

Northern Cape farmers benefit from the programme



Nguni cattle handed to beneficiaries

The Fetsa Tlala, food security and nutrition programme launched by President Jacob Zuma event was hosted on 24 October 2013 at the Batlharo Stadium in Kuruman (Northern Cape Province). In attendance were the MEC for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; executive mayor of John Taolo Gaetsewe District and members of the House of Traditional and Non-governmental Organisations. The purpose of Fetsa Tlala is to produce enough food to meet the population's current and future food needs. Fetsa Tlala is a national call for all citizens to participate in the eradication of poverty, hunger and malnutrition. President Jacob Zuma said the government will soon announce plans to assist farmers in the drought-stricken areas of the Northern Cape. "We know that this area, like some other areas of the country, has been hit by drought for almost two years now. Government will soon announce a decision on how to assist," Zuma said.

The project that was visited by the Minister of DAFF and President Jacob Zuma is Manyeding Cooperatives at John Taolo Gaetsewe district municipality. The project was started in 2010 and has 158 beneficiaries from three villages in the

area. It has received R5 million from the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) during the period 2013 to 2014. During the Fetsa Tlala launch the project members received maize seedlings for planting, vegetable starter packs for 20 households and livestock (24 head of Nguni cattle were handed over to groups, 20 Boer goats to two groups and a 100 point-of-lay chickens to 10 groups) at Manyeding.



Vegetable starter packs to be delivered to beneficiaries

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