

# **PRESENTATION TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKINGS**

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# ACRONYMS

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CASP	-	Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme
DAFF	-	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
DEFF	-	Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
DALRRD	-	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
FEA	-	Female Entrepreneur Awards
FRAP	-	Fishing Rights Allocation Process
MTEF	-	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
NSVG	-	Norms and Standards for the inclusion of vulnerable groups
PPECB	-	Perishable Products Export Control Board
RAAVC	-	Revitalisation of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Value Chain
YESP	-	Young Producers and Entrepreneurs Strategy

# THE STRATEGIC APPROACH OF RAAVC

**“For the 2017-18 financial year, we seek to continue the strategic approach of RAAVC in partnership with relevant national departments such as the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Department of Trade and Industry, including sector organisations, labour organisations, and civil society.”**

## **RESPONSE**

- The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) has subjected the Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP) to the Operation Phakisa methodology, which in turn informed the Revitalisation of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Value Chain (RAAVC) under the nine-point plan.
- To date, DAFF has institutionalised Operation Phakisa to manage the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all the initiatives, which is in turn, reported on under RAAVC (9 Point Plan). DAFF and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) now merged as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), appointed both public and private sector representatives to lead each initiative.
- There are 25 appointed Work Groups Chairs leading the implementation management of initiatives. Each Work Group Chair leads a Work Group composed of role players and implementation agents, responsible for the implementation of the initiative.
- We have a progress report for 25 initiatives – most are behind schedule, mainly challenged by lack of integration across all three spheres of government.



# **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FISHERIES TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL**

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**“The establishment of the Fisheries Transformation Council, in accordance with the Marine Living Resource Act 18 of 1998, Chapter 3 section 5(29) will be prioritised”**

## **RESPONSE**

- This falls under the Fisheries Branch which is in the process of being transferred to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF).
- The Executive Authority has decided not to proceed with the appointment of the Fisheries Transformation Council in accordance with Section 5(29) of the Marine Living Resources Fund.



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# FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS, 2020

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**“The Department will soon start with the Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) 2020 process for the 12 fishing sectors that were allocated in 2005 and 2013.”**

## **RESPONSE**

- The Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) is a function that falls under the Fisheries Branch.
- The Fisheries Branch is in the process of being transferred to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF).
- The Executive Authority has obtained Cabinet’s endorsement on 4 September 2019 to extend the timeframes for dealing with allocation of fishing rights in 12 sectors to 31 December 2021.
- This will allow the DEFF additional time to conduct Socio-Economic Impact Assessments in all the fishery sectors due for re-allocation; to consult extensively with stakeholders on the review of the Sector-Specific Policies, Application Forms and Fees; and to appoint service providers to assist the DEFF to provide a transparent, credible and legally defensible process.



# **POULTRY PRODUCTION AND THE CREATION OF JOBS**

**“Poultry production has been allocated R128 million which will benefit 46 projects and create 1 789 jobs.”**

## **RESPONSE**

According to the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) and Ilima Letsema Annual Reports submitted by the Provinces, a total of R62.3 million was spent supporting 46 projects of which 14 were not completed at the end of the financial year as follows: Free State(1), KwaZulu-Natal (11); Mpumalanga (2). A total of 434 jobs were created from the construction of infrastructure and delivery of inputs at the end of the financial year. This excludes permanent and seasonal jobs that will be created on-farm once the projects are operational. Poultry projects were implemented in the Free State (1), Gauteng (19), KwaZulu-Natal (12), Limpopo (3), Mpumalanga (6), North West (5).



# **TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVE**

**“Honourable Members, to address the transformation imperative the department is committed to a gender centric approach in its various programmes. The Female Entrepreneur of the Year Award (FEA) is but one such initiative that recognises the role women play in shifting perceptions of what a successful farmer looks like.”**

## **RESPONSE**

- The Department has developed the Norms and Standards for the inclusion of vulnerable groups (NSVG).
- Among others, the NSVG fundamentally seeks to reset departmental programmes (i.e. CASP) towards an inclusive approach, prescribing equal targets (50/50) for both male and female beneficiaries in line with budget allocations.
- The NSVG is seen as a radical intervention envisaged to mitigate against entrenched patriarchy in the sector which will eventually aid to substantially increase the pool of female entrepreneurs in the Female Entrepreneur Awards (FEA).



## TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVE (cont...)

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- FEA as one of the incentivising platforms for women excellence in the sector has for years leveraged women entrepreneurs from subsistence and smallholder production to commercial to even accessing export markets.
- To date, a total of **460** women across the country benefitted from this programme.
- Of the **460**, **81** entered and won in the category of subsistence producers, **39** graduated and are now operating at smallholder level.
- For the 2019 financial year, a total of **51** women across the country entered for this competition and **8** Entrepreneurs were awarded in different categories.
- Since inception of the FEA programme, 3 women who have been entered for best female worker category have graduated to becoming subsistence and smallholder farmers.



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# AGRICULTURE GRADUATES

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**“It is also important to target young people especially agriculture graduates who are unemployed and ensure that we facilitate their experiential learning through mentorships and exposure to commercial farms.”**

## **RESPONSE**

- Since the inception of the Experiential training, Internship and Professional Development Programme, a total of **3 654** unemployed graduates benefitted.
- For 2019/20 financial year, **255** unemployed graduates were recruited to participate in various categories of DAFF internship. Of the **255** interns, **141** are placed as job seekers, **13** are students who need experiential training as a requirement for obtaining formal qualification, **25** are placed in various industry partners, **31** are placed with the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB) as Export Technologists and **25** are Young Professionals pursuing post graduate studies in the area of research leading to innovation in critical skills in the sector.

## AGRICULTURE GRADUATES (cont....)

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- A further total of **1018** unemployed graduates are placed in farms throughout the country for a period of two years. These programmes are coordinated by provinces, DAFF provides funding for stipend through the CASP, guidelines for implementations and monitoring.



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# CAPACITATING THE BRANCH - ANIMAL PRODUCTION, HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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**“It is critical need to capacitate our animal production, food and health safety branch; as they are at the forefront of managing and detecting potential outbreaks that could adversely affect our sector.”**

## **RESPONSE**

Following the submissions to National Treasury for additional funding for the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, including the Branch : Agricultural Production, Health and Food Safety, the branch received an additional allocation attached for the Honourable Members attention.



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# ANIMAL PRODUCTION, HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY 2020 MEDIUM TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK (MTEF) ALLOCATIONS

Baseline increases 2020 ENE			
Goods and Services: Capacity to respond to biosecurity threats, revitalisation of laboratories, revitalisation of quarantine stations and strengthen inspection services at ports of entry			
	2020/21 R'000	2021/22 R'000	2022/23 R'000
Directorate			
Directorate: Inspection Services	4,000	20,000	11,270
Directorate Agricultural Inputs Control	5,000	3,000	4,000
Directorate: Food Import and Export Standards	1,000	1,000	3,000
Directorate Food Safety and Quality Assurance	0	2,000	3,000
Directorate: Plant Health	20,000	21,000	31,000
Directorate: Genetic Resources	5,000	6,000	15,000
Directorate: Animal Health	35,000	40,000	55,000
Directorate: Veterinary Public Health	0	7,000	10,000
CD: Plant Production and Health			15,000
Total	70,000	100,000	147,270
Allocation	70,000	100,000	147,270
Variance	0	0	0
Strengthening animal and plant health, inspection and laboratory services and food safety in order to increase capacity to respond to biosecurity threats			
	2020/21 R'000	2021/22 R'000	2022/23 R'000
Directorate			
AIC Online registration and application system	5 000	5 000	10 000
FSQA - LIMS	5 000	-	-
PPH - Research funding	10 000	25 000	32 838
VPH- LITS	10 000	10 000	20 000
VPH -AMR and Residue monitoring	10 000	15 000	20 000
Total	0	0	0
Allocation	40,000	55,000	82,838
Variance	40,000	55,000	82,838