

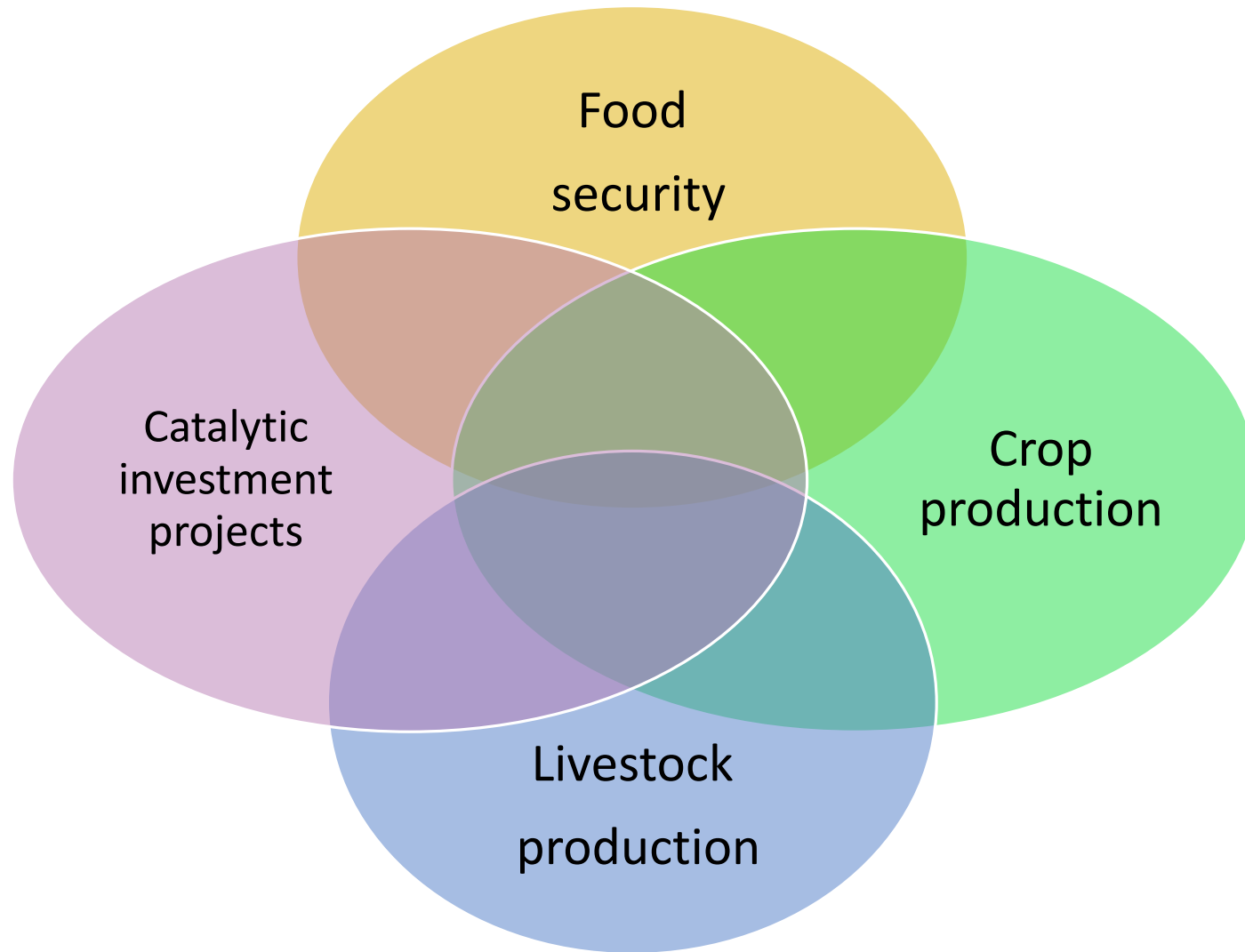


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- Departments Focus
- Agricultural sector's constraints
- Agrarian transformation strategy
- Challenges in Lack of support for emerging farmers
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- Decline in the number of commercial farming entities leading to job losses;
- Rise in the cost of inputs and slowing down in the increase in the price of commodities produced;
- Inadequate access to funding for agricultural production and infrastructure support for communal agricultural development;
- The collapse of land reform farms due to among other reasons lack of skills, knowledge of agricultural production and a sound agricultural adapted decision making system;
- Lack of or very little integrated support among the three spheres of government and private sectors to increase agricultural production in rural areas;
- Insufficient business management skills and institutional arrangements;
- Lack of scale of economy to leverage lower prices for inputs and bargain for better prices for the produce
Agricultural land being allocated to non-agricultural activities.

The agricultural sector's current constrains

- Decline in production and job losses.
 - inadequate access to funding for infrastructure,
 - land reform processes,
 - increased competition due to international subsidisation, and
 - access to Ingonyama Trust Land for agricultural production

- The strategy aims to redress historical challenges manifested in spatial, food insecurity, poor infrastructure and basic services , and high levels of unemployment in rural areas bestowed by unequal sharing of resources.
- The strategy will try to resolve these challenges through the provision of agricultural support, and co-ordinating the provision interventions that improve the quality of life of rural communities.
- Focus of Agrarian Transformation Strategy;
 - promote food security,
 - create new jobs in the rural areas,
 - grow the agricultural sectors contribution to the GDP of the Province

Agrarian transformation Strategy objectives

- Little progress with empowerment because of lack of understanding of government programmes and intentions
- Miscommunication and lack of trust which affects the credibility of the development process as whole
- Lack of buy-in and ownership on government projects and developmental initiatives
- Delays and loss of resources and time for completion of critical projects
- Retards the achievement of empowerment objectives of emerging farmers
- Affects negatively efforts to create jobs and poverty alleviation

Challenges with lack of co- ordination in support to emerging farmers

- The African Farmers' Association of South Africa (AFASA) was launched on the 12th of April 2011 by 3000 founding members from all nine provinces of South Africa.
- The goal was to establish a united body of African farmers with strong financial viability, growing and sustainable membership and led by reputable and dynamic leadership that will represent our common interest and ambition to be competent and successful commercial farmers
- Also facilitate improvement of food security in SA, poverty reduction, increase of business and employment opportunities within the agricultural sector

Background to AFASA

- Black farmers have access to land with tenure security
- Increase in size, production performance and profitability of the farms owned by black farmers
- Training and mentorship of black farmers to be successful on commercial basis
- Develop interventions on the agricultural productivity of South Africa, and its contribution to food security
- Strengthen interventions that improves investor confidence in the sector to ensure that South Africa will continue to meet the growing demand for food on a sustainable basis for our natural resources, the farmer and the economy as a whole?

Key issues for AFASA

- Create a conducive environment that is favourable for the development of African Farmers of South Africa through influencing policy and legislation in favour of smallholder farmers and farming communities at large.
- Facilitate Farmer Support and Development Programmes.
- Facilitate participation of Woman and Youth in Agri-Business, Forestry & Fisheries.
- Facilitate Agri-BEE Projects.

Key Focus areas

- **Mobilize all stakeholders and ensure maximum and meaningful participation by the emerging farmers within all agricultural programme aimed at supporting them.**
- Address problems which experienced with regard to operational sustainability and implementation of key empowerment programmes.
- Focusing particularly on institutional development, mentoring and transfer of skills to develop medium and long term capacity within
- **Assisting with the transformation agenda and ensuring that all interventions are implemented within government schedule, structure and processes within the agricultural sector.**
- Building the capacity, credibility and decision making ability of the emerging agricultural sector through engagement with the forum executive and sub-structures for the improvement and benefit of the farmers and the agricultural sector as a whole.

Strategic support

- **Small holder development** - promote farming in peri-urban and rural areas
- **Partnerships**- Promote PPP –support, mentorship, training, project implementation
- Support to **Operation Phakisa**
- Strengthen Implementation of **Commodity approach**
- **Stakeholder engagement** and mobilisation to get buy-in and meaningful involvement
- **Business model** and principles for commercial agricultural production
- Formation & training support for **co-operatives**
- **Beneficiation model** through Agro processing – forward, backward & value chain benefit optimisation
- **Access to finance** and development of bankable BP's
- **Compliance** issues – SARS,
- Support creation of Agri-villages
- Development of an communal agricultural Estate
- Active Involvement in DLRCs

Key areas of
support by
support team

- Provide strategic oversight of all engagements with all stakeholders
- Enters into contracts on behalf of the forum and are accountable for resource,(Identified districts AFASA administered farming models as a resource centre)
- The coordination of existing empowerment programmes ,
- Collaboration and the formation of partnerships towards the achievement of common goals
- Explore interventions and modalities to accelerate empowerment and efficient usage of resources within the agricultural sector.
- Manage and receive reports from the Technical support team
- Support students from Tertiary institution at least one student per district.

Executive leadership Commitment

Support Programme

- Identify business opportunities for Cooperatives within Agriculture sector i.e. Crop farming, commodity, Agri-processing
- Identify source financial support/ schemes to support Co operatives
- Identify/ source grants available from the Government.
- Create scheme customized for the Cooperative e.g.
- Create joint ventures, partnerships to benefit the Co operative
- Create conducive environment within commodity organizations and act as a link between farmers and those commodity chambers.
- Act as a watchdog for government policy interrogations for the benefit of member organizations

- Development of the data base for KZN Farmers Cooperatives
 - Primary Cooperatives
 - Secondary Cooperative
 - Tertiary Cooperatives
- Group all the Cooperatives/ Farmers per District Municipality and local Municipality
- Conduct skills Audit for all Cooperative in the Province
- Develop Capacity building programme for Cooperative in all regions or local municipality

Co operative Development plan

- **AFASA approach**
- **HEAD TECHNICAL ADVISOR**
- **Under commodities we have crops,sugarcane,livestock,timber fishery and categorized Cannabis as a commodity on its own as well though it falls under crops.**
- **Cannabis approach**
- **HAVE PILOTED 3 DISTRICTS (KING CETSHWAYO -DONE ONTH 30TH AUGUST, THUKELA DONE ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER, AND UMGUNGUNDLOVU- CURRENTLY IN CEDARA)**
- **ISSUES ADDRESSED**
- **AS ONE OF CROP FALL WITH FARMERS- DECRIMINALISATION**
- **AWARENESS WITH OPPORTUNITY AND SAME TIME DEALING WITH COMPLIANCE**
- **WHAT WE AS FARMERS NEED-**
- **ROAD SHOWS AT DISTRICT LEVEL IDENTIFY WHO IS PLANTING AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE**
- **CRITICAL IN IMPARTING KNOWLEDGE**
- **HAVE BEEN USED AS A MEDICINE TRADITIONALLY**
- **HINDERANCE /STUMBLING BLOCKS INSANGU EVEN TALKING SENSE BUT AKUZWAKALI**
- **STIGMA ASSOCIATED- PARADIGM SHIFT LOOSE PARTIPITATION**
- **LEGAL IMPLICATION AND COSTS ATTACHED TO GETTING PERMIT**
- **LOOKS LIKE FOR SOME PEOPLE**
- **APPROACH AFASA IS FOR ALL FARMERS**
- **PEOPLE CENTRED ORGANISATION**
- **IT IS AN ONGOING FIGHT BUT ENSURE THAT WE ALL HAVE COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND HAVE SAME GOALS OF IMROVING LIVES OF OUR FARMERS – DOING SO LEGALLY AND ETHICALLY.**
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- **AFASA supports the Initiative by Moses Kotane Institute as a means for a coordinated and targeted approach to agricultural development in ensuring farmers get assistance with information to our farmers**
- **AFASA welcome intervention and is committed to work with you and you partners**

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