



# **GRAIN SA**

## **‘SCHOOLS PROGRAMME’**

**FINAL REPORT TO THE MAIZE TRUST**

**1 OCTOBER 2019 TO 30 September 2020**

**PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The schools programme involves visits to Grade 9 learners during the first three quarters of the year. The visits commence in February of each year which is outside of this reporting period. Funding was approved and received very late 2019, and unfortunately resulted in the schools program not able to kick off in the first quarter of 2020. However planning was in place to continue and adapt the schools visit in the second and third quarter.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT THE SCHOOLS**

### **PROJECT TITLE**

School presentations

### **TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES**

Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry

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

It is essential that we encourage children to be aware of the value of agriculture as a source of food and fibre, an major role player in the economy, as an employer, and as a career choice. More than half the population in Africa is under 20 years of age. Children are current consumers, consumers of the future, and the next generation of workers, and the sooner we can make them aware of the value of agriculture in general, and the maize industry in particular, the sooner we can hope to have them understand the importance thereof.

### **MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.**

One hundred and sixty schools will be selected from towns in the North West, Free State, Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Limpopo, KZN and Mpumalanga. We will identify suitable persons who can take the presentations to the Grade 9s of the various schools. They will be visited each quarter for the first three quarters of 2019. Should other donors be identified, the number of schools will be increased.

### **PROJECT DURATION**

1 October 19 to 30 September 20

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

Indirectly, all sectors – producers, consumers and related industries.

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

- Maize Trust

### **SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.**

R 500 000 (Including 10% management fees)

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

N / A

### **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

1. To identify suitable personnel (trainers) to do the presentations in the various regions. (The regions will be the 8 regions serviced by the personnel in the Farmer Development Programme.)
2. Identify the schools who wish to take part in the programme.
3. Visit the schools once a quarter for each of the first three quarters and do a presentation followed by a discussion to the Grade 9 learners. (Food, Fibre and Life; Agriculture – Dig in - What is it all about; The Economy – what's in it for me?; Our daily bread – the story of Wheat; The Soya Bean – wonder food, Careers with Plants and Careers with Animals).

### **CURRENT PROJECT CONSTRAINTS**

1. Funding approval received late 2019 resulted in first quarter needed to extend into second and third quarter of the school year.
2. As indicated to the administrator of the trust the CONVID 19 virus and regulations is currently of great concern. Schools are closed and some of the regulations hinder the progress of the project.
3. With the Schools opening the Schools were not willing to participate in the project due to limitation of time and curriculum constraints.
4. The Trust indicated that these fund must be utilised within the new year

## FINANCES

**1 October 2019 to 31 August 2020**

		<b>Annual Budget</b>
Approved Budget	R	500 000
Utilised	R	871
<b>Available</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>499 129</b>

## CONCLUSION

Constraints in terms of late approval of funding and the Convid -19 virus resulted that no schools could be visited up to now.