



GRAIN SA

'FARMER DEVELOPMENT'

FINAL REPORT TO THE MAIZE TRUST

1 OCTOBER 2014 TO 31 AUGUST 2015
Financials till 31 July 2015

PRESENTED ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Much effort and financial support continues to be invested in the developing agricultural sector and it is often necessary to remind ourselves of why this is necessary. As a country we need

- A prosperous agricultural sector
- One common and united voice
- Food security
 - Household
 - National
- Food sovereignty
- A vibrant rural economy
- Job creation - Agriculture is an important employer

The transformation of the grain sector of agriculture is being held back by the lack of production loans and mechanization (tractors and implements). Through this programme we continue to address the skills gap that exists in this sector. We have also made a contribution to accessing production inputs and mechanization (particularly through the good working relationship that we have with the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform). We continue to assist farmers with the preparation of business plans at all levels so that they can access funding. We also have very good relationships with the Agribusinesses who finance a number of farmers.

During this year we have managed to partner with the Jobs Fund for a project that will assist 1700 farmers on 2125 ha, and in the fourth and final year this will have increased to 3400 subsistence farmers on 10200 ha.

The training courses continue to be very popular with farmers of all sizes – without knowledge and skills there will be very little progress for the farmers. The Pula is always well received and valuable information is available to farmers through this medium. From this year we are also publishing the articles from the Pula in a format that can be downloaded – this enables easy access to extension offices, young people and farmers who require the information.

This programme is very dependent on the generous funding of the Maize Trust and we again thank the trustees for the faith that they have in our ability to make a difference and contribute to the development of a “Prosperous and vibrant agriculture sector”.

Financials

MAIZE TRUST FARMER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	Actual	Budget	Remaining
Period : 1 October 2014 to 31 July 2015			
EXPENSES			
Study group inc. management fee	R 2 921 223	R 3 379 603	R 458 380
Demonstration Trials Inc. Management fee	R 706 690	R 895 798	R 189 108
Farmers Days Inc. Management fee	R 993 404	R 1 103 727	R 110 323
Demonstration trials direct costs Inc. Management fee	R 35 617	R 40 993	R 5 376
Partnerships inc. Management fee	R 240 978	R 325 745	R 84 767
Farmer of the Year Inc. Management fee	R 244 533	R 380 036	R 135 503
Advanced farmers inc. Management fee	R 4 698 024	R 5 619 100	R 921 076
Training material inc. management fee	R 277 117	R 318 518	R 41 401
Training courses incl. management fee	R 1 303 942	R 2 013 833	R 709 891
Pula Imvula incl. management fee	R 1 941 404	R 2 387 275	R 445 871
TOTALS Including Management Fee	R 13 362 932	R 16 464 628	R 3 101 696

CREATION OF AND SERVICE TO STUDY GROUPS.

PROJECT NUMBER

Study Groups: Project A1 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Creation of and service to the study groups.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

The developing producers need training and support in order to become commercial farmers. Many are producing maize only for household food security and need to improve their production methods, management and marketing skills. There is world-wide concern about food security – not so much from the perspective of a food shortage, but rather from the affordability point of view. It is important that we assist all producers of maize to improve their production practices.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To encourage developing farmers, who have access to land, to form study groups which meet regularly to access training and information relating to the maize industry. Farmers start at the study group level and then progress from there. are finding also that as farmers graduate from the programme, they become very valuable members of the study groups as they can pass on first-hand experience to the other farmers.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 3 379 603

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 2 921 223

Budget remaining: R 458 380

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Establish and service the following study groups

Creation and servicing of study groups.			
Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Ian Househam	14
Eastern Cape	Mthatha	Lawrence Luthango	20
Eastern Cape	Maclear	Vusi Ngesi	14
Free State	Ladybrand	Johan Kriel	14
KZN	Louwsburg	Jurie Mentz	14
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Jerry Mthombothi	20
Mpumalanga	Standerton	Naas Gouws / Graeme Engelbrecht	14
North West	Lichtenburg	DuToit vd Westhuizen	10
		Total	120

2. Hold monthly meetings with all the groups in the months from February to August (7 meetings in total).
3. Take the members of the study group through a training programme planned for the year.
4. Include the Departmental Agricultural extension officer in the study group meetings, where possible.
5. Maintain a data base of study groups and members which includes the hectares they plant annually as well as the yields they achieve.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The following study groups are being supported through this programme

Number	Name of Study group	Office	Active members
1	Brooksby	Lichtenburg	32
1	Itsoseng	Lichtenburg	25
1	Madibogo	Lichtenburg	34
1	Mafikeng	Lichtenburg	31
1	Makouspan	Lichtenburg	42
1	Makwassie	Lichtenburg	42
1	Mofufutso/Witpan	Lichtenburg	100
1	Moruleng	Lichtenburg	37
1	Putfontein	Lichtenburg	21
1	Sannieshof	Lichtenburg	15
1	Siberia/Mareetsane/Louisdal	Lichtenburg	21
1	Tigane	Lichtenburg	20
1	Vrissgewacht	Lichtenburg	93
1	Weltevrede/Mooipan/Sione	Lichtenburg	47
14			560
1	Bothaville	Ladybrand	61
1	Bultfontein	Ladybrand	30
1	Deneysville	Ladybrand	17
1	Dihlabeng	Ladybrand	15
1	Ficksburg	Ladybrand	42
1	Fouriesburg	Ladybrand	25
1	Jacobsdal	Ladybrand	81
1	Ladybrand	Ladybrand	43

1	Paul Roux	Ladybrand	38
1	Petrus Steyn	Ladybrand	32
1	Senekal	Ladybrand	15
1	Theunissen	Ladybrand	34
1	Welkom	Ladybrand	117
1	Wesselsbron	Ladybrand	37
14			587
1	Barberton Farmers	Nelspruit	63
1	Bettysgoed Farmers	Nelspruit	40
1	Clau Clau	Nelspruit	87
1	Cunningmore A	Nelspruit	39
1	Gingirikani F/Assoc	Nelspruit	59
1	Hibamandla (Cunningmore B)	Nelspruit	30
1	Inkalane CPA	Nelspruit	66
1	Intamakuphila F/Assoc	Nelspruit	26
1	Jeppe's reef F/A	Nelspruit	103
1	Lijahasisu F/A	Nelspruit	55
1	Luzamo A	Nelspruit	49
1	Luzamo B	Nelspruit	92
1	Mjejane F/Assoc	Nelspruit	74
1	Nghexana F/Assoc (Kildal)	Nelspruit	42
1	Ronaldsey F/Assoc	Nelspruit	61
1	Salubindza	Nelspruit	49
1	Schuezendal F/Assoc	Nelspruit	139
1	Siyaphambili F/A MP	Nelspruit	40
1	Thuthukani F/Assoc	Nelspruit	31
19			1145
1	Bergville Agriculture	Louwsburg	99
1	Carolina	Louwsburg	24
1	Donkerhoek	Louwsburg	118
1	Dukuza	Louwsburg	90
1	Dundee	Louwsburg	30
1	Emangweni	Louwsburg	72
1	Emmaus	Louwsburg	123
1	Kestell	Louwsburg	49
1	Louwsburg	Louwsburg	75
1	Mhlungwini	Louwsburg	16
1	Mtshezi	Louwsburg	63
1	Ndumo	Louwsburg	25
1	Newcastle	Louwsburg	84
1	Nigel (Masethuthukeni)	Louwsburg	28
1	Nquthu	Louwsburg	70
1	Pixley Ka Seme (Daggakraal)	Louwsburg	63

1	Sheepmoor	Louwsburg	97
1	Sulphur Springs S G	Louwsburg	31
1	Uphuzane	Louwsburg	55
1	Uphuzane S G	Louwsburg	6
1	Vryheid	Louwsburg	136
1	Zwelisha	Louwsburg	86
22			1440
1	Black Diamond Maize Project	Kokstad	37
1	Intsingizi Maize Project - Bizana	Kokstad	114
1	Khanyayo	Kokstad	123
1	Khauoe	Kokstad	21
1	Mabandla	Kokstad	33
1	Masisizane Beans	Kokstad	55
1	Mhluzini Farmers	Kokstad	66
1	Mvenyane	Kokstad	22
1	Ndunge	Kokstad	44
1	Njijini	Kokstad	42
1	Ntlozelo	Kokstad	78
1	Ongeluksnek	Kokstad	38
1	Paballong	Kokstad	92
1	Pakkies	Kokstad	17
1	Pontseng	Kokstad	30
1	Siyaphambili EC	Kokstad	91
16			903
1	Baziya Makaula Farmers	Mthatha	42
1	Bongolethu Project	Mthatha	10
1	Esithangameni	Mthatha	68
1	Inqaba ka Ngudle Co-op	Mthatha	21
1	Ithango Farmers' Co-operative	Mthatha	27
1	Jojweni	Mthatha	42
1	Kofa Association	Mthatha	106
1	Machibi Massive Food	Mthatha	26
1	Mbozisa Farmers Association	Mthatha	16
1	Mnga Maize Project	Mthatha	138
1	Mqhayise Farmers Association	Mthatha	24
1	Mrhoshozweni Maize Project	Mthatha	57
1	Mthingwevu Farmers Association	Mthatha	49
1	Ncorha Irrigation Scheme	Mthatha	12
1	Ndlangisa	Mthatha	34
1	Ngximnde Co-operative	Mthatha	25
1	Ntonga Co-operative	Mthatha	43
1	Nyoka Farmers Association	Mthatha	55
1	Siyakhula Gxididi	Mthatha	32

1	Siyazama Ndimma	Mthatha	87
1	Vulindlela Maize Project	Mthatha	35
1	Willowvale	Mthatha	54
1	Zabalaza	Mthatha	16
1	Zanendyebo	Mthatha	34
1	Zimbileni	Mthatha	33
25			1086
1	Gqagqhala	Maclear	25
1	Gubenxa	Maclear	29
1	Katkop	Maclear	37
1	Lower Tsitsana	Maclear	46
1	Lunyaweni	Maclear	42
1	Magedla	Maclear	37
1	Ndenxana	Maclear	15
1	Ngqayi Study Group	Maclear	48
1	Pitseng	Maclear	14
1	Ryno Cluster	Maclear	14
1	Taung EC	Maclear	60
1	Thembelihle	Maclear	41
1	Umnga Flats	Maclear	46
1	Upper Tsitsana	Maclear	18
14			472
124	Study groups	Members	6193

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

During this financial year, these serviced study groups have been visited during a total of 1118 visits. During these visits the farmers have received lectures and presentations on all aspects of the grain industry with a particular focus on primary production. Very broadly, these topics include soil, water, nutrient requirements, liming, cultivar selection, planting depth and spacing, weed control, pest control, marketing, storage, transport, labour matters, statutory requirements in terms of VAT, TAX labour matters, budgeting, fire fighting, crop insurance, crop rotations, conservation agriculture, business ethics and skills development in the sector.

In the interim report we explained the project that we had managed last year for 855 subsistence farmers where we partnered with Monsanto and the ARC, as well as Omnia, Bayer and TWK. This project was a great success and these farmers at least doubled their yields (because they knew what to do, they were supported on the farm during the process, and they had access to the most modern and correct inputs.

In the light of the success of this project, Grain SA applied to the Jobs Fund for the expansion of this project over the next 4 years. The application was successful and we are currently in the process of finalising contracts with 1700 subsistence farmers (along the Eastern side of SA). We have also included partnerships with Monsanto, Syngenta, and Africa Lime industries. The Sasol Trust has also kindly agreed to assist these farmers with regard to input discounts. At this stage we are still struggling to get the fertilizer companies to agree to the 30% discount for the first year. We believe that this will be arranged with TWK, Kynoch and Omnia in the very near future.

This project has been possible as a result of the fact that we have these study group members who are part of the programme and who have been serviced through this project which is dependent on the Maize Trust. Through the study groups we have got to know the farmers and have built a relationship of trust with them. They are now being enabled to do the things we have been teaching them about.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots: Project B1 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Demonstrations trials.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In the less commercialized areas, it is necessary to have the demonstration trials so that the developing farmers are able to see the results of good production practices – correct soil preparation, correct application of lime, if applicable, correct fertilization (resulting from the soil sampling), correct plant population and cultivar selection, proper weed and pest control etc. The farmers are able to experience the practices and then do the same on their own land.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To establish and manage trial plots where farmers can be exposed to the benefits of correct soil preparation, fertilization, cultivar selection, weed and pest control and harvesting. The personnel in the programme will coordinate the establishment of these trials with other role players in the industry – the contractor, the seed companies, the fertilizer companies and the agro-chemical companies so that the farmers are exposed to the best possible production information and techniques.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 895 798

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 706 690

Budget remaining: R 189 108

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To establish the following trial plots :

Demonstration trial personnel cost			
Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Ian Househam	10
Eastern Cape	Mthatha	Lawrence Luthango	10
Eastern Cape	Maclear	Vusi Ngesi	10
KZN	Louwsburg	Jurie Mentz	10
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Jerry Mthombothi	10
Mpumalanga	Standerton	New appointment	10
		Total	60

2. To get input supplier companies to participate in the trials.
3. To demonstrate poor practice against good practice.
4. To manage the trials properly so as to expose farmers to best practice.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Trials have been planted at the following sites this year:

Demonstration Trials 2015		
	Location	
Ian Househam	Intsingizi	1
	Khanyayo	1
	Kokstad Research Station	1
	Mvenyane	1
	Ndunge	1
	Ntlozelo	1
	Siyaphambili EC	1
	Umnga Flats Mrs Mfoxo	1
		8
Lawrence Luthango	Mthatha/Gungululu	1
	Mthatha/Mbozisa	1
	Mthatha/Gxididi	1
	Cofimvaba/Mthingwevu	1
	Mthatha/Mrhoshozweni	1
		5
Jurie Mentz	Bergville (Bethanie)	1
	Dukuza	1
	Emangweni	1
	Emmaus	1
	Mhlungwini	1
	Newcastle	1
	Seotlong (Harrismith)	1
	Uphuzane	1
	Vryheid	1
	Daggakraal	1
	Sheepmoor	1
	Sulphur Springs	1
	Donkerhoek	1
		13

Jerry Mthombothi	Badplaas	1
	Barberton	1
	Bettysgoed	1
	Cork	1
	Cunningmore A	1
	Cunningmore B	1
	Fernie	1
	Hereford	1
	Jeppe's Reef	1
	Khumbula	1
	Kildare	1
	Luphisi	1
	Moedergat	1
	Ronaldsey	1
	Salubindza	1
	Schuzendal	1
		16
Vusi Ngesi	Goedehoop farm	1
	Gqagqhala	1
	Gubenxa	1
	Lower Tsitsana	1
	Lunyaweni	1
	Mr Sodinga-Umnga Flats	1
	Ndenxana	1
	Ngqayi	1
	Ryno Cluster	1
	Taung	1
	Thembelihle	1
	Upper Tsitsana	1
		12

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The trials have been a success again this year – in addition to the ‘normal’ trials, we have included the aspect of conservations agriculture and crop rotations so that the farmers are able to see the benefits of this even on the smaller scale of the trials. The coordinators were also involved in further trials for which the ARC provided the inputs. These trials included dry beans and sorghum. The ARC is anxious to get the farmers planting other crops in a rotation for all the ecological and financial benefits that are well known.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

We did not manage to reach the required number of trials this year (60) – this was mostly due to the fact that we did not activate the Standerton office fully due to the concern about the on-going funding of this entire project.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is deemed to be adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots : Project B2 / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Contracting and inputs for the establishment of the trial plots.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In the less commercialized areas, it is necessary to have the demonstration trials so that the developing farmers are able to see the results of good production practices – correct soil preparation, correct application of lime, if applicable, correct fertilization (resulting from the soil sampling), correct plant population and cultivar selection, proper weed and pest control etc. The farmers are able to experience the practices and then do the same on their own land.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To establish and manage trial plots where farmers can be exposed to the benefits of correct soil preparation, fertilization, cultivar selection, weed and pest control and harvesting. The personnel in the programme will coordinate the establishment of these trials with other role players in the industry – the contractor, the seed companies, the fertilizer companies and the agro-chemical companies so that the farmers are exposed to the best possible production information and techniques.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 40 993

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 35 617

Budget remaining: R 5 376

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To contract agricultural contractors to work the soil and plant the demonstration trials.
2. Procure, where necessary, the inputs for the trials.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The trials were planted with some bought inputs and other inputs were donated by the input supply companies. Wherever possible, local equipment is used so that they farmers can see what can be achieved using their equipment on their lands.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The inputs supply companies were generally generous with the supply of inputs for these trials- some however were bought to ensure that we could plant the trials correctly so that the farmers see the results of good practice.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmers Days: Project B3 / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Farmers days.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In order to assist the farmers in their development towards commercial production, they need to be exposed to demonstrations where they can become familiar with the practical aspects of crop production.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

Once the sites for the demonstrations trails have been established, it is very important that the developing farmers in that region be exposed to all the aspects of planting and tending to the crops that are to be planted on those sites. The farmers days offer an opportunity for the farmers to get together with other farmers, input supply companies and all other role players in the industry who are invited to be part of these days – the farmers gain much information and exposure during these occasions.

In the more commercialized areas, trials are planted by the various input supply companies and ARC affiliates where farmers' days can be held, specifically for the developing farmers. Farmers' days are also held on the farms of commercial farmers as well as other suitable venues. These days expose farmers to information and enable them to establish a support system which exists in their area of farming. We need to prepare farmers for the day that they will no longer be part of a development programme – they need to have their own systems of support.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 1 103 727

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 993 404

Budget remaining: R 110 323

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Each of the 8 offices is to host 10 Farmers Days during the year.

Farmers days / information days			
Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Ian Househam	10
Eastern Cape	Mthatha	Lawrence Luthango	10
Eastern Cape	Maclear	Vusi Ngesi	10
Free State	Ladybrand	Johan Kriel	10
KZN	Louwsburg	Jurie Mentz	10
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Jerry Mthombothi	10
Mpumalanga	Standerton	New appointment	10
North West	Lichtenburg	DuToit vd Westhuizen	10
		Total	80

2. To invite members of the study groups close to the site to attend the farmer's day.
3. To invite the local departmental extension officers to attend the farmers days.
4. To invite input supplier companies to attend the farmer's days and give a lecture on their aspect of the production.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The farmers days commence in February each year – they will be reported on in the next reporting period.

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Farmers days				
Du Toit vd Westhuizen	Date	Place	Farmers	Days
	2014/02/05	Sannieshof Hotel	150	1
	2014/04/15	Lichtenburg	48	1
	2014/04/24	Mafikeng	52	1
	2014/08/28	Sannieshof Golf Club	83	1
	2014/09/03	Blaauwbank	36	1
	2014/09/10	Sione	30	1
	2015/02/25	Sannieshof Golf Course	64	1
	2015/03/17	Sannieshof Golf Course	89	1
	2015/04/22	Brooksby	44	1
	2015/06/17	Sannieshof Golf Course	49	1
	2015/06/18	Brooksby	24	1
	2015/07/23	Sannieshof Golf Course	56	1
	2015/07/30	Sannieshof Golf Course	18	1
	2015/08/27	Sannieshof Golf Course	46	1
	2015/09/09	Sannieshof Golf Course	35	1
			824	15
Graeme Engelbrecht	2015/04/14	Hlelokhuhle Crèche	52	1
	2015/04/15	Emangweni Tribal Court	75	1
	2015/05/07	Seotlong Agricultural School	81	1

	2015/05/26	Dukuza Tribal Court	59	1
	2015/05/27	Okhahlamba Christian Church	36	1
	2015/05/28	Mhlungwini Tribal Court	38	1
	2015/08/21	Kopij Aleen Community Hal	85	1
			426	7
Ian Househam	2015/03/11	Kokstad Research Station- Dept. of Agric.	423	1
	2015/03/18	Ludeke Location (Dyafini Village)- Bizana	39	1
	2015/03/18	Ndunge	44	1
	2015/03/19	Njjjini	78	1
	2015/03/19	Njjjini- Ntonyana Fields	85	1
	2015/03/25	Intsingizi Maize Fields	77	1
	2015/08/27	Paballong	98	1
			844	7
Johan Kriel	2015/02/13	Thaba Nchu Library	93	1
	2015/02/20	Senekal	65	1
	2015/02/24	Boerevereniging Hall Verkeerdevlei	45	1
	2015/03/10	Bultfontein Farm of M Bredenkamp	60	1
	2015/03/11	Fouriesburg Farm	143	1
	2015/03/24	Bothaville	169	1
	2015/05/07	Seotlong QwaQwa	81	1
	2015/07/30	Welkom St Luke's Church	49	1
	2015/07/31	Ladybrand Church	26	1
	2015/08/07	Paul Roux Library	34	1
	2015/08/26	OVK Hall	98	1
	2015/09/01	Wesselsbron Library	43	1
	2015/09/02	Bothaville Youth Center	43	1
			949	13
Lawrence Lutango	2015/03/25	Mthatha- Mbozisa	40	1
	2015/04/15	Mthatha- Mbozisa	27	1
	2015/04/21	Gxididi/Mthatha	98	1
	2015/05/04	Gotybeni	100	1
	2015/05/06	Cofimvaba- Camama	26	1
	2015/05/07	Mrhoshozweni- Mthatha	29	1
	2015/05/19	Cofimvaba- Mthingwevu	72	1
			392	7
Jurie Mentz	2014/10/08	Bilanyoni Community Hall	132	1
	2014/11/14	Tholakele Community Hall	47	1
	2015/02/17	Emmaus	270	1
	2015/04/07	Uphuzane Community Hall	48	1
	2015/04/08	Celumusa Secondary School	64	1
	2015/04/09	Leslethdale Farm	47	1
	2015/04/16	Hlahlindlela Community Hall	95	1
	2015/07/22	Dalton Community Hall	147	1

	2015/07/30	Department of Agriculture (Carolina)	48	1
	2015/08/11	Donkerhoek Shed	71	1
	2015/08/12	Daggakraal Mill	76	1
	2015/08/13	Sheepmoor Community Hall	78	1
	2015/09/03	Nooitgedacht Farm	74	1
			1197	13
Jerry Mthombothi	2015/02/25	Barberton	63	1
	2015/02/26	Badplaas	60	1
	2015/02/27	Jeppe's Reef	52	1
	2015/03/11	Moddergat	56	1
	2015/03/12	Badplaas	70	1
	2015/03/13	Khumbula	63	1
	2015/03/17	Barberton	53	1
	2015/03/18	Fernie	54	1
	2015/03/20	Bettysgoed	42	1
	2015/03/25	Schuzendal	79	1
	2015/03/26	Salubindza	92	1
	2015/03/27	Ronaldsey	54	1
	2015/04/01	Cunningmore B	65	1
	2015/09/03	Ermelo Department of Agriculture	70	1
			873	14
Vusi Ngesi	2014/10/08	Cala Agriculture	65	1
	2015/03/30	Gubenxa	70	1
	2015/04/09	Thembelihle Village	62	1
	2015/04/14	Lunyaweni village	60	1
	2015/04/16	Gqagqhala Village	48	1
	2015/04/21	Taung Village	60	1
	2015/04/23	Ndenxana	20	1
	2015/05/06	Upper Tsitsana	58	1
	2015/05/08	Ryno Cluster	55	1
	2015/05/20	Lower Tsitsana	65	1
	2015/05/26	Ngqayi Village	105	1
			668	11
			6173	87

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The farmer's days have all been held as indicated above. This is a great way to introduce farmers to all the other role players in the industry. The focus of our entire programme is to assist farmers to use modern production methods so that they can become independent and sustainable. These farmers need to develop networks with the input suppliers so that they know where to buy the good inputs.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None to date

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is deemed to be adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Partnerships : Project B 4 / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Partnerships with other institutions.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There are many important role players in the maize industry and it is important that there be a good working relationship between all. The field of agricultural development is very wide and it is important to access information and support on all aspects – no-one group can take ownership of the development process.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To involve all the various role players in the agricultural industry in the development of farmers – there is a role to be played by each one in terms of their own speciality. Co-ordination is essential if there is to be constant and sustained progress. In the interests of long term sustainability, the farmers have to be assisted to get to know all the various role players in their field of farming – they must have a network of support that will continue once they reach commercial status.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 325 745

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 240 978

Budget remaining: R 84 767

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To assist farmers wherever possible to access money for production, and to liaise with input supplier companies so as to negotiate support for the developing farmers.
2. To maintain contact with other developmental organisations who are in the farmer development field so as to maximise the impact of all the various programmes.

3. To maintain close contact with the provincial departments of agriculture so as to be able to support their extension staff and increase their capacity for delivery on the ground.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Good relationships have been established and maintained with the following people:

Company / Organization	Contact person
ABSA	Langa Simela
ADA KZN	Revival Gwamanda
AFGRI	Goosen Lombaard
Africa Lime and Gypsum	Ben Krog, Johan Bosman and Carl Taljaard
Agri Chemies	Ian Swanepoel
AgriSETA	Jerry Madiba, Gerard Mamabolo, Johan Engelbrecht,
AgriSETA (curriculum development)	Onicca Moloto, Beatrice Enslin
Alfred Nzo District Municipality & DRDAR	Thembeke Shabalala and Ms Jim
ARC	Molefe Thobakgale
ARC	Paul Makwela
ARC	Yolisa Jezile-Pakela, Annelie de Beer, Phonnies du Toit
Bayer	Dirk Uys
BFAP	Ferdi Meyer, Marnus Gouws, Lindsay Trapnell
Cala Department of Agriculture	Mr Gxavu
CEDARA	Ian McDonald & James Arathoon
Chris Hani Development Agency	Zolile Duze
Chris Hani District Municipality	Lwandile Zweni
Commercial farmer	Jaco Breytenbach, Derek Mathews, Dirk van Rensburg, Jaco Minnaar
DARD	Ben Gwebu
DARD	Cathrine Nkosi
DARD	Elvis Mthethwa
DARD	LN. Hlahla
DARD	LP. Ngcobo
DARD	Israel Silinda
DARD	Phineas Ngomane
DARD	Prudy Mokoena
DARD	Sonto Lubisi
DARD	Thembi Xaba
DARD	Mr Gxavu
Department of Agriculture	Bafana Mahlangu
Department of Agriculture	Mr Athi Nyamela
Department of Agriculture Elliot	Zolani Motolwana
Department of Agriculture Maclear	Katoyi, Mrs Thobi
Department of Agriculture Maclear	Mr Nyamela
DLAC and Alfred Nzo District Municipality LED	Vuyisa Sifanele
DRDLR	Olebogeng Aiseng, Dr Moshe Swartz, Edwin Moshabele, Steven Modise

Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency	Mr M. Galada
Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency	Mr Ngcolo
FNB	Gert Breedt
Free State Maize	Kobus Dettmann
Future Farmers	Judy Stuart
GWK	Adriette Noeth
Hennew Beleggings	Christo van Aswegen
Humansdorp Coop	Shaun Lindeque, Deon Heyns
IDC	Riaan Coetzee
Jobs Fund	Alexander Pick, Mokete Mokone, Azwi Sidimela and others
Kynoch	Eugene Muller
Landbank	Mahendra Kara, Gilly Dlamini
Mbizana Local Municipality	Amos Nkonyeni
MGK	Ben Visser
Mhlontlo District Municipality	Mr Zondwa
Monsanto	Gert Heyns, Faizel Ebrahim, Magda du Toit, Pieter Smit, Johan Bibbey and Clara Mohashoa
Monsanto	Mauritz Lombard
Monsanto	Shadrack Mabuza
Mthiza Farmers Co-operative	Fadana
Nulandis & Profert	Clive Cunningham
NWK	Arno van Vuuren
Old Mutual Masisizane Fund	Simphiwe Somdyala
Omnia	Intelligent Ndlovu
Omnia	Aaron Kole , Tshepo Maeko
Pannar	John Odendaal
Pannar seed	Reggie Mchunu
Piet Retief Studiegroep	Tommy Ferreira
Pioneer	Pip Mortlock
Profert	Willie van Heerden
Prosugarman	Neil Shaw
Queenstown ECRDA	Ms Kalolo
RDLR (Maclear)	Thabo Motsweni
Remax Properties	Norman Bastard
Sasol Nitro	Danie Roode, Dudu Mashile
Save Act	Nolufefe Dlanjwa
Senwes	Johan du Toit, Julius Ramohlabi
Sernick	Johan Serfontein, Patrick Sekwattlakwatla
Sugar Association	Anwar Madhanpall
Syngenta	Linda vd Merwe, Antonie Delpport
Table Grape Association	Phil Bowes
TWK	Tinus Potgieter, Edwin Galt
TWK, EG Agri, Pioneer	Ricardo, Clive Cunningham, Pip Mortlock

VKB	Deon van der Ross
VKB	Piet Potgieter, Ronnie Tshabalala
GFADA	Ishmael Tshiame
Sorghum Trust, OPOT and Winter Cereals Trust	

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

There is excellent collaboration with a large number of role players in both government and the private sector. Through the relationship with these partners we are developing a common understanding of the real problems that are being faced by the various levels of developing farmers in South Africa.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

During this reporting period we tried to get involved with the KZN DARD on the request of their MEC. Regrettably after a number of visits to the province and endless meetings and discussions, absolutely nothing was achieved. The DARD had requested Grain SA to assist farmers to plant 14 000 ha and also assess and mechanization at 33 sites. The assessment was done and a cost estimate done on the equipment and tractors. However, it would seem that 'certain people' would lose too much if they involved Grain SA as we have very transparent financial systems which so not allow for 'kick-backs'. Unfortunately it is the farmers who suffer at the hands of officials. The budget is there to help the farmers but it does not reach the farmers.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

C. DEVELOPING GRAIN FARMER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmer of the Year : Project C / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Developing Grain farmer of the Year competition.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a huge amount of development work that is being done to support black farmers. There is also a perception that there are no black commercial farmers who are performing well. The purpose of this competition is to give the maize farming industry exposure and publicity that is positive, and create role models for other people considering a career in agriculture. .

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To recognise excellence in the maize farming industry amongst the developing farmers and provide role models for others who are entering the industry. Possible candidates for the competition are supported. Regular visits to their farms play a part in improving their production practices, as well as preparing them for the competition.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: **R 380 036**

Budget used to 31 July 2015: **R 244 533**

Budget remaining: **R 135 503**

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To hold a competition at three levels:
 - a. Subsistence Farmer of the Year (producing on 1-10 ha)
 - b. Small holder Farmer of the Year (producing from 1 ha to 250 tons)
 - c. Commercial Farmer of the Year (producing more than 250 tons)
2. Identify and support candidates for the competition.

3. Prepare documentation (portfolios) for the nominees for the competition.
4. Arrange and conduct the tours during which the nominees are assessed.
5. Host the function for the 250 ton club as well as the Farmer of the Year.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

This year again we had the three different categories in the competition – Subsistence, Smallholder and New Era Commercial farmers. Below are details of the farmers:

FINALISTS OF THE SUBSISTENCE FARMER OF THE YEAR 2015

Jabulani Abednego Mbele

Jabulani Abednego Mbele was born at Bergville in Silimangamehlo area on the 07th July 1950. He grew up in Bergville, got married in 1975 to Victoria and they were blessed with five children of which two of them just sadly passed away. Now they remain with two sons and one daughter namely; Thamsanqa Mbele (34) who left school at Grade 9. He works for one of the construction companies in Bergville. Thulisile Mbele (31) left school at Grade 11 and she currently stays with her parents. Dumezweni Mbele (28) currently works for Mondi as a Bell Loader operator.

He started schooling at Emadolobheni Primary School where he completed Grade 4. In 1965 he went to Mooi River where he started working for Textiles as a Machine operator until 1970. In 1971 he went to Johannesburg and in 1972 he started working for African Altex until 1990. Late in 1990 they transferred him to Durban to Romdex Carpets where he was specialising in making motor carpets until 1999.

His interest in farming started in year 2000 when Romdex Carpets closed down and he went back home and saw farming as a way of life as he was born and grew up in rural areas. Mr Mbele's involvement with Grain SA started 3 years ago when he joined a study group and attended training courses to equip himself with the necessary knowledge and skills.

Mr Mbele planted 4 hectares of maize and 3 hectares dry beans. He has switched to no-till and is making very good progress. He plants all 7 hectares by hand while his 3 tractors is only used to transport water and inputs as he believes the fuel cost is too high.

He is willing to learn and apply new knowledge. The past year he influenced the farmers in his community to start applying correct production practices and make use of hand planters according to no-till methods. He is an example to the rest of his community to such an extent that he is seen as a role model.

Ngubengcuka Christian Moyo

Ngubengcuka Christian Moyo was born and grew up in Maclear Ngqayi Administrative Area on 26th May 1967. He and Moria got married in 1991 and they were blessed with 4 children, a girl and 3 boys. He started his schooling career at Ngqayi Junior Secondary School up to grade 9, went to Gcisa High School in Tsolo where he completed grade 12 in 1989. He started working for the Department of Agriculture and Forestry in Mthatha from 1990 up to 2001 as a General Worker, planting trees. From 2002 to 2008 he worked for Hans Marensky as a supervisor for log markers. He left his job when he felt that he can make a living through farming.

He grew up in a family who has always farming in a communal land and working for the Department of Agriculture also triggered interest for farming. He also did Agricultural Science at School as a subject. He started farming in a communal land from 2008.

He planted 2.5 hectares of maize on dry land. From 2013/14 planting season he started planting without ploughing (no-till) and he is doing very well. He believes that tractor implements destroy his lands for future generations. He plants by hand.

Musawenkosi David Ntombela

Musawenkosi David was born at Bergville in Woodford area. He grew up in Bergville, got married in 1983 to Nomhtandazo and they are blessed with seven children. Three sons and four daughters namely; Nokulunga (35) who is married and work as a teacher in a one of the schools in Bergville. Mthokozisi (33) works for the Department of Social Development in Newcastle. Bright-girl (30) works for Couch manufacturers in Ladysmith. Thobile (27) completed her Grade 12 at Ekwaluseni High School and currently stays with her parents. Nontuthuko (23) completed Grade 10.

Nhlanhla (20) is currently doing his studies in Business Studies at Estcourt College and Sandile (17) is currently in Grade 11 at Ekwaluseni High School.

Mr Ntombela started his primary education level at Bethany Primary School and went to Okhahlamba High School where he completed Grade 10 in 1974. He worked for Iscor in Newcastle from 1976 until 1998.

He grew up in a farming environment and sees farming as the only way to feed his family as he is no longer employed. He was retrenched in 1998 and decided to start farming on 1 hectare communal land where he started to farm with vegetable and sold it to local the community. He got involved with Grain SA when he joined a study group in 2013. Mr Ntombela planted 6 hectares of maize and 1 hectare dry beans.

FINALISTS OF THE SMALL HOLDER FARMER OF THE YEAR 2015

Sylphanus Motswenyane

Mr Motswenyane was born in a village called Brooksby near Mooifontein in the North West province. He was the first born of Mr Simon and Miss Ivodia Motswenyane. They grew up in farming and he was taught by his father about agriculture. He got married to Maria Mmamane Mokwatse in 1974 and two children were born Steven Motswenyane and Martha Motswenyane

He attended school at the Gelukspan Motswenyane Bantu School. He managed to finish standard 6. After he finished standard 6 he had to go out and work to earn a living. He started working for Mr Moses Motswenyane at Kaalpan and from there he worked for Mr Fielies van Rensburg near Taaiboschspruit in the Sannieshof district. After seven years he got a job at the Mooifontein Agricultural co-operative.

This humble man grew up in agriculture as his father and family had to plant so that they could produce food for the family. He decided at a very young age that one of his dreams is to become a commercial farmer but he also realised that he will have to work very hard to get there. He got inspired by his role models, his father and uncles.

He became involved with Grain SA many years ago as a study group member attending study groups and training courses. He became and advanced farmer in 2013.

Mr Motswenyane planted 140 hectares of maize and 50 hectares sunflowers. He is a hardworking farmer and everything he did was done in time and he tried his best to control weed and to fertilize. He is currently farming on the farm , Tweebuffelsgeschiet near Lichtenburg in the Grootpan area. He got the farm from the department of rural development.

Lawrence Mtsweni

Lawrence grew up in Springs where his father worked as a driver. He completed Grade 12 in Kwa Zulu Natal. (Technical Matric) in 1974.

He got involved in the building Industry after doing a trade test in 1977 as a brick layer up to 1995, when he started his own construction company in 1996 until 2005, when he required a farm through Land Reform. He now lives on the farm Uitkyk in the Nigel district. Lawrence got interested in farming when his father bought a 2 hectare plot outside Springs in 1989.

He joined a Grain SA study group 2008 where he now acts as the chairperson of the Masethuthukenii Study Group. He attended various training courses and is currently studying through University of Pretoria, the 3 year course of Agricultural Enterprise Management.

Mr Mtsweni wants to become a commercial farmer and get involved in Agro Processing, producing animal feeds, creating a market for his own produce. He also wants to package meat products and dry beans. His commitment to farming and his excited approach is contagious for other farmers in the area. His family members are just as excited about Agriculture, with his two daughters now on the farm initiating the packaging enterprise and attending to the animal enterprise of the farm.

He planted 35 hectares of maize and expects an average yield of 6 tons per hectare.

Daliwonga Nombewu

Daliwonga Nombewu was born on 03 April 1975 at Gungululu Administrative Area in Tsolo. He grew up with his mother and his siblings. His father passed away when he was 7 years old. Mr Nombewu attended his lower standards and senior level at Gungululu where he passed grade 12.

After school he worked with his brother as a panel beater. He also worked as a taxi driver and later on bought his own taxi. While driving the taxi he got interested in farming, saved money and bought his first tractor in 2002. He got involved with a programme called Massive Food Production where he developed a greater interest in farming activities. He sold his taxi and bought a second tractor.

Mr Nombewu joined a Grain SA study group called Siyakhula Gxididi Maize Project and attended various training courses. He planted 13 hectares of maize expecting an average of 4.5 tons per hectare.

FINALISTS OF THE NEW ERA COMMERCIAL FARMER OF THE YEAR 2015

Vuyani & Lungelwa Kama

Vuyani Kama was born at Ugie on the 24th August 1970, whilst Lungelwa was born at Elliot on the 28th August 1978. This couple is married since 2004. Residing on a farm called Mt Elton in Ugie. They are blessed with 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl. First born is 16 years old, Mzomhle. Second born is a girl and she is 10 years old, Khazimla and the last born is a boy, 7 years old, Iminathi.

Vuyani started schooling at Sbabale Senior Secondary School in Ugie where he completed grade 11. In 1995 worked for PG Bison as a supervisor for the planting and spraying team. In 2002 he became a contractor servicing PG Bison with planting, spraying and making fire belts. Lungelwa started schooling at Longhorn farm School in Ugie from 1986 to 1993, then left to join Sbabale Senior Secondary School in Ugie, matriculated in 1998. In 2003 went to Boston College to study Tourism and graduated in 2006 (Diploma).

They started farming in 2006 with only 17 cows and 70 hectares of arable land. They didn't plant or grow anything on their farm in 2006. They started producing maize in 2007 on 30 hectares, and they grew from that. Currently they farm on 160 ha of maize, 9 ha potatoes and 2 ha vegetables. Their cattle grew from 17 in 2006 to 208 in 2014/15 and 704 sheep. On their maize they are expecting 8 tons and above per hectare. Vuyani is still working as a contractor and a part time farmer whilst Lungelwa is a full time farmer.

They are a team that is willing to learn and try conservation agriculture moving forward to reduce costs and maximise the potential of their soils.

Maseli Letuka

Maseli Augustinus Letuka, the eldest of six boys and four girls, grew up in Bethlehem. He married Maleteta in 1997. Unfortunately his wife sadly passed away in 2010. They have four children, two sons and two daughters. The two sons, Guno and Motlojoa both work at Sasol in Secunda as an Operator and electrical engineer. Maki works as a cook at Golden Gate while Lomile is married and lives in Bothaville.

Mr Letuka attended school in Bethlehem in the Free State and further trained as a teacher at the then Tshiya Teachers Training College. He furthered his education until he finished his senior degree in education specialising with "leadership and management" at the University of the Free State.

He worked for the Department of Education for 23 years in different roles starting as post level one teacher, became a senior teacher, Head of department, deputy headmaster and finished his schooling career as the Headmaster until he resigned in 1998. He never worked on any farm. It is only passion that sparked his interest in agriculture.

He started with a few cattle that he kept in his village yard, later he became a member of the communal grazing in the times of QwaQwa homeland. After his resignation he bought himself a piece of land (209ha) from Landbank, unfortunately because of partnership he had to sell this land in 2008. From that year he was leasing land from one area to another on contractual basis.

His involvement with Grain SA started as a study group member. After a while he became the chairperson of the Qwa-Qwa study group and currently serves on Grain SA's executive committee. Apart from his involvement with Grain SA he was the president of NAFU Free State and Secretary General National, founder member of NERPO and still the coordinator in the Free State province. He was a director of NERPO and the national chairperson until the end of his term in 2013.

Mr Letuka was a founder member of the present AFASA, served as a trustee of Winter Cereal Trust and vice chairperson of the newly established GFADA (Grain Farmer Development Association).

He planted 86 hectares of maize and expects an average yield of 5 tons per hectare. He also planted 30 hectares of soya beans with an average of 1.5 tons per hectare. Mr Letuka is an example of a passionate and driven farmer who has what it takes to be a successful commercial farmer.

Solomon Masango

Solomon Masango grew up on the farm Knersvlei Carolina. His father died when he was very small and was brought up by his mother, who was a domestic worker on the farm. He attended Thokoza Combine School where he completed Grade 7, then KwaMhlanga where he completed Grade 12 in 1992.

He started working at Bennicon Mine in Witbank, completed his studies as a mine worker (Open Cast). He worked there from 1994 to 1997 after which he was then appointed at African Explosive Ltd, where he worked as a surface blaster until 2000. When he completed his studies as blasting engineer he was promoted to Field Service Superintendent. In 2004 he resigned as his aim was to be self-employed. He then started a transport business

In 2008 he decided to become a farmer. His interests in farming started at a very young age on the farm he grew up on. He became an advanced farmer with Mr Naas Gouws in 2012 where his involvement with Grain SA started. He joined the newly formed Carolina Study Group in 2014.

Mr Masango lives on the farm, Brakspruit, belonging to Ubuhle Uyazenzela CPA. Through the help of Government the community received 274 cattle. Solomon looks after the herd on behalf of the community, making hay, and supply crop residue in winter. His farm workers have between 4 and 7 ha of arable lands, which are planted on their behalf, free of charge.

This farmer is always trying to grow bigger, always looking for more land to rent, and growing his personal cattle herd. He planted 150 hectares of maize with an average of 6 tons per hectare and 200 hectares of soya beans with an average of 1.5 ton per hectare. His yields increased from 3.5 tons per hectare to 6 tons per hectare the past year.

Solomon is hard working with a passion for new ideas and gaining knowledge.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The Grain SA Day of Celebration will be held in Bloemfontein on 1 October 2015 and we are all looking forward to the announcement of the winners. This year there is increased excitement as John Deere will be giving the winner of the New Era category a tractor as their prize!

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

Our challenge is that more and more farmers are doing well and would like to be part of the competition – the judging is becoming very challenging!

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going programme.

D. SUPPORT TO ADVANCED AND BLACK COMMERCIAL FARMERS

PROJECT NUMBER

Advanced farmer support: Project D 1 / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Support to "Advanced" farmers.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is still a considerable gap between the more advanced developing farmers and the commercial farmers. All the developing farmers cannot be supported at the same basic level. Through the study groups, the starter farmers are supported with information and training – this to get them into production and to cultivate a basic understanding of the maize industry. However, there are farmers who are now beyond the type of support that they get through the study group structures. These farmers are already farming on a semi-commercial scale, but they are not in a position to be left entirely to their own devices in the commercial world.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To support the outstanding candidates who have emerged from the study group system. These farmers need one on one support in terms of production planning, management, support in terms of financial applications and reporting etc. The identified farmers will have one year of intensive support. Each year a new group of farmers will be identified and supported and thereafter they should be able to continue on their own with some telephonic support by the regional officers. When the farmer is producing in excess of 250 tonnes per year, and has met the 'commercial standards' of production, he/she will be handed over to the Commercial producers in that region – this is to fast track the integration of the black farmers into the commercial sector.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 5 619 100

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 4 698 024

Budget remaining: R 921 076

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To identify and give on farm service to the following number of farmers:

Support to advanced farmers			Number
Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Ian Househam	14
Eastern Cape	Mthatha	Lawrence Luthango	5
Eastern Cape	Maclear	Vusi Ngesi	10
Free State	Ladybrand	Johan Kriel	20
KZN	Louwsburg	Jurie Mentz	20
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Jerry Mthombothi	6
Mpumalanga	Standerton	New appointment	20
North West	Lichtenburg	DuToit vd Westhuizen	20
Total			115

2. Give these identified farmer intensive training and support.
3. To access all the relevant information on these farmers so as to assist them with applications for funding, and to draw up a 'Farmer Portfolio' for each farmer.
4. Place the portfolios on the web site and get all the role players to keep the portfolio updated.
5. Access, if possible, recapitalization from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform so as to 'fast-track' their development.
6. Access production loans for the farmers wherever possible so that these farmers can use the land available to them.
7. Assist the farmers with access to mechanization in cases where this is a challenge.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The following farmers are being supported by the various personnel in the offices

		Surname	Name	Office	Category
1	4104205479088	Boki	Mthandeki	Kokstad	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	6910255935084	Khitleli	Lebohang	Kokstad	Commercial 250 Tons
1	6902175698084	Mongoato	Teboho	Kokstad	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7010115795082	Mongoato	David	Kokstad	Commercial 500 Ton
1	6109075899081	Tsephe	Thabang	Kokstad	Commercial 500 Ton
1	6711295671081	Lekhatlanya	John	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4401155534080	Mohapi	Elijah	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4308245136083	Ndzunga	Nkosinathi	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7201126162087	Pauleni	Bafo	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4603035131082	Sabasaba	Tholong	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8703286092086	Sindani	Nkosinathi	Kokstad	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
11				Kokstad	
1	4401315342085	Mbele	Malefetsane	Ladybrand	Commercial 250 Tons
1	6406225046088	Middleton	Keith	Ladybrand	Commercial 500 Ton
1	8003125757084	Mokoena	Frans	Ladybrand	Commercial 500 Ton
1	6603255508082	Lekhoaba	Buti	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7412255395089	Letsitsa	Happy	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6012265908086	Lipali	Tibi Daniel	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	3908255299084	Mabala	Hendrik	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)

1	7007075328086	Mabaso	President	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6602205256081	Mabaso	Mohlolo	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7504265331086	Magada	Petrus	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4208025519088	Mahlatsi	Edwin	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8204295540082	Makhubo	Jacob	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5711280768083	Maklaar	Emelda	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6906215619083	Malindi	Paul	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6704035243089	Matlabe	Joshua	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5112105438087	Matshinini	Fani	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7008315419081	Moalosi	Ramarumo	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6508015479088	Mofokeng	Khanyane E	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6110275389089	Mofokeng	Sehlabo	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8611265702080	Mofokeng	Tshepo	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4811125653085	Mohapi	Mokgethi	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6004015459080	Mohlomi	Joseph	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5005195432087	Mongo	Abraham	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6809225350089	Mosia	Paulus	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5903255926081	Motlhabane	Pencil	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8004015690088	Motlhabane	Ruben	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5505195745081	Motlhabane	Johannes	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6710205368085	Phike	David	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6203195603083	Rakhongoana	William	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6105255568082	Thamae	Lesole	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5706265392081	Tshabalala	Hans	Ladybrand	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
31				Ladybrand	
1	5206290807088	Mutloane	Annah	Lichtenburg	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	7111235804083	Booizene	Solomzi	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5005175754088	Manuel	Abram	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	4711130608084	Mapanyane	Annah	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	4512025233081	Mazwi	Simon	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7003095997083	Melken	Klerk	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	4107065482084	Mokgethi	Lucas	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5102115618083	Mokgethi	Sepele	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7305115780088	Molema	Prince	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5408015825086	Raphoto	Rykie	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	3003110091080	Ratshikana	Anna	Lichtenburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	4105166549086	Booizene	Sampie	Lichtenburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	4604065790086	Mothusi(Mothusi & sons)	Lazarus	Lichtenburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	4804115255086	Kgasu	Isaac	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4810145494082	Lethabane	Solomon	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6307115757083	Makgoana	Daniel	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5310255766089	Maselwanyane	Thomas	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6511135829083	Meerken	Petrus	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6710145756084	Mokaleng	Tuelo	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5108090588084	Mokone	Maseipati	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4004155582081	Mokone	Moalusi	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4506215507080	Morule	Gideon	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)

1	3809113365083	Motlhabane	Meshack	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4602125643089	Motswenyane	Sylphanius	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4308125531080	Phage	Michael	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6112245307086	Tshabalala	Kaizer	Lichtenburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7111040855080	Lerebolo	Elsie	Lichtenburg	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	6010145756084	Mokaleng	Joseph	Lichtenburg	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
28				Lichtenburg	
1	81209125837089	Mafuleka	Gift	Louwsburg	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	4808125235087	Mokoena	Boy	Louwsburg	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	4908055357081	Motshwene	David	Louwsburg	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	6505255251086	Sibeko	Fanyana	Louwsburg	Commercial 1000 Ton
1	3301017093088	Mahlangu	George	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	9205015382084	Mahlinza	Sizwe	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5204065265087	Makoele	Lekhotla	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5404075810084	Maleleka	Modise	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7201085673082	Masango	Solomon	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	6210125595081	Masombuka	Josias	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	4402285440081	Motaung	Amos	Louwsburg	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7405066453089	Congwane	Themba	Louwsburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	4909255288084	Makubo	Malefane	Louwsburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	5807185782086	Mbhele	Thulani	Louwsburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	5908280754085	Mmeregí	Mampe	Louwsburg	Commercial 500 Ton
1	7106065932087	Dube	Job	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5112265442085	Khumalo	Lucky	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7408055552085	Makhalemele	Letsholo	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5902235561083	Makhunga	Abram	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8309115603083	Makubo	Tebalo Elias	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5207245750084	Masango	Kutwana	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5807175540080	Mazibuko	Shintshi	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5202055583089	Mbele	Simon	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6904125557089	Mbele	Shadrack	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5601205237084	Mnisi	Esau	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7602275426084	Mlangeni	Mdu	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4805055607087	Mnculwane	Mfaniseni	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5601205237984	Mnisi	Esau	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6201125309086	Mokoena	Joseph	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6707165226085	Motau	Johannes	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4011105353083	Motsoeneng	John	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7109036041087	Moyo	Remo	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6510105667085	Mthethwa	Remember	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7411150342089	Mtsetfwa	Dineo	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5602026341089	Mtsweni	Lawrence	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5006205682083	Nicolas	Frank	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8008035850085	Nkosi	Jeremiah	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4907195228087	Shuwisa	Samson	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5701025858083	Sibiya	DuToit	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)

1	7010085465088	Sibiya	Musa	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4910125404083	Tsotetsi	Motsamai	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6908085620080	Zim	Mambane	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6512200247086	Zondi	Gugulethu	Louwsburg	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	8308250651087	Masango	Elsie	Louwsburg	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	410200020303	Masango	Jan	Louwsburg	Commercial
1	6309235681086	Twala	Vusi	Louwsburg	Commercial
46				Louwsburg	
1	7808281006089	Kama	Lungelwa	Maclear	Commercial 250 Tons
1	7008245380080	Kama	Vuyani	Maclear	Commercial 250 Tons
1	5809155823080	Jalisa	Cornelius	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5311105200089	Kondlo	Lizo	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	3802115304087	Mbanga	Wilson .M	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6103175170089	Mfoxo	Meluxolo	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5908185914081	Mzinzi	Thumekile	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6006235160083	Ngqoshana	Monwabisi	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5212115815082	Nontso	Kolekile	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4203045683089	Siyotula	Bethwell	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	3901145141087	Sobethwa	Mzwandile	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7706075759089	Sodinga	Sizwe	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5501035180084	Songca	Sydney	Maclear	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
13				Maclear	
1	5207065488088	Malgas	Limos	Mthatha	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4505085102089	Ncedede	Melvin	Mthatha	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	7503045699085	Nombewu	Daliwonga	Mthatha	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5605265785080	Tshabu	Simphiwe	Mthatha	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4907035721085	Yawa	Mbulelo	Mthatha	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5003125169085	Gwilikana	Ntsikelelo	Mthatha	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	5806166112081	Gxiva	Mzoliswa	Mthatha	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	6310225827085	Mbalo	Ngayibeki	Mthatha	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	5110277563084	Nondonga	Leonard	Mthatha	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
1	5005155750080	Sangovana	Madlebe	Mthatha	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
10				Mthatha	
1	8109260374088	Gininda	Winnie	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4104035424080	Mdluli	Vincent	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	4807065582086	Mthombothi	Elmon	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5701035940087	Nkosi	Shaka	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	6110095497088	Pangane	Elias Sky	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5701095495089	Shongwe	Vezamafa	Nelspruit	Small Holder (10ha - 250 Tons)
1	5410020356081	Maphosa	Patricia	Nelspruit	Subsistence (0.5-10 ha)
7				Nelspruit	
146					

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The coordinators have been working with a total of 146 farmers during this year. Farmers are learning and progressing well although the challenge of production financing and mechanization remains great.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

This year we have tried to secure funding for more of these farmers – we have applied to the Landbank, ABSA bank and DRDLR for recap. To date the most successful has been DRDLR as we have an additional 15 farmers who will be assisted this year.

If we are to take these farmers to full commercialization then we will have to address the production financing and mechanization as a collective. The additional challenge of multi-peril insurance is also not addressed adequately. We live in an arid country and droughts occur – farmers need to be able to insure against ‘acts of God’.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

E. TRAINING

PROJECT NUMBER

Training material development and duplication : Project E 1 / 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Training material development, translation and duplication.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

Over the past number of years, we have developed a number of courses – Introduction to Maize Production, Advanced Maize production and Marketing, Course for Agricultural contractors, Tractor and Farm Implement Maintenance, Basic engine repair, Skills development course, Resource assessment and farm planning, Farming for Profits, Practical on-farm maintenance etc. All of these manuals served, and still serve a particular purpose. We have come to realize the value of DVD's in terms of practical training – to show the various implements, under which conditions you would use them, what the effect of that operation is on the soil, how to set the implement etc. We continue to develop relevant material that is used through the training courses, study group meetings and farmers days.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To give each course attendee a copy of the relevant manual.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 318 518

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 277 117

Budget remaining: R 41 401

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Duplicate the manuals for the training courses.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

During each course, each learner is presented with a manual which he / she can take home after the course. A lot of material is covered during each course and it is good for the learners to be able to have a reference at home for later use then they try to apply what they have learned to their own circumstances.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Each attendee received a manual.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

E. TRAINING**PROJECT NUMBER**

Training courses : Project E 2 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Training courses.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a very marked lack of knowledge and practical skills relating to advanced maize production, marketing and agri-business development and if there is to be real development in this sector, the people need to be trained appropriately. The departmental agricultural extension officers are also lacking knowledge, skills and most especially practical know-how relating to maize production. Through these well designed and appropriate training courses we plan to add capacity to the farmers, the contractors as well as the extension officers.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To offer training courses as listed in Annex H

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 2 013 833

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 1 303 942

Budget remaining: R 709 891

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To present courses as per the detail contained in the application to the Maize Trust.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The following courses have been presented during this financial year:

Date	Town	Province	Trainer	Type of Course	Atten dees
28 - 4 Oct (2 Oct)	Mhluzini	KZN	Richard Gilson	Setting of Implements (1 day)	8
3 - 7 Nov	Welkom	FS	Danie vd Berg	Introduction to Maize production	26
3 - 7 Nov	Delareyville	NW	Henkie v Rensburg	Introduction to Maize production	22
10 - 14 Nov	Bothaville	FS	Eduard Foord	Tractor and implement maintenance	25
24 - 28 Nov	Prieska	NC	Eduard Foord	On farm maintenance	6
19 - 23 Jan 2015	Middleton	NW	Henkie v Rensburg	Tractor and implement maintenance	23
16 - 20 Feb 2015	Fouriesburg	FS	Johan vd Merwe	Farming for Profits	16
23 - 27 Feb 2015	Blaauwbank	NW	Danie vd Berg	Farming for Profits	17
9 - 13 Feb 2015	Brooksby	NW	Henkie v Rensburg	Tractor and implement maintenance	24
23 - 27 Feb 2015	Madibogo	NW	Henkie v Rensburg	Tractor and implement maintenance	22
2 - 6 March 2015	Carolina	MP	Naas Gouws	Introduction to Maize production	15
9 - 13 March 2015	Sannieshof	NW	Johan vd Merwe	Resource Assessment and Management	14
9 - 13 March 2015	Brooksby	NW	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	13
25 - 29 May 2015	Badplaas	MP	Bev Pottow	Tractor and Implement Maintenance	23
9 - 13 March 2015	Mahikeng	NW	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	10
16 - 20 March 2015	Bultfontein	FS	Eduard Foord	Tractor and implement Maintenance	15
16-20 March	Vryheid	KZN	Graeme Engelbrecht	Introduction to Maize production	23
23 - 27 March 2015	Siyaphambili	KZN	Richard Gilson	Tractor and Implement Maintenance	19
13 - 17 April 2015	Newcastle	KZN	Bev Pottow	Tractor and Implement Maintenance	21
22 - 26 Jun 2015	Mbambiso	MP	Bev Pottow	Introduction to Maize production	22
13 - 17 April 2015	Welkom	FS	Danie van den Berg	Business Ethics	17
13 - 17 April 2015	Baziya	EC	Remo Bartels	Introduction to Maize Production	27
18 - 22 May 2015	Kabokweni	MP	Bev Pottow	Mechanization Management	25
13 - 17 April 2015	Matatiele	EC	Richard Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	30
13 - 17 April 2015	Wesselsbron	FS	Eduard Foord	Tractor and Implement Maintenance	25
4 - 8 May 2015	Nelspruit	MP	Bev Pottow	Introduction to Maize Production	20
4 - 8 May 2015	Nokweja	KZN	Richard Gilson	Mechanization Management	6
4 - 8 May 2015	Ladybrand	FS	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	13
4 - 8 May 2015	Maclear	EC	Remo Bartels	On Farm Maintenance and Support (Workshop Skills)	10
11 - 15 May 2015	Baberton	MP	Bev Pottow	Contractors Course	23
11 - 15 May 2015	Comfimvaba	EC	Remo Bartels	On Farm Maintenance and Support (Workshop Skills)	13
18 - 22 May 2015	Vryheid	KZN	Johan van der Merwe	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	31
18 - 22 May 2015	Bizana	KZN	Remo Bartels	On Farm Maintenance and Support (Workshop Skills)	14
18 - 22 May 2015	Welkom	FS	Danie van den Berg	Maize under Irrigation	10
18 - 22 May 2015	Newcastle	KZN	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	16
25 - 29 May 15	Matatiele	EC	Richard Gilson	Farming for profits	16
25 - 29 May 2015	Vryheid	KZN	Remo Bartels	On Farm Maintenance and Support (Workshop Skills)	9
1 - 5 Jun 15	Maclear	EC	Sarel Pretorius	Tractor and implement maintenance	17
8 - 12 Jun 15	Mbutho	EC	Remo Bartels	Introduction to Maize production	22

1 - 5 Jun 15	Mpuluzi	MP	Bev Pottow	Mechanization management	25
8 - 12 Jun 15	Ixopo	KZN	Richard Gilson	Farming for Profits	29
8 - 12 Jun 15	Fouriesburg	FS	Eduard Foord	On farm maintenance and support (Workshop skills)	7
8 - 12 Jun 15	Baberton	MP	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine repair	10
6 - 10 Jul 15	Ximhungwe	MP	Bev Pottow	Mechanization management	21
3 - 7 Aug 15	Fouriesburg	FS	Eduard Foord	Tractor and implement maintenance (Farm workers)	19
22 - 26 Jun 15	Bizana	KZN	Richard Gilson	Resource assessment and management	22
22 - 26 Jun 15	Welkom	FS	Danie vd Berg	Resource assessment and management	19
29 - 3 Jul 15	Ugie	EC	Sarel Pretorius	Resource assessment and management	26
29 - 3 Jul 15	Mthatha	EC	Remo Bartels	Tractor and implement maintenance	23
6 - 10 Jul 15	Matatiele	KZN	Richard Gilson	Business Ethics	12
6 - 10 Jul 15	Parys	FS	Eduard Foord	Tractor and implement maintenance (Farm workers)	21
6 - 10 Jul 15	Dannhauser	KZN	Stephan Ferreira	Farming for profits	23
29 - 3 Jul 15	Ugie	EC	Richard Gilson	Business Ethics	17
13 - 17 Jul 15	Amersfoort	KZN	Johan vd Merwe	Business Ethics	13
(19 & 20 Aug)	Bothaville	FS / NW	Eduard Foord / Senwes	Maintenance on Modern Equipment Planter clinic & Adv Tractor	20
17 - 21 Aug	Sheepmoor	KZN	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine repair	10
27 - 31 Jul 15	Lebaleng	NW	Henkie v Rensburg	Introduction to Maize production	25
8 - 12 Jun 15	Daggakraal	MP	Bev Pottow	Introduction to Maize production	17
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THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

As above

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

The courses will be presented after the busy planting season.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

There is always a great need for training courses.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This is an on-going project.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

PROJECT NUMBER

Newsletters Pula / Imvula : Project F2 14/15

PROJECT TITLE

Monthly newsletters (Pula / Imvula)

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

It is absolutely necessary for all those involved in the industry to have access to updated and appropriate industry information.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To disseminate industry information to all interested and involved parties in the developing agricultural sector through the monthly newsletters distributed in 7 languages (viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiZulu and IsiXhosa).

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 14 to 30 September 15

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 2 387 275

Budget used to 31 July 2015: R 1 941 404

Budget remaining: R 445 871

DETAIL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

None

DETAIL OF OVERSEAS TRAVELLING EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT APPLICATION

None

DETAIL OF SURPLUS MAIZE TRUST FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

None

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare, duplicate and distribute the monthly newsletter in 7 languages viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiXhosa and IsiZulu. (8 pages full colour with photos).

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The Pula Imvula newsletter has been prepared, translated, printed and posted to all the recipients on the list for the entire year.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The Pula Imvula is a project that has managed to achieve the type of cohesion from different funders that could be viewed as idea. Each month, the Maize Trust funds 8 pages; the Winter Cereals Trust funds an additional 4 pages for December, March, June and September; OPOT funds an additional 4 pages for October, January, April and July; and in addition to this, there is an expanded English Pula which adds more advanced (complicated subjects) of another 8 pages (this only in the English version). The 'normal' Pula which is funded by the Trusts is translated in Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sesotho sa Leboa, isiZulu and isiXhosa. Copies of all the Pula Imvula in all the languages will be on the CD accompanying this report.

	<u>September 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Partnership to promote commercial grain production - SA Grain
Maize	Mixing chemicals
Maize	Farmer Profile: William Matasane
WCT	Wheat yield and crop rotation
WCT	Check monthly statements
WCT	How barley production contributes to food security - quick facts
Pannar	Corner Post: Monaisa Ramodisa
Pannar	Insect damage in irrigated wheat
Pannar	Wild oats in what
Pannar	Lice
Quote	I may not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday. ~Author Unknown
	<u>August 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Timely ordering of inputs (planning ahead)
Maize	The difference good maintenance makes in the life-span of my equipment
Maize	Why, when and how regularly do we need to take soil samples?
Maize	Monthly financial statements & the role of a bookkeeper
Maize	Farmer Profile: Elias Pangane
Monsanto	Corner Post: Why does every farmer need a mentor?
Monsanto	Integrated crop and livestock production systems (SAG, Aug 2014 bl. 80)
Monsanto	Oedema
Monsanto	Diplodia ear and stalk rot (SAG Aug 2014 bl.94)
Monsanto	What different does the Sulphur content of fuel make?
Quote	Learn all you can from the mistakes of others. You won't have time to make them all yourself. ~Alfred Sheinwold
	<u>July 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	NAMPO - leave space
Maize	The Importance of producing quality products
Maize	Application of lime - when, what type, how much and why?
Maize	Farmer Profile: Henry March
OPOT	Canola: Management factors to take into consideration - July to October
OPOT	Soybeans - preparation for next season (crop rotation planning)

OPOT	Sunflower focus
Pannar	Corner Post: Unati Speirs: SAG Aug 2014 p 110
Pannar	Integrated crop and livestock production systems (SAG, Jul, 2014, p. 76-78)
Pannar	A few thoughts about fertilizing soya beans
Pannar	Tape worms in livestock
Pannar	Do you recognize a Boron deficiency?
Quote	Occasionally ask, "What is the connection between what I want most in life and anything I plan to do today?" ~Robert Brault
	<u>June 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Overstocking and the importance of supplement feeding during the winter
Maize	Sources of financing for farming businesses
Maize	Best prices
Maize	Farmer Profile: Farm workers forum
Maize	Important tax facts to keep in mind
WCT	Wheat: Post-emergence management
WCT	Different products derived from wheat
WCT	Weed control in wheat
Quote	The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. – Alice Walker
	<u>May 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	What are the actual costs - contractors vs. own equipment
Maize	"Prepare when you need to attend a dispute at the CCMA".
Maize	Omnia and the loans that they are giving to farmers
Maize	Using equipment optimally
Maize	Farmer Profile: Wilmar Adams
Monsanto	Corner Post: Wandile Sihlobo
Monsanto	Know your herbicides
Monsanto	Integrated crop and pasture based livestock system bl. 52
Monsanto	What is root rot?
Monsanto	Want to know more about stripe rust? Bl. 70
Quote	Success does not consist in never making mistakes, but in never making the same one a second time. Josh Billings
	<u>April 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	The impact of interest rates on loans
Maize	TBC
Maize	Utilizing drought stricken maize
Maize	Protect yourself from actions by the CCMA
Maize	Farmer Profile: Mentor -Kanolskop
OPOT	Canola - practical considerations before planting
OPOT	Soybeans

OPOT	Reducing sunflower wastage
Monsanto	Corner Post: Farm workers forum
Monsanto	Grain serves it members
Monsanto	Know your herbicides
Monsanto	Know about Rabies
Monsanto	Be aware of pod eelworm
Quote	The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will. Vince Lombardi
	<u>March 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Land ownership and the challenges we face
Maize	Marketing your maize
Maize	Post season managerial assessment
Maize	The advantage of Government not supporting farmers
Maize	Farmer Profile: Solomon
WCT	Wheat under irrigation
WCT	Why is research important?
WCT	2014 Wheat Production in the Southern Cape
Quote	I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship. Louisa May Alcott
	<u>February 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Why has the maize price dropped? Overview of supply and demand
Maize	Post emergence herbicide
Maize	How do I go about selling my maize? (practical a-z)
Maize	Climate - keeping records
Maize	Risk management
Maize	Procare
Monsanto	Corner Post: Land Reform
Monsanto	Know your insecticides
Monsanto	Look out for the Maize Root Worm
Monsanto	Conservation agriculture – even in communal land
Quote	Each of us must work for his own improvement and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity. Marie Curie
	<u>January 2015</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	New Year's Message
Maize	Communal farming
Maize	The value of growing maize for own consumption
Maize	What is UIF and how does it work?
Maize	Chemical weed control
Maize	Financial health
Maize	Farmer Profile: Mr Nontso
OPOT	Topdressing - Sunflower

OPOT	Soybean rust - prevention and control
OPOT	Canola production: Looking back over the past season - lessons learnt
Quote	Most "impossible" goals can be met simply by breaking them down into bite size chunks, writing them down, believing them, and then going full speed ahead as if they were routine. Don Lancaster
	<u>December 2014</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Farmer of the year winners
Maize	Die gebruik van Roundup as onkruidoder
Maize	Profile: Samuel Molo
Maize	How do I decide what crop to plant?
Maize	Handling stress and emotional intelligence
WCT	Discover the cover
WCT	Wheat production overview (Dry land and irr.)
WCT	Practical aspects of communication
Monsanto	Corner Post: Looking back over the past year
Monsanto	Do we know stalk borer?
Quote	The future depends on what we do in the present - Mahatma Ghandi
	<u>November 2014</u>
Maize	Nkgono Jane
Maize	Opening of the Maclear office
Maize	Farmer Profile: Daniel Mndebele
Maize	Pre-emergence herbicide
Maize	The importance of fire control in communities
Maize	The influence of soil pH on the effectiveness of fertiliser
Maize	Healthy family relationships
OPOT	Legumes
OPOT	Trichomoniasis

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

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