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POLICY AND BUDGET SPEECH FOR 2013/14 PRESENTED BY MEC FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND ADMINISTRATION, MS. VS SIWELA (MPL)

Honourable Speaker
Honourable Premier, Mr DD Mabuza
Honourable Deputy Speaker
Fellow Honourable Members of the Executive Council
Honourable Members of the Legislature
Organised farming
Ladies and Gentlemen

We as government have entered into a second phase of transition. We note as government that the challenges that have remained in spite of our endeavours as government to better the lives of our people over the past eighteen years. It is therefore a journey that requires everyone, as people of this province to double our concerted effort in the fight against **Poverty, Unemployment and Inequality**.

As the Natives Land Act of 1913 turns 100 years it reminds us of our past which was characterized by racial and ethnic divisions devised to systematically exclude the majority of South Africans from full and unhindered participation in all aspects of national life and left deep and persistent, social, cultural and economic divisions and inequalities in society. It is during this year that we need to be seen to be decisive in reversing the shameful legacy of this above stated colonial and apartheid Act.

Mpumalanga has a population of 4.04 million and the province recorded the second highest strict unemployment rate of 24 per cent among the nine provinces. In 2011 Mpumalanga's poverty rate was 41.6 per cent or some 1.59 million of its citizens that lived in households with an income less than the poverty income. Agriculture in Mpumalanga contributes 3.4% to the Gross Domestic Product and this sector accounts for 630 000 formal jobs in the province.



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This Department thus remains one of the key departments to respond to the needs of our people through the various programmes we have initiated over the past few years which are aimed to reconnect our people with their national endowments like land, farming and others. Considering the socio economic conditions of the municipalities within the province these programmes can reshape the economic out-look in the province for the better by particularly focusing on the rural youth and women through formation of Co-operatives working for a collective good.

In this financial year we will among other things prioritize in reaching out to the rural communities as coordinating Department for the implementation of the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme and out-line our programmes in line with the Comprehensive Rural Development Strategy.

The Department has geared itself towards the realisation of Vision 2030 in terms of the National Development Framework that seeks to achieve the following objectives;

- Creating more jobs through agricultural development, based on effective land reform and the growth of irrigated agriculture and land production.
- Providing basic services that enable people to develop capabilities to take advantage of opportunities around the country, enabling them to contribute to their communities through remittances and skills transfer.
- Developing industries such as agro-processing, tourism, fisheries and small enterprises where potential exists.

The Department has set itself to achieve the following planned service delivery targets with the allocated budgets for the 2013/14 financial year;

ADMINISTRATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Honourable Speaker, I am proud to announce that the Department was involved in service delivery improvement assessments and was found to be among the top performing departments on implementation of service standards and service delivery improvement plans. Further to this the Department also awarded 100 internships to young job seekers in order for them to gain the necessary work experience to be employed. This indicates the commitment of management to good governance and improved service delivery. The Department also commits

itself on the payment of service providers within 30 days as mentioned by the Honourable Premier in his State of the Province address.

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Honourable Speaker, this Directorate is responsible for the provision of agricultural support services to farmers in order to ensure sustainable development and management of agricultural resources. The programme plays a key role in promoting the expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the rehabilitation of degraded land. This Directorate managed to create 793 green jobs by improving 1049 hectares of agricultural land through conservation measures as well as controlling 1000 hectares under invader plants.

The section would continue this good work by creating a further 825 green jobs by controlling 920 hectares under invader plants as well as improve 2200 hectares through conservation measures. A total of 19 schools from across the province are getting involved through the Junior Land Care projects

MASIBUYELE EMASIMINI (VUSIRHELELO BYA SWAKUDYA)

Hikwalaho ka pfhumba ra Masibuyele Emasimini kwalomu ka 49 125 wa tihekitara ta masimu ti rimiwile no byaleriwa varimi vo rimela ku tifihluta ni van'wapurasi lava ha kulaka, kasi 29 400 wa tihekitara tona ti tirhiseriwile ku seketela migingiriko yo pfuneta ku vuyelerisa misava eka xiyimo xo rimeka. Kasi kwalomu ka nhlayo leyi ringanaka 51 000 ya mindyangu yo pfumala vusirheleri bya swakudya , yi vuyeriwile hikwalaho ko nghenelela loku veke kona ka pfhumba ra Masibuyele Emasimini leri koteke ku endla kwalomu ka 12 800 wa mintirho.

Ntshovelo lowu nga ta huma eka mapurasi lawa, wu ta hamba wu va xiphemu lexi nga ta pfuna eka timakete leti nga ta hangalasa swibyariwa na le ka mapfhumba yo fihluta vana eswikolweni ni vaaka tiko.

Muchaviseki Xipikara, i swa nkoka ku boxa leswaku vufambisi bya sweswi byi tekela enhlokweni ngopfungopfu varimi lava ha kulaka. Ku vona leswaku hinkwaswo leswi swa fikeleriwa, Muchaviseki President Dr JG Zuma u tshembisile ku avela mali yo ringana 188 wa timiliyoni ta tirhandi ku hunguta nkayivelo wa swakudya eLesotho. Kambe mali leyi yina swipimelo swa kona, mali leyi yi fanele ku sungula hi ku vuyerisela van'wamapurasi lava ha kulaka hi ku va pfumelela leswaku va va ni xiavo xa kwalomu ka 40 wa tiphesenti ta vuhangalasi kumbe nxaviso wa

Mugayo wo basa na tiboncisi etikweni ra Lesotho, kasi hi tihlelo ku ta va ku ri karhi ku ringetiwa tindlela to ololoxa swiphiqo swa vuhangalasi bya swibyariwa hi varimi va hina. Xifundzankulu xa Mpumalanga hi xinw'ana xa leswi nga komberiwa hi va Nhlanagano wa Swakudya ni Vurimi (Food and Agricultural Organisation- FAO) ku va xi vona leswaku makungu lawa ya endleka. Kasi va World Food Programme se va tile laha xifundzeninkulu xa hina ku ta nyika nseketelo eka varimi va hina. Muchaviseki Xipikara, ndzi twa ndzi tinyungubyisa ku boxa leswaku va World Food Programme va ta hamba va ta kuma mphakelo wa tiboncisi ni Mugayo wo basa eka varimi va laha exifundzeninkulu xa Mpumalanga.

Eka lembe leri taka, kwalomu ka 113 200 wa tihekitara ta mapurasi yo rimela ku tifihluta xikan'we no pfuxa masimu lawa a ya nga ri ku rimiweni , ya ta rimiwa no byariwa hi ku pfunetana loku nga ta va kona exikarhi ka Ndzawulo ya Vurimi ni Nhlangano wa varimi lowu tiwaka hi vito ra African Farmers Association of South Africa. Mpimanyeto wa kwalomu ka 107 wa timiliyoni ta tirhandi wu ta kunguhatiwa ku vona leswaku pfhumba ra Masibuyele Emasimini ra humelela. 70% ya mali leyi yi ta nyikiwa ti Cooperatives, kasi 30% ya yona yi ta nyikiwa vakorhokeri (service providers).

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT (MASIBUYELE ESIBAYENI)

Our partnership with the Independent Development Corporation (IDC) and University of Limpopo in bringing livestock farmers to the mainstream of the economy is taking shape. The partnership is continuing to bear fruits in making our livestock farmers go back to Nguni production. Coupled to this we have the Bull and Heifer Programme, which is solely run by the Province. Here the Department supports farmers who specialise on other breeds like Drakensberger and Bonsmara as well as other livestock commodities like dairy cattle, goats, sheep and pigs.

Under the Nguni Project, we managed to supply 20 Nguni bulls and 600 Nguni heifers to 20 projects with about 591 beneficiaries in the Province. In addition to this, under the “bull & heifer” project, the Department supplied 9 performance-tested bulls and 275 heifers, 104 goats, 104 sheep and 33 pigs to land reform farmers, cooperatives and other farmers who are being commercialized. These farmers were also supported with livestock infrastructure in which 242 job opportunities were created through the fencing of grazing camps, and construction of animal handling facilities.

The benefits of the livestock distributed during the inception of the programme in 2011 are now visible. The beneficiaries were supposed to start repaying the loan in kind during the third year however some farmers have indicated that they are ready to start repaying in the second year. This implies that some of the farmers will start repaying from this financial year.

We want to thank the two partners (IDC and University of Limpopo) in supporting us and ensuring that we as a Province can deliver on this mandate.

In looking forward the Department will provide 25 breeding sets to the Bull & Heifer programme as well as the Nguni project respectively. In addition it will also provide 17 breeding sets of goats as well as 13 breeding sets of sheep. It will also provide 32 breeding sets of pigs and support dairy development by providing 6 sets of dairy cows to livestock farmers in the Province. It is envisaged that the above-mentioned interventions would create 300 EPWP jobs by improving fencing of grazing camps and animal handling facilities.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Honourable Speaker our Veterinary Services continued its efforts in promoting human and animal health through the delivery of a Comprehensive Veterinary Service. This included, amongst others, the vaccination of animals against diseases of economic and zoonotic importance, as well as the issuing of permits in order to regulate the movement of animals locally, nationally as well as for export purposes. As a result of these efforts, a total of 515 262 animals were vaccinated against controlled animal diseases. Veterinary Services continued to play a critical role in ensuring that the diseases of economic importance, (e.g. Foot and Mouth Disease) are controlled and animal movements carefully managed. It is through this programme that we provide a comprehensive Veterinary Public Health Service, which ensures the safety of the meat and meat products that our citizens consume. We further provide a laboratory diagnostic service, which ensures that we pick up diseases and speed up our interventions. We are worried at the state of our veterinary clinics, most of which are falling behind in terms of the quality of the infrastructure and the costs we incur in ensuring security and the general up-keeping of grounds in these facilities. Despite a number of challenges, we were able to equip the Casteel Veterinary Clinic to the point of readiness for conditional operation, in preparation for an inspection visit by the South African Veterinary Council. The clinic stands tall in Bushbuckridge (Casteel) and continues to be a symbol of our enduring endeavour to better the lives of our people through the provision of a clinical service that ensures a Better Life for All.

The Veterinary Services Programme will continue its work in controlling animal diseases. In this regard, we will conduct 821 858 animal vaccinations and dip more than 4 102 448 animals for disease control in compliance to the Animal Health Act of 2002 and its regulations. As a continuation of our effort to ensure the elevation of veterinary clinical services in the province, and further to ensure efficient delivery of this service through centralisation and cost curtailment, we have set aside an amount of R 4,2 million for the equipping and operation of the Marapyane Veterinary Clinic, which stands tall at the grounds of the Lowveld College of Agriculture, in Dr JS Moroka Municipality. This is another good example of our integrated planning in ensuring that CRDP is a true reality to the contract that we have with the electorate. We are on course to affirming our strong belief in ensuring competitiveness of local economies through a comprehensive CRDP intervention.

TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Through our agricultural research and technology development programme, which is an activity that we carry out in response to the Agricultural Research Act as well as the National Agricultural Research and Development Strategy, we emphasize on farm, adaptive research, which allows us to provide farm-specific solutions. This is the programme through which we aim to elevate our agricultural output through the provision of better adapted animal and crop genes, technology development and transfer. Through this programme, we were able to reach 4936 farmers, wherein we were able to disseminate agricultural research and information systems. Furthermore, we were able to dispatch 153 breeding cattle to Livestock Farmers in order to ensure parity of benefits in line with the assistance that we give to our crop farmers. Through the 22 technology transfer events that we conducted, we were able to disseminate key information on crop varieties, animal husbandry, aquaculture (fish farming) and other production systems, which are key in ensuring the competitiveness of the agricultural sector in the province.

Honourable Speaker, in recognition of the fact that our allocation under this programme does not meet the needs that are necessary to ensure tangible outputs and contribution of the programme to the people's contract, we have started with plans to include College academic staff in research projects. This improves the scholarly engagement and the quality of research outputs. It further allows us to tap into the Intellectual Capital of our College lecturers, some of which are well qualified and having the necessary pedigree to contribute to quality research and technology development in the province. We note that our investment into this programme is far below the EU's guideline of 3% of GDP. This is indeed a threat to our global competitiveness and will need scrutiny.

Through this budget, we will continue to conduct on-farm research and development, as well as technology transfer relating to our crop, animal and infrastructure support services. We will provide 6 research infrastructure farms, which will include Marapyane Campus grounds. We will further service 3854 farmers with agricultural research and information systems, including conducting 38 farmer demonstration trials.

MPUMALANGA FRESH PRODUCE MARKET

A site has been identified and purchased in Nelspruit (Mbombela) covering a total of 248 hectares for an amount of R 51, 3 million.

The production capacity study has shown that the Province produce in excess of 1 million tons of fresh fruit and vegetables and that warrants the establishment of a substantial fresh produce market. The transport and logistics study further confirmed the model of establishing agricultural hubs or feeder markets within the various CRDP and production municipalities.

Moving forward the Department will commence with the first phase of the development of the market which will mainly cover bulk infrastructure such as water, electricity, sewer, and roads networks.

A further R 26 million has been earmarked for the development of the Agri-hubs in the eight CRDP municipalities in return this will ensure that smallholder farmers are organised into primary and secondary cooperatives that participate within the market and the opportunities it creates.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The re-opening of Marapyane College, as a College of Agriculture continues to be one of our key strategic focus areas as a Province. We have spent over R50 million in construction activities, skills development, cooperatives development and more. As part of the call by the Honourable President Dr. JG Zuma in his recent State of the Nation Address, that provinces will have to create rural youth hubs we are happy to announce that the college has managed to create a learning hub for more than 250 students in Agriculture and we have positioned this College as a symbol of enduring pride.

Honourable speaker, it is worth mention that DARDLA continues to take issues of skills development very seriously. In February this year, the department sent (12) twelve farmers who represented their cooperatives with (3) three Departmental officials to attend Fruit Logistica Expo in Berlin, Germany. This visit was aimed at exposing our emerging farmers to the international fresh produce trends, export trading and latest technological innovations in the global arena in preparation to support the initiatives of the Fresh produce Market.

These farmers managed to share experiences and expertise with their international counterparts from countries like Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Israel as well as Egypt, Morocco and Kenya which are African countries that are very strong in agriculture and are dominating the international markets. They managed to share experiences on challenges faced by the industry at large. International farmers showed interest in investing in South Africa and would like to explore possible opportunities in Mpumalanga. Furthermore one of the farmers managed to negotiate access to international market to supply onions to the Italian market. The department is assisting him with other farmers to ensure that they will be able to meet the international standards and requirements.

Further to this the Department has also strengthened the Extension and Advisory Services to ensure that our farmers get the necessary support by making it a Programme that is led by a Senior Manager. This component supported 16400 small holder farmers with advice, production inputs and food gardens.

It is planned that the component would support 7 634 small holder farmers with advice and holding 56 farmers' day while supporting 143 functional commodity groups.

AGRICULTURAL LAND AND INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Yin'wana ya timhaka eka mbulavulo wa xiyimo xa rixaka wa Presidente ku ve ku tekela enhlokweni timhaka ta ku pfuneta vinyi va misava leswaku tiko ri ta ya emahlweni na ntshovelo wa vurimi. Timhaka to pfuxeta vurimi emasin'wini wu yisiwile emahlweni hi ku hetisa nongonoko wa ncheleto eka 11 wa tihekitara eChampagne, ku byala 130 tihekitara ta mabanana eGiba, ku tlhele ku cheriwa na cheleto wa ti “PIVOTS” na ku hetisa ku simuriwa ka swigodo swa misinya eCorromandel. Ndzawulo yi yisa emahlweni ku simekiwa ka purojeke ya boro hi ku angarhela ku antswisa ncheleto eka vurimi. Hi ndlela leyi ku simekiwile 91 wa tiboro eka ndzawulo leyi, ku tlhlele ku va na ku antswisiwa eka chukele, mabanana, na ntshovelo wa mihandzu yo kota malamula (Citrus Fruits).

Ntlhanu wa tipurojeke ta swihahlu na nsimu yin'we naswona swi hetiwile. Ku simekiwe ka tipurojeke leti swi tumbuluxile 1800 wa mintirho eka vanhu.

Ndzawulo yi ta ha ya emahlweni na ku tirhisa R315 wa ma miliyoni na ku tlula eka nkarhi MTEF ku endlela ku pfuna varimi, Ku ta endliwe na 4 wa ti “Agro processing facilities”, 28 wa tipurojeke ta ncheleto, na 22 wa switirhisiwa swo andzisa swifuwo swi ta va kona. Ku tlhela ku tumbuluxiwa 9 wa swihahlo 280 wa tipurojeke ta mphamelo wa mati.

COMPREHENSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CRDP)

Muchaviseki Xipikara, CRDP yi amukeriwile hi huvo hi ti 22 August 2012. Ku amukeriwa loku ku tiyisisa ku sunguriwa ka CRDP eka Tiwadi hinkwato ta 8 wa timunisipaliti, ku katsa na CRDP yintshwa eka munisipaliti ya Dipaleseng. Leswi swi endla leswaku huvo ya ndzawulo ya xifundza yi nga languti ntsena eka 33 wa tiWadi leto sungula ntsena kambe eka 193 wa tiWadi eka tiMunisipaliti le ta 8. Ndzawulo yi fanele ku tlakusa matimba eka vukondleteri ku endlela ku fambisa hi vutihlamuleri. Leswi swi endliwe hi ku engetelela swirho swa ntshamo eka tiMunisipaliti. Hi nyikile xikomba-matirhelo lexi eka swirho swa xifundzantsongo na tiMunisipaliti.

Ku antswisa vukorhokeri lebyi ndzawulo yi sungule eka ku nghenelela ka timhaka ta makungu eka swiyenge swa ndzawulo na tiMunisipaliti eka (IDP) “Integrated Deveolpment Plan”. Leswi swi endliwe eka tiMunisipaliti hi mintlawwa ya lava nga na tithekiniki eka tindzawulo na tiMunisipaliti. Ku nghenelela ka hina eka swilaveko swa vanhu hi ku tirhisa nongonoko lowu, swi sungule ku tisa mbuyelo wa kahle. Ku dyondzisiwa ka vanhu eka vutumbuluxi swi pfune vanhu ku kota ku pfuneta eka tipurojeke, leswi hi swi vonile hi ku van'wana va kumile mintirho yo aka, ku lulamisa tiphayiphi, gezi, ku vatla na ku pulasitela loko ku akiwa tiyindlu, swikolo natitlilini.

Ku antswisiwa ka miako yo tanihi swikolo swi pfunete na le ka mbuyelo wa ka Giredi 12 (Metiriki). Xikombiso eMkhondo laha swikolo swimbirhi swi akiweke, eDonkerhoek na le Amsterdam, nhlayo ya ku pasa ka vana yi tlakukile swinene. Kasi xikombiso xin'wana i xa Munisipaliti ya Nkomazi leyi nga eka xiyimo xo sungula laha Mpumalanga.

Ku endlela ku antswisa eka timhaka ta rihanyo eka matiko xikaya, 8 wa ti CHCs ti akiwile eka tiMunisipaliti ta CRDP na 41 wa ti “NON PROFIT ORGANISATION” ti seketeriwile. 422 wa tindhawu to hlayisa vana na 36 wa



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tindhawu ta lavantshwa ti tumbuluxiwile. Eka xivala xa Dr JS Moroka vafuwi va hlalerile ku va kona ka 254 wa marhole hikwalaho ka tinkunzi leti veke kona. Leswi swi swi nyike ntshembo eka vafuwi hikuva se va sungule bindzu ro xavisa .

Ku ringana R2.1 billion yi vekiwile etlhelo hi tindzawulo to hambana ku pfuneta ku lemukisa vaaki va le matiko xikaya vusirheleri bya swakudya.

COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

A gentleman called Neil Helfman on his article titled six advantages of worker cooperatives he said “At a time such as now, when jobs are hard to find, or exist only as a “take it or leave it” situation for the employee, a preferable alternative may be for people to create their jobs rather than trying to find them”. It is still our belief that cooperatives approach can accelerate the development and empowerment of our people. Along this belief, we have encouraged farmers to establish primary and thereafter secondary cooperatives. More than 200 hundred farmer cooperatives have been registered and they have further strengthened their institutional arrangement by registering 10 secondary cooperatives in all 8 municipalities. These secondary cooperatives are now ready to start supplying schools as from 1st of June 2013. We are currently finalising the process of ensuring that there are no government employees who are registered patrons of these institutions.

VALUE ADDITION & PROCESSING

Honourable Speaker, the Nkomazi Red Meat Abattoir has been completed. It is going to be operated by a Cooperative which has 165 members who are livestock farmers. In order to make this facility operational the department has managed to appoint strategic partners “DIE STELET TRUST”. Together with the cooperative, they are in a process of registering an operating entity which will include both parties. This facility which will be fully operational by June 2013 has a capacity to slaughter 12 animals per day. At the moment identified job opportunities to be created to be around 10 which has a potential of steady increase as more markets opens up and processing of the meat has started. To benefit from this business are the beneficiaries of the Masibuyele Esibayeni programme by marketing their livestock to this facility and the Masibuyele Emasimini beneficiaries who will sell their maize to the feedlot for cattle.

Grain mills facilities were built for farmers cooperatives in the grain producing areas. These mills were operating at the minimum capacity due to the following:-

- Lack of cooperatives financial capacity.
- Lack of experience
- and Marketing skills.

To address these challenges, the Department has appointed through transparent procurement processes an experienced and financial capable Strategic partner Kamkhulu Farming Projects JV to partner with the Grain Mills cooperatives.

In terms of the Mbombela Poultry Project it is worth mentioning that poultry farmers who are struggling in producing chickens due to high mortality of chicks within the first two weeks will be assisted through the appointment of an experienced mentor. Participating farmers will be attending the national Avi Africa poultry conference in Midrand later this month as a capacity building intervention and to link them with latest innovations in poultry production. With this project, the Department will be placing the unemployed graduates who will start at the Mentor's farm for practical exercise of producing the full chicken cycle.

LAND AND AGRARIAN REFORM

Muchaviseki Xipikara, Xifundzankulu xa Mpumalanga xi veke pfhumba ro vuyiserisela xiyimo xa misava ematshan'weni ya yona ku va emahlweni ka hinkwaswo leswaku swi ta pfuneta ku va ni ntlhonthlo eka ku tumbuluxa mintirho yintshwa tani hi laha swi andlariweke ha kona eka Mpumalanga Economic Growth and Development Programme (MEGDP).

Xifundzankulu xa Mpumalanga xi taleriwile hi matiko xikaya laha mindyangu ya kona yi tihanyisaka hi swa vurimi. Xifundzankulu lexi xi na tihekitara to tlula 1 miliyoni ya ndhawu ya vurimi byo bindzurisa leyi eka nkarhi wa sweswi yi nga tlheleriseriwa eka lava a va hanya ehansi ka ntshikelelo. Naswona Xifundzankulu lexi hi xin'wana xa leswi tirhisaka mali ngopfu eka ku tlherisela misava yo rima eka xiyimo xa kahle hi ku pfuniwa hi va Ndzawulo ya Rural Development and Land Reform laha xi phikizana ntsena ni Xifundzankulu xa Kwazulu –Natal. Vunyingi bya masimu yo bindzurisa, ya tlherisiwele eka vaakatiko ni mitlawu ya vanhu lava nga ni xivono xo hambana, naswona



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vanhu lava amukeleke masimu lawa va pfumala ntokoto na vuswikoti byo rima muxaka lowu wa masimu.

Vunyingi bya masimu lawa a ya ha rimiwi hi ndlela leyi faneleke, kasi man'wana ya wona a ma ha ri na ntshovelo. Xiyimo lexi, xi xungeta vusirheleri bya swakudya, ku ndlandlamuka ka ikhonomi na nkayivelo wa mitirho. I ku navela ka Ndzawulo leyi leswaku ku va ni ku andza ka vutivi evanhwini ku endlela leswaku ntshovelo wu ya emahlweni.

Enkarhini wa sweswi, Ndzawulo yi kunguhatile ku vita nhlangano wa lava nga ni xiavo eka timhaka ta vurimi. Nhlangano lowu wu ta va kona ku sungula ka kotara ya vumbirhi ya lembe. Mihlangano leyi khumbhekaka hi timhaka ta vurimi i yo fana ni Cooperatives of Land Reform farmers, DRDLR, Organised Agric, Farmers Unions & Associations, COGTA (municipalities and traditional leaders) , Development Banks na yin'wana mihlangano ya swa timali yi ta va xiphemu xa nkanerisano lowu nga ta va kona ku ta kuma ndlela yo antswisa xiyimo lexi ku kongomaniweke na xona eka Xifundzankulu lexi.

Muchaviseki Xipikara, Muchaviseki Holobyenkulu DD Mabuza , eka mbulavulo wa yena wa xiyimo xa Xifundzankulu u paluxe tinhlayo ta vantshwa lava pfumalaka mintirho laha Xifundzeninkulu. Tinhlayo ti paluxa leswaku 24 wa tiphesenti ta vanhu laha etikweni a va na mitirho, kasi 70 watiphesenti ta nhlayo leyi nga laha henhla i ya lavantshwa. Ku antswisa xiphiqo lexi boxiweke laha henhla, Ndzawulo yi ta thola kwalomu ka 150 wa vantswha lava paseke tidyondzo ta vurimi lava nga ta hangalasiwa eka masimu kumbe mapurasi lawa ya nga ku antswisiweni , kasi hi tlhelo va ta va va ri karhi va kuma ntokoto wa vurimi. Ku thoriwa ka vantshwa lava ku ta endliwa hi ku tirhisana na tiSecondary Cooperatives leti kumekaka eka 18 wa timasipala. Ku tiyisisa vuswikoti bya varimi na vathwasi lavo pfumala mintirho, vatsundzuxi kumbe valawuri vo fana na (varimi vo bindzurisa , varimi lava nga tshika ntirho, vantima lava humelelaka eka vurimi, ti extension farmers, ni valavisisi) va ta rhambiwa ku ta pfuneta .

IMPROVEMENT OF SPATIAL PLANNING AND TENURE SECURITY

The Department supported all 18 municipalities to ensure that rural development is included in the Integrated Development Plans and Spatial Development Frameworks of the municipalities to safeguard food security and enhance economic development in all our municipalities. The planning of Agri-villages will offer security of tenure as well as the required supportive land uses to their residents. The Department continued to support the

development of three Agri-villages at Jabulani, Rustplaas and Maphepheni by assisting in the facilitation of infrastructure development that would decrease the vulnerability of the rural poor, which is an important objective of the Comprehensive Rural Development Program.

The Department continued its support towards tenure upgrading. A total of 871 title deeds were issued at Matsulu C and Mashishing Ext 8, while 3313 erven are in progress at Kwaggafontein A. In terms of town establishment a total of 1091 sites were provided for development at Emthonyeni, Macadodorp and Sakhelwe.

Honourable Speaker, the Department supported the development of draft Provincial Planning Legislation to enhance the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Bill developed by the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. Implementation of uniform legislation will improve spatial planning and will ensure that land development in the province is managed effectively, and high potential agricultural land is protected from uncontrolled development. Once the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Bill is passed by Parliament during 2013, Provincial Planning legislation will be finalised.

In support of the Comprehensive Rural Development Program, plans for three new agri-villages will be developed for areas in Mkhondo and Chief Albert Luthuli Municipalities. As part of our tenure upgrading program delivery of title deeds will continue at Matsulu-C while processes to allow for the delivery of 3313 title deeds at Kwaggafontein-A will be concluded and townships establishment projects will be done in five areas in Bushbuckridge Municipality.

CONCLUSION

As I conclude Honourable Speaker, I wish to appeal to this August House to approve the 2013/14 budget of R1,050,045 billion, which is allocated in nine programmes as follows:

Programme 1: Administration, an amount of R 129,806 million

Programme 2: Sustainable Resource Management an amount of R 57,740 million

Programme 3: Farmer Support and Development Services an amount of R 491,536 million

Programme 4: Veterinary Services an amount of R 107,100 million

Programme 5: Technology, Research, and Development an amount of R 37,062 million

Programme 6: Agriculture Economics an amount of R 54,302million

Programme 7: Structured Agriculture Training an amount of R 63,555 million



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Programme 8: Rural Development an amount of R 86,502 million

Programme 9: Land Administration an amount of R 22,442 million

The budget will enable us to drive the programmes that constitute the work of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Land Administration.

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Ndzi khensa vatiri eofisini ya mina xikanwe nadyangu ngopfu vana na switukulwana lava va ndzi seketelaka eka ntirho wa mina. Ndzi khensa na movumbi wa hina loko a hi nyika mikateko ya mpfula le yi hi noniselaka misava

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