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FACT SHEET

COMPREHENSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLDR) has been mandated to create vibrant, viable and sustainable rural communities across South Africa through its Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP). Through the CRDP the Department wants to improve the livelihoods of rural communities ultimately creating vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities.

This includes: redistributing 30% of the country's agricultural land; improving food security of the rural poor; creating business opportunities, de-congesting and rehabilitating over-crowded former homeland areas; and expanding opportunities for women, youth, people with disabilities and older persons who stay in rural areas.

The ultimate vision of creating vibrant, equitable and sustainable rural communities will be achieved through a threepronged strategy based on:

- a coordinated and integrated broad-based agrarian transformation;
- strategically increasing rural development; and
- An improved land reform programme.

Job Creation

- 11 400 jobs created linked to skills development
- 3 936 jobs in Infrastructure Development
- **TOTAL** 15 336 (inclusive of NARYSEC)

Food Security

- 3 258 food gardens established
- 63 977 households profiled

Skills Development

• 3 819 people trained (master gardeners, household food gardening, financial management, training in community based planning, participatory rural appraisal and household profiling, arts and craft and indigenous seed production training.)

Cooperatives and Councils of Stakeholders Established

• 464 established

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