

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DALRRD)

FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES

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Introduction

- Food security means: *A state where all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active healthy life. The pillars are food access, affordability, utilization and stability over time.*
- The department is mainly focusing on a productive response towards food security, and alignment towards transforming food systems to broaden access to nutritious food and sustain food security need serious attention in line with the Food and Nutrition Security Policy (FNSP).
- Most of South African households are subjected to food insecurity due to high levels of poverty resulting from unemployment together with inadequate means to produce food.
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations report (2004) emphasizes that agriculture is key to food security and can serve as a basis for poverty alleviation by reducing the cost of basic food and creating employment for the otherwise unemployed. The report further promotes that increased investment in agriculture will help redress the current inequalities through empowering people to grow their own food for subsistence or income generation.

Food Security Initiatives of DALRRD

Farmer Support and Development initiative through Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP)

- **CASP Goal**

- ✓ To create a favourable and supportive agricultural services environment for the farming community, in particular subsistence, smallholder and black commercial farmers within strategically identified grain, livestock and horticulture production areas.

- **CASP Grant Purpose**

- ✓ To provide effective agricultural support services, promote and facilitate agricultural development by targeting beneficiaries of land reform, restitution and redistribution, and other black producers who have acquired land through private means and are engaged in value-adding enterprises domestically, or involved in export.
- ✓ To revitalize agricultural colleges into centres of excellence.

Food Security Initiatives of DALRRD

Farmer Support and Development initiative through Ilima/Letsema Projects

- **Ilima/letsema Goal**
 - ✓ To reduce poverty through increased food production initiatives.
- **Ilima Grant Purpose**
 - ✓ To assist vulnerable South African farming communities to achieve an increase in agricultural production and invest in infrastructure that unlocks production within strategically identified grain, livestock, horticulture and aquaculture production areas.

Vulnerability Assessment Survey

- This initiative is aimed at:
 - ✓ Identifying people that are food insecure and vulnerable to shocks and hazards including where these people are located; and
 - ✓ Exploring the reasons for their vulnerability in order to structure suitable interventions in terms of programmes and policies.

Conditional Grants Budget Allocations and Number of Targeted Beneficiaries – 2020 MTEF

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development - Conditional Grants Budget Allocations

Name of Conditional Grant (R'000)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total MTEF
Ilima/Letsema projects grant	428 076	613 807	631 974	1 673 857
Comprehensive agricultural support programme grant: Infrastructure	803 484	1 203 487	1 254 142	3 261 113
Comprehensive agricultural support programme grant: Extension recovery planning Services	315 014	322763	319297	957 074
Comprehensive agricultural support programme grant: Upgrading of provincial agricultural colleges	86 531	93 645	98151	278 327
Total	1 633 105	2 233 702	2 303 564	6 170 371
Number of Targeted Beneficiaries Per Conditional Grant	145 000	145 000	145000	435 000

***Target amount to each beneficiary: There is no specified amount targeted per beneficiary, support depend on needs of beneficiaries**