



SISIMUKANI PRIMARY

COOPERATIVE PROJECT PROFILE



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Name & Surname	Mrs. Nyathi Dorah
Commodity Type	Poultry & Vegetable production
Location	Edinburg C' GPS: S 24° 42 ' 47.6136" E 31° 12 ' 11.2864"
Municipality	Bushbuckridge North
Registered Name	Sisimukani Primary cooperative
Province And District	Mpumalanga of Bohlabela
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The project operates on communal land of 10 ha which was acquired from Amashangani tribal authority and only five (5) ha currently under production. The project is located shortly after the bridge from Thulamahashe heading Acornhoek in Edinburg C (Zola) along nwa-ndlamharhi River. The project was established in 2012 as solely poultry project and expanded in 2017 to vegetable production. The vegetables production focused mainly in spinach and chillies. The farmer has then decided to register primary cooperative. Project comprises three poultry house structures, two has a carrying capacity of 4500 remaining one carry 5500 chicks. The project production originality was and had raise day old chicks on their three poultry houses which later sold as broilers, however the farmer recently halted raising chicks and just order ready for sale ones. The farmer currently has two hundred laying hens in one of the structures.

Programs in support of project

The project started participation in smallholder Horticulture Empowerment (SHEP) in March 2018 while sensitization workshop and FABLIST forum were already conducted. The farmer joined during SHEP group monthly meetings and felt that participating in SHEP will improve her farming skills and liked the most skills for conducting survey market survey. The project continues to work with group of farmers in SHEP as it provides farming knowledge and skills in a unique way. The project also played an important role in accommodating learners to do practical's in both poultry and vegetable production in 2019. It had been nominated be one of the farms to place one or two graduates for their programme which will start 2021/2022 financial year. The project participates in local gap which facilitates by LIMA.

Vegetable Production and market

The project produces two selected crops /vegetables that are lucrative which are spinach and chillies. The project supply spinach vegetable to Thulamahashe spar every Thursday e.g. 100 bunches of spinach at R8.00. The farmer also supplied spinach at Bushbuckridge spar, Tiny's catering, hoedspruit pick n pay and local hawkers who buys in bulk with pick up van and profit is realise. The farmer has one informal middle man who sell chillies at acornhoek.



The project employees

There project initially had four permanent workers for broiler production and four vegetable production, Since SHEP has taught the farmer to plan things appropriately to minimize loss. The farmer decided to reduce the number of workers to one for vegetables and one for broiler production, therefore, appointed one permanent worker responsible for crop production activities who were initial paid through the returns profit from broiler production. The temporary worker for removing weeds and during transplant.



Markets for broilers

The group of women's, those that buy to sell in villages for profit, laying hens are sold the Indian shop in Thulamahashe and supply 20 to 30 trays per week.



Lockdown Challenge

- Lockdown started during winter and in Bushbuckridge most households have resorted to farming winter vegetables than to only stay and relax.
- Which caused challenge to sell spinach as the project to local
- Production loss since large space was planted
- It was not easy to pick up hence it is very slow
- Loss of jobs by farm workers since

Future plans

- To continue with to farm as business in order to realize profit by making means to strive farming challenges
- To continue play a role in food security for all through producing for sale.

