations with Mr Steven Modise (Free State), David Mashiloane (North West) and Xolani Mashabane (Mpumalanga). In the provinces we seem to have a more open and fruitful relationship than with the personnel in the National Office.

We are currently working on establishing a relationship with Simphiwe Somdyala and Sifiso Ngesi from Old Mutual – they have a loan fund for developing grain farmers. We are also in discussions with Mr MK Sizwe and Mahendra Kara of the Landbank in Pretoria to see if we could get loan funding for farmers there. Although there are various constraints to all the funding, having failed to secure grants this year, we believe that we will have to go the route of loan financing for production inputs if we are to get all these farmers into production – they have access to land, and many have access to mechanization.

In Mpumalanga, good relationships have been established with the following people:

- Mr. Nhlebela - DARDLA
- Mr. Ndlovu - DARDLA
- Prudy Mbokane & Phineas Ngomane - DARDLA
- Doreen Sambo - DARDLA
- Mandla Ndlala - DARDLA -
- Ben Gwebu - DARDLA
- Prudy Mbokane, Mr. Ngomane DARDLA
- Malinda from DARDLA
- ED. Nyundu DARDLA
- Doreen DARDLA -
- Lucas Nhlane DARDLA
- Jacobeth Zulu DARDLA
- Dube DARDLA
- Shadrack Mabuza Monsanto
- Nhlane DARDLA
- Lerato DARDLA
- Ben Gwebu DARDLA
- LP. Ngcobo DARDLA
- Mr. Matjaka DARDLA
- Phumudzo DARDLA - Phineas Ngomane and Lazarus Pilusa DARDLA

- Mr. Mthethwa DARDLA
- LP. Ngcobo DARDLA
- Mr. Baloyi DARDLA
- Lowveld Agro Chem (Belfast)
- Dept. Agriculture in Delmas, Ermelo and Volksrust
- Sasol Nitro
- Monsanto

In KZN, good relationships have been established with the following people:

- Monsanto - Shadrack Mabuza
- Sasol Fertilizer - Pius Radebe
- Bayer - Israel Mashile
- University of Missouri - Prof. Jerre Gilles and Mr Bill Folk
- Kwanalu - Roy Dandala
- Monsanto - Kobus Steenekamp
- Pioneer - Marchant van Rensburg
- Cedara - Bright Mashiyane
- UAP - Bethuel Hadebe

In the Eastern Cape, good relationships have been established with the following:

- Mtiza Farmers' Co-operative- Mr Fadana
- Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency- Mr M. Galada

In the Free State, good relationships have been established with the following people:

- Johan Bibbey - Monsanto Agronomist
- Kobus Steenkamp - Monsanto
- Bennie Bester - Monsanto
- Magda du Toit - Monsanto
- Louis Pearson - Pioneer
- Laurie Prinsloo - Pioneer
- Dirk du Preez - Pioneer
- Stefan Prehn - Pannar
- Eugene Marais - Pannar
- Sandlana Smit - Office of the Premier free State Province
- Keen Vorster - Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
- Danile Mfunwana - Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
- Johan Joubert - Agrico
- ASM - Engineering Bothaville
- Oranje Riet Waterskema - Jacobsdal
- Dep. Van Landbou - Jacobsdal Ext. Officer
- Dep. van Landbou - Petrusburg Ext. Officer
- Dep. Van Landbou - Bultfontein Ext. Officer
- Dep. Van Landbou - Koffiefontein Ext. Officer
- Dep. Van Landbou - Thaba Nchu Ext. Officer
- Case I H - Bloemfontein
- Monosem
- Baldan No - Till Planters
- Jumill - Ottosdal
- Monsanto - Bultfontein
- Agrichem - Bultfontein
- Dr. Schalk v. Wyk - Groundnuts
- G.W.K. - William Christian - Douglas
- Glen Agric. College

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

With the planting of demonstration trials and the hosting of farmers days etc, the cooperation that we get from many role players is encouraging. However, the Achilles heel at this stage for most of our farmers is access to production credit, and regrettably we are not making good progress in this regard. WE believe that with the new proposed loans available through GFADA (still in progress) that we should be able to assist more farmers to make the optimal use of the land available to them.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

In principle cooperation with many people is achievable, we need to get the loans in place so that the farmers can actually get to the fields and use all the land that is at their disposal.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

As above

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project and requires a lot of time and effort – all role players need to be fully engaged if we are to make a success of transformation in the industry.

C. DEVELOPING GRAIN FARMER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmer of the Year : Project C / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Developing Grain farmer of the Year competition.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a huge amount of development work that is being done to support black farmers. There is also a perception that there are no black commercial farmers who are performing well. The purpose of this competition is to give the maize farming industry exposure and publicity that is positive, and create role models for other people considering a career in agriculture. .

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To recognise excellence in the maize farming industry amongst the developing farmers and provide role models for others who are entering the industry. Possible candidates for the competition are supported. Regular visits to their farms play a part in improving their production practices, as well as preparing them for the competition.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 400 917

Used to date: R 117 175

Remaining: R 283 442

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To hold a competition at three levels:

- a. Subsistence Farmer of the Year (producing on 1-10 ha)
 - b. Small holder Farmer of the Year (producing from 1 ha to 250 tons)
 - c. Commercial Farmer of the Year (producing more than 250 tons)
2. Identify and support candidates for the competition.
 3. Prepare documentation (portfolios) for the nominees for the competition.
 4. Arrange and conduct the tours during which the nominees are assessed.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

During the late production season of 2013, we identified possible candidates for the competition. Evaluation panels were established who visited all the farmers in the various categories to identify the finalists and winners in each competition.

On 17 October we had our 250 ton club function at Amanzi Guest Lodge near Brandfort in the Free State. (The reason for this venue was that many of the farmer-guests for the day travel very long distances to be at the function and so we were able to arrange for all of them to be accommodated at the venue for the night before the function.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The candidates in the 'commercial competition' were the following:

Fana Nkosi

Khaya Nkuhlu - finalist

Maurice Boki - **Winner**

Thabang Tsephe - finalist

In the small holder farmer category, the candidates were the following:

Victor M Mahlinza - **Winner**

Vuyani Kama - finalist

Simphiwe Jalisa – finalist

In the subsistence farmer category, the candidates were the following:

TO Mdluli (Mrs) - **Winner**

Emmanuel Hadebe - finalist

PM Nxumalo – finalist

The function was a great success and enjoyed by all present. One of the highlights of the day was a presentation by Victor Mahlinza who was the small holder competition winner. He told the audience about how he had managed to 'just do it' despite facing a number of challenges. We regret that Victor passed away late last year – it is indeed a loss to all.

The winner of the subsistence competition was Mrs. TO Mdluli – a truly inspirational woman whose life has been changed by adopting modern maize production practices. This year she has encouraged another 8 of her neighbors to adopt round-up ready seed with the spray programme and they too are all eager to enter the competition as their maize is truly beautiful. Mrs. Mdluli was promised a small mill by Monsanto so that they are able to mill their maize near home and ensure their household food needs are met. Husqvarna also presented her with a small tillage tractor – useful for the very small farmers.

We have already started preparations for the 2014 competition and the panels will be assessing during March and April of this year.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

This year our only problem is to reduce the number of candidates in the small holder and subsistence categories to a number that the panel can manage to assess within one week! The farmers are very excited about participating in the competition.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This project gives hope and inspiration to other farmers and should be on-going.

D. SUPPORT TO ADVANCED AND BLACK COMMERCIAL FARMERS

PROJECT NUMBER

Advanced farmer support: Project D 1 / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Support to "Advanced" farmers.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is still a considerable gap between the more advanced developing farmers and the commercial farmers. All the developing farmers cannot be supported at the same basic level. Through the study groups, the starter farmers are supported with information and training – this to get them into production and to cultivate a basic understanding of the maize industry. However, there are farmers who are now beyond the type of support that they get through the study group structures. These farmers are already farming on a semi-commercial scale, but they are not in a position to be left entirely to their own devices in the commercial world.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To support the outstanding candidates who have emerged from the study group system. These farmers need one on one support in terms of production planning, management, support in terms of financial applications and reporting etc. The identified farmers will have one year of intensive support. Each year a new group of farmers will be identified and supported and thereafter they should be able to continue on their own with some telephonic support by the regional officers. When the farmer is producing in excess of 250 tonnes per year, and has met the 'commercial standards' of production, he/she will be handed over to the Commercial producers in that region – this is to fast track the integration of the black farmers into the commercial sector.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 4 941 003

Used to date: R 1 410 937

Remaining: R 3 530 067

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To identify and give on farm service to the following number of farmers:
 - a. Free State – 30
 - b. North West – 20
 - c. Mpumalanga – 20
 - d. KZN – 20
 - e. Eastern Cape - 20
2. Give these identified farmer intensive training and support.
3. To access all the relevant information on these farmers so as to assist them with applications for funding, and to draw up a 'Farmer Portfolio' for each farmer.
4. Place the portfolios on the web site and get all the role players to keep the portfolio updated.
5. Access, if possible, recapitalization from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform so as to 'fast-track' their development.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

As explained in the report on 'partnerships', we continue to struggle to get production financing for the farmers in the programme. Where the departments of agriculture give out grants, it is true to say that the inputs are always too late, and the same inputs are given to all the farmers who participate in their programme. We have many photos of production inputs that are being kept in sheds in Mpumalanga – this year the farmers only got seed – not good seed which was also given out late!

We tried very hard to get money for 466 farmers from DRDLR but this failed (discussed earlier).

In the North West, we have continued to support all the farmers who were funded by either the DARD or the DRDLR. DuToit van der Westhuizen, our development coordinator was assisted by a number of other mentors who were paid from the implementation fees included in the project budget. This year, these farmers have managed to plant in the region of 10 000 ha of maize and sunflowers. This is less than the 12 000 of the previous year, and this was due to late rains coupled to a very restricted budget (the remains of last year's budget).

Farmers in the DARD Group 83:

The farmers in this group of 83 used shared equipment belonging to the DARD.

Batloung Ba Ga Shole - G Shole – Ramatlabama; M M Moruakgomo – Ramatlabama; M Sefhiri - Tshunyane (Vryhof); M S G Lekoma Madibe Ga Kubu (Vryhof); Elijah M M Tshunyane (Vryhof); M J M Tshunyane (Vryhof); Hang Over Private Farm P P Dikobe Vryhof ;M J Motsoeneng Ditshilo; I N Mongane Nooitgedacht; S A Mokgethi Nooitgedacht ;R B Legwete Nooitgedacht; M J Phele Mooifontein; E G Chomi Brooksby; R S Molema Brooksby; K A Motsuenyane Brooksby; T L Mmusi Brooksby; M A Mutloane Brooksby; B B Phele Lombaardslaagte; M M K Motsikoe Makouspan ;S Manoto Lombaardslaagte; M F Mokgethi Bapong; K V T Kgosiemang Bapong; K M Motaung Naauwpoort; T Molefe Naauwpoort; M W Mathe Kaalpan; T S Rankatisho Mooipan; A M Zilimbola Makouspan; PM Phage Kaalpan; K H Mbaba Kaalpan; K G Mohapi Manamolela; S D Taje Manamolela ; A M Tshetlhane Mofufutso; N J Metswamere Klippan; O L Bankies Hendriksdal; K I Mokone Sione; L L Metswamere Klippan; M F Malo Vrischtgewagt; M I Molefe Direetsane; K P Molefe Direetsane; T I Shashape Direetsane; T J Mogapi Direetsane; J G Mmane Direetsane; O J Seitisho Delareyville; T E Madito Kopela; T A Shoai Kopela; S J Tlholoe Kopela; M J Kgomo Kopela; K E Moshoeite Kopela; K D Riet Kopela; M J Mokgethi Kopela; J M Kgalapa Kopela; S J Molete Kopela ; T S Booizene Welverdiend; Stephen Moezene Booizene Welverdiend B X Booizene Welverdiend; K S Molatudi Welverdiend; Temo Leruo Primary Coop D Maleme Putfontein Boitshoko Phenyoo Coop L Ndao Lichtenburg; M M Mokone Putfontein; M P Morule Leeuwfontein; O Mfikwe Rietfontein; R J

Mokotedi Rhenosterdoring ;Putfontein CPA M Shole Putfontein; M H Nkashe Verdwaal ;W K Tshabalala Verdwaal; T M Nkashe Verdwaal ;A Labius Nkashe Verdwaal ; S S Tsatsimpe Verdwaal; B T Pelela Springbokpan; M M Motlhabane Bodibe; R H Teme Bodibe; M M D Khoarai Verdwaal; K Kukama Blaauwbank; N A Mokgwamme Blaauwbank ; Ikageng CPA G Ndagala Blaauwbank; B.P.Pine Blaauwbank ; M Mosiane Blaauwbank; M P Serema Sheila; K F Tshotetsi Sheila; G T Molebatsi Ga Motlatla, Sekaka Sa Dikgalaopa H Mongala Kraaipan; Bipanang Basadi Coop John Kgame Masopi Louisdal Dirang Motlhala Co-operative P Makoloka Mareetsane;

Farmers in the DARD Group 26

The farmers in this group made use of the individual equipment that was bought for them using the DARD funding in the previous year.

I Botha Sannieshof; I Kgasu Sannieshof; A Lethabane Sannieshof ; S Lethabane Sannieshof; P Mabulwane Sannieshof; S Mabulwane Sannieshof; L Machuisa Mafikeng; D Makgoana Sannieshof; A Manuel Lichtenburg; A Mapanyane Lichtenburg; M Mazwi Sannieshof; P Meerken Sannieshof; K Melken Sannieshof; Mokaleng Joseph Sannieshof; Mokgethi Lukas Lichtenburg; Molema Prince Lichtenburg Monaisa Ramodisa Mafikeng Mosiako Solomon Sannieshof; A Mothibedi Mafikeng; L Mothusi Sannieshof; A Mutloane Sannieshof; E Pholo Mafikeng; W Raphoto Mafikeng; B Lekgetho Sannieshof; L Malo Delareyville; S Zilimbola Mafikeng;

Farmers in the DRDLR group of 14

These farmers used own equipment which had been bought for them in the previous year. Although the DRDLR group of 14 farmers did receive more money from the Department, the money was very late – half of them received the money after 20 December 2013, while the others only received the money after 10 January 2014. Most were able to plant a crop despite the money being late, although some of the farmers could not plant all their land due to the constraints of time and drought.

Batuka farming Lekoma Sannieshof; S S Booizene Delareyville; E M Manoto Sannieshof; J R L Metswamere Sannieshof/Delareyville; Basadi Gopolang Agricultural Delareyville ;S A Ratshikana Mafikeng ;Dwaalkraal Trust

Sannieshof; S M Makhutle Lichtenburg ;J T Mbaba Sannieshof; C M Mbanga Ventersdorp; M S Motswenyane Lichtenburg; J K Peele Ventersdorp; I T Taje Potchefstroom ;D Malo Delareyville

In the Free State, the following farmers have been supported this year (some also with recap funding from the DRDLR)

- Jafta Taso - Senekal
- John Dipali - Senekal
- Koos Mthimkulu - Senekal
- William Matasane - Senekal
- Samuel Nyambose - Senekal
- Simon Motsima - Senekal
- Abel Thakamakgoa - Hennenman
- Willem Modukanele - Welkom
- Joel Ralekgetla - Welkom
- Job Tsokodibane - Welkom
- Jack Kokoma - Bothaville
- Michael Ramoholi - Theunissen
- Reuben Maphira - Theunissen
- Petrus Monnane - Theunissen
- Jan Khosimore - Wesselsbron
- Johannes Setshego – Welkom
- Mimie Jacobs – Soutpan
- Tikwe Farming - Hoopstad
- Lesoetsa and Ramakau - Ladybrand

- Moliane and Roestof - Ladybrand
- Thamae D L - Ficksburg
- Sethojane BJ - Ficksburg
- Mofokeng P - Paul Roux
- Mokoena Frans - Tweespruit
- Ruben Motlhabane
- Emelda Maklaar
- Ramarumo Moalosi
- Johannes Motlhabane
- Edwin Mahlatsi
- Miriam Bityi
- Elliot Veli
- Piet Shuping
- Frans Macholo
- Solly Madika
- Keith Middleton
- Abraham Mongo (Koffiefontein)
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In KZN the following farmers have been supported (some in the Eastern Free State)

- J Mokoena
- L A Makhalemele
- M A Letuka
- T Z Macholo
- L S Mbele
- M T Tsotetsi
- J Zim
- P Semela
- T F Nkuhlu
- J Motsoeneng
- S M Mbele
- M D Maleleka
- P Chabalala
- Jan Matlokoa
- M Makubo
- E Makubo
- J Mokoena
- M Mlangeni
- S Mazibuko
- M A Mnculwane
- SVM Mahlinza

In Mpumalanga, the following farmers are being supported:

- Vincent Mdluli - Luphisi ,
- Elmon Mthombothi - Khumbula
- Dineo Mtsatfa - Delmas
- Them bani Moyo - Witbank
- Simon Mawila - Middelburg - to be replaced)
- Boy Mokoena (Bronkhorstspruit)
- Josias Masombuka (Bronkhorstspruit)
- George Mahlangu (Bronkhorstspruit)
- Gift Mafuleka (Bronkhorstspruit)
- Themba Congwane (Nigel)
- Samson Shoyisa (Sheepmoor)

- Mampe Mmeregí (Devon)
- Solomon Masango (Carolina)
- K J Masango (Balmoral)
- Vusi Twala (Amersfoort)
- Musi Twala (Delmas)
- Fana Nkosi

In the Eastern Cape the following farmers are being supported:

- Bafo Pauline
- David Mongoato
- Elijah Mohapi
- Hopewell Tobo
- Kabi Mmantsipho
- Khitleli
- Kilimbile Ganyile
- Lucas Ndzunga
- Maurice Boki
- Monica Siphambo
- Mthandeki Gidi
- Myengo Joe
- Norman Mlandu
- Piko Radebe
- T. O. Sabasaba
- Tsephe
- Tlhaloganyo
- Mr Sabasaba
- V. Mongoato
- Mrs Mfoxo

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The eastern part of the country had good rains early in the season, and in general the crops this year are excellent. In the western parts, the rains were much later, but fortunately those who could manage to plant (prevented by the drought as well as financial constraints) have a good crop on the land. The maize overall is very good and there should be a good crop of maize and sunflowers unless we have rain damage at a later stage.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

The farmers are keen to farm and willing to learn, we continue to struggle with the problem of production loans for inputs, some farmers do not have access to adequate mechanization, and other farmers need money to repair their tractors and implements.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This project is on-going. More and more black farmers gain access to land through the various forms of tenure reform and land redistribution – they continue to need support.

E. TRAINING**PROJECT NUMBER**

Training material development : Project E 1 / 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Training material development, translation and duplication.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

Over the past number of years, we have developed a number of courses – Introduction to Maize Production, Advanced Maize production and Marketing, Course for Agricultural contractors, Tractor and Farm Implement Maintenance, Basic engine repair, Skills development course, Resource assessment and farm planning, Farming for Profits, Practical on-farm maintenance etc. All of these manuals served, and still serve a particular purpose. We have come to realize the value of DVD's in terms of practical training – to show the various implements, under which conditions you would use them, what the effect of that operation is on the soil, how to set the implement etc. We continue to develop relevant material that is used through the training courses, study group meetings and farmers days.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To develop appropriate DVDs for use, and also to give each course attendee a copy of the relevant manual.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 319 946

Used to date: R 179 579

Remaining: R 140 367

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Duplicate the manuals for the training courses.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Manuals have been printed and given out to each learner at every course (as reported in the next project report on the training courses). We have updated and upgraded all the training manuals this year so as to make sure that all the sections that date with time are again up to date. This is particularly important with regard to the crop production costs.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The manuals have been well received.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

E. TRAINING**PROJECT NUMBER**

Training courses : Project E 2 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Training courses.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a very marked lack of knowledge and practical skills relating to advanced maize production, marketing and agri-business development and if there is to be real development in this sector, the people need to be trained appropriately. The departmental agricultural extension officers are also lacking knowledge, skills and most especially practical know-how relating to maize production. Through these well designed and appropriate training courses we plan to add capacity to the farmers, the contractors as well as the extension officers.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To offer training courses as listed in Annex H

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 2 308 781

Used to date: R 1 563 246

Remaining: R 745 535

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The following courses have been presented till 7 March 2014:

	Course Number	Date	Place	Province	Trainer	Course	Attendees
1	13001	1-4 Oct 2013	Fouriesburg	FS	J v d Merwe	Train the Trainer	3
1	13002	1-4 Oct 2013	Mthatha	EC	R Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	13003	1-4 Oct 2013	Setlagole	NW	H v Rensburg	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	27
1	13004	7-11 Oct 2013	Ventersdorp	NW	B v Rensburg	Introduction to Maize Production	16
1	13005	1-4 Oct 2013	Bergville	KZN	S Ferreira	Setting of Implements	51
1	13006	1-4 Oct 2013	Douglas	NC	A Louw	Farming for profits	21
1	13007	1-4 Oct 2013	Bothaville	FS	I Mokoto	Engine Repair	11
1	13008	7-11 Oct 2013	Matatiele	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	6
1	13009	7-11 Oct 2013	Comfimvaba	EC	S Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	29
1	13010	7-11 Oct 2013	Volksrust	MP	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	13011	7-11 Oct 2013	Ronaldsey	MP	B Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	24
1	13012	7-11 Oct 2013	Bushbuckridge	MP	N Gouws	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	25
1	13013	7-11 Oct 2013	Welkom	FS	E Foord	Workshop skills	9
1	13015	7-11 Oct 2013	Matatiele	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	7
1	13016	21-25 Oct 2013	Newcastle	KZN	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13017	21-25 Oct 2013	Senekal	FS	E Foord	Workshop skills	8
1	13018	21-25 Oct 2013	Koffiefontein	FS	A Louw	Farming for profits	17
1	13019	21-25 Oct 2013	Modderivier	NC	H v Rensburg	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	14
1	13020	21-25 Oct 2013	Mthatha	NC	R Gilson	Setting of Implements	16
1	13021	21-25 Oct 2013	Zwelisha	KZN	B Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13022	21-25 Oct 2013	Harrismith	FS	J vd Merwe	Setting of Implements	13
1	13024	21-25 Oct 2013	Lichtenburg	NW	B v Rensburg	Intro Sunflower	15
1	13025	28-1 Nov 2013	Ngcobo	EC	R Bartels	Workshop skills	8
1	13026	28-1 Nov 2013	Umnga Flats	KZN	S Pretorius	Setting of Implements	9
1	13027	28-1 Nov 2013	Qwa-Qwa	KZN	J vd Merwe	Setting of Implements	5
1	13028	28-1 Nov 2013	Ladybrand	FS	E Foord	Workshop skills	10
1	13030	28-1 Nov 2013	Bergville	KZN	B Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	24
1	13031	28-1 Nov 2013	Vryheid	KZN	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	24
1	13032	28-1 Nov 2013	Mhluzini	KZN	R Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13033	4-8 Nov 2013	Qwa-Qwa	KZN	A Louw	Setting of Implements	7
1	13034	4-8 Nov 2013	Sannieshof	NW	H v Rensburg	Setting of Implements	22
1	13035	4-8 Nov 2013	Mthatha	EC	R Gilson	Setting of Implements	15
1	13036	18-22 Nov 2013	Elliot	KZN	R Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	17
1	13037	4-8 Nov 2013	Elliot	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	11
1	13038	4-8 Nov 2013	Douglas	NC	D vd Berg	Resource Assessment	16
1	13039	4-8 Nov 2013	Badplaas	MP	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13041	11-15 Nov 2013	Tigane	NW	E Foord	Workshop skills	12
1	13042	11-15 Nov 2013	Steenbok	MP	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13043	18-22 Nov 2013	Baberton	MP	N Gouws	Setting of Implements	14

1	13044	11-15 Nov 2013	Colenso	NW	B Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	23
1	13046	11-15 Nov 2013	Mthatha	EC	S Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	21
1	13047	11-15 Nov 2013	Elliot	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	6
1	13048	18-22 Nov 2013	Lichtenburg	NW	E Foord	Workshop skills	9
1	13049	18-22 Nov 2013	Mafikeng	NW	H v Rensburg	Setting of Implements	10
1	13050	18-22 Nov 2013	Mafikeng	NW	I Mokoto	Engine Repair	9
1	13051	18-22 Nov 2013	Bergville	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	10
1	13052	18-22 Nov 2013	Cofimvaba	EC	R Gilson	Setting of Implements	15
1	13053	18-22 Nov 2013	Jacobsdal	FS	A Louw	Setting of Implements	29
1	13054	18-22 Nov 2013	Nampo	FS	J v Niekerk	Workshop skills	9
1	13055	18-22 Nov 2013	Bergville	KZN	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13056	25-29 Nov 2013	Ladybrand	FS	J vd Merwe	Setting of Implements	14
1	13057	25-29 Nov 2013	Mafikeng	NW	H v Rensburg	Workshop skills	9
1	13058	25-29 Nov 2013	Dukuza	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	13
1	13059	25-29 Nov 2013	Hazyview	MP	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13060	25-29 Nov 2013	Comfimvaba	EC	S Pretorius	Setting of Implements	15
1	13061	25-29 Nov 2013	Grobblershoop	NW	A Louw	Farming for profits	25
1	13062	25-29 Nov 2013	Nampo	FS	I Mokoto	Engine Repair	5
1	13063	2-6 Dec 2013	Douglas	FS	H v Rensburg	Tractor Maintenance	12
1	13064	2-6 Dec 2013	Vryheid	KZN	R Bartels	Workshop skills	12
1	13066	2-6 Dec 2013	Badplaas	MP	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13067	11-15 Nov 2013	Lichtenburg	NW	B v Rensburg	Introduction to Maize Production	38
1	13068	18-22 Nov 2013	Tsolo	EC	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	29
1	13069	25-29 Nov 2013	Centane	EC	R Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	9
1	13071	3-7 Feb 2014	Bothaville	FS	A Louw	Tractor driver course	4
1	13072	3-7 Feb 2014	Bergville	KZN	G Engelbreth	Introduction to Maize Production	21
1	13073	3-7 Feb 2014	Maclear	EC	R Bartels	Workshop skills	9
1	13074	3-7 Feb 2014	Middeldrift	EC	S Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	13075	3-7 Feb 2014	Mhluzini	KZN	R Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	12
1	13076	3-7 Feb 2014	Vryheid	KZN	S Ferreira	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	22
1	13077	3-7 Feb 2014	Badplaas	MP	N Gouws	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13080	10-14 Feb 2014	Bothaville	FS	I Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	8
1	13081	10-14 Feb 2014	Koffiefontein	FS	J vd Merwe	Resource Assessment and Farm planning	20
1	13082	10-14 Feb 2014	Lichtenburg	NW	H v Rensburg	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	11
1	13083	10-14 Feb 2014	Sione Village	NW	B v Rensburg	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13084	10-14 Feb 2014	Maclear	EC	R Bartels	Workshop skills	9
1	13085	10-14 Feb 2014	Bethanie	KZN	S Ferreira	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13090	10-14 Feb 2014	Koffiefontein	FS	A Louw	Centre Pivot Maintenance	17
1	13091	17-21 Feb 2014	Middleton	NW	H v Rensburg	Workshop skills	14
1	13092	17-20 Mar 2014	Jacobsdal	NC	D vd Berg	Farming for profits	26
1	13093	17-21 Feb 2014	Emmaus	KZN	B Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13094	17-21 Feb 2014	Bothaville	FS	A Louw	Tractor driver course	4
1	13095	17-21 Feb 2014	DunDonald	MP	G Engelbreth	Contractors Course	19
1	13096	17-21 Feb 2014	Cofimvaba	KZN	S Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	28

1	13099	24-28 Feb 2014	Cofimvaba	EC	R Bartels	Workshop skills	10
1	13100	24-28 Feb 2014	Bergville	KZN	S Ferreira	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	20
1	13101	24-28 Feb 2014	Mahikeng	NW	I Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	7
1	13103	24-28 Feb 2014	Ndumo	KZN	S Ferreira	Farming for profits	25
1	13104	24-28 Feb 2014	Mahikeng	NW	H van Rensburg	Maintenance on tractors and farm Implements	23
1	13105	3-7 March 2014	Mthatha	EC	R Bartels	Workshop skills	8
1	13106	3-7 March 2014	Mkhuhlu	MP	N Gouws	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	13107	3-7 March 2014	Maclear	EC	S Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	19
1	13108	3-7 March 2014	Mhluzini	KZN	R Gilson	Setting of Implements	24
1	13109	3-7 March 2014	Lichtenburg	NW	I Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	6
1	13110	3-7 March 2014	Weltevrede	NW	B van Rensburg	Introduction to Maize Production	19
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THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The courses have been presented as above. During the first months of this financial year we presented many courses sponsored by the Maize Trust. During last year, we were fortunate to receive additional funding for courses through the ARC. As their funding only becomes available after the end of March, we decided to present a number of Maize Trust courses so as to be in a position to present the ARC funded courses later in the year.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

No problems were experienced.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding will be adequate especially in the light of the funding we are hoping to receive from the ARC for additional courses. The demand for the various training courses remains very high.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This project is on-going.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

PROJECT NUMBER

Newsletters Pula / Imvula : Project H 13/14

PROJECT TITLE

Monthly newsletters (Pula / Imvula)

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

It is absolutely necessary for all those involved in the industry to have access to updated and appropriate industry information.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To disseminate industry information to all interested and involved parties in the developing agricultural sector through the monthly newsletters distributed in 7 languages (viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiZulu and IsiXhosa).

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 13 to 30 September 14

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 2 258 130

Used to date: R 668 509

Remaining: R 1 589 621

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare, duplicate and distribute the monthly newsletter in 7 languages viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiXhosa and IsiZulu. (8 pages full colour with photos).

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

In this financial year we have prepared and distributed the Pula for October 2013, November 2013, December 2013, January 2014, February 2014 and March 2014 – we are currently working on the April 2014 edition.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The Pula continues to be a well-received source of information for the developing farmers. We are continuing with the expanded English version which includes some more technical information. All copies of the Pula are loaded to the Grain SA website on a monthly basis so that those who have access to the internet may read them from the web.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.