



# **GRAIN SA**

## **‘SCHOOLS PROGRAMME’**

**INTERIM REPORT TO THE MAIZE TRUST**

**1 OCTOBER 2020 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

With the ever-increasing population growth in the world, and more particularly in Africa, the relevance of agriculture has probably never been more important than now. With reduced land available for production, coupled with an increased demand for food, it is essential that we encourage young people to become interested and passionate about agriculture. We need motivated people to choose the sector as a career so we can ensure the sector's sustainability and in so doing, sustainably feed the people of the world.

We understand that the source of funding for this programme is limited, and we have looked at different ways in which to get the information to the schools. After consultations with teachers, we have found that the interaction by our school facilitator during the viewing of the digital illustration is absolutely crucial as this attracts and keeps the interest of the learners and also provides an opportunity to directly answer questions and change perceptions. This programme provides the opportunity for young people not just to receive information about agriculture, but also interact with the facilitator to obtain relevant and important information. At a young age the learners can have access information that can assist in future career decisions.

The schools programme involves visits to Grade 9 learners during the first three quarters of the year. Appointments are usually made during February whereafter visits commence from March onwards. Funding was approved and received very late 2020. Schools were also hesitant to make appointments with our facilitators due to the uncertainty of Covid rules and regulations. However, planning is in place to continue with the schools' program and schedules have been adapted to visit schools during the second, third and fourth quarters.

## **2. INITIAL APPLICATION: 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 2020 to 30 September 2021

### **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 499 128

### **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).

## **4. CURRENT PROJECT CONSTRAINTS**

The program was up and running and the first 10 schools have been visited during March 2021. All schools were however not ready to accommodate physical presentations. The program however continued and there where schools do not allow gatherings yet, school facilitators still visited the schools and distributed very informative posters about Agriculture that they put up strategically around the school grounds. They also had meetings with

the teachers and discussed the important information missed during the various semesters and securing their appointments for the next year. This contact is crucial to keep these schools committed to the program.

## 5. ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN

Despite the challenges, 103 schools could be visited this year. These visits comprised of a combination of presentations as well as supplying schools with educational posters on agriculture to keep awareness alive.

Event date	Province	Donor	School name	School term
2021-08-27	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Sibusisiwe High School	Third term
2021-08-27	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Siphumelele Secondary School	Third term
2021-08-26	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Phatfwa Secondary School	Third term
2021-08-26	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Acek Academy	Third term
2021-08-25	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Cyril Clarke	Third term
2021-08-25	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Mandlesive Secondary School	Third term
2021-08-24	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Sakhile High School	Third term
2021-08-24	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Mshadza Secondary School	Third term
2021-08-23	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Angels Park	Third term
2021-08-23	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Khaliphani Secondary School	Third term
2021-06-02	Free State	Maize Trust	Phukalla Secondary School	Second term
2021-06-02	Free State	Maize Trust	Lindley High School	Second term
2021-05-28	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Kromellenboog Combined School	Second term
2021-05-28	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Warrenvale High School	Second term
2021-05-27	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Bongani High School	Second term
2021-05-27	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Riverside High School	Second term
2021-05-26	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Vaalriver High School	Second term
2021-05-26	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Barkly West High School	Second term
2021-05-26	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Danielskuil High School	Second term
2021-05-26	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Kuilsville High School	Second term
2021-05-25	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Ikanyegeng Combined School	Second term
2021-05-25	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Panorama Combined School	Second term
2021-05-24	Free State	Maize Trust	Thabo Thokoza	Second term
2021-05-24	Free State	Maize Trust	Clarens Combined	Second term
2021-05-21	Free State	Maize Trust	Leratswana Sec School	Second term
2021-05-21	Free State	Maize Trust	Ntsu Sec School	Second term
2021-05-20	Free State	Maize Trust	LIBERTAS COMBINED	Second term
2021-05-19	Free State	Maize Trust	Marallaneng S/S	Second term
2021-05-19	Free State	Maize Trust	Tlotlisong S/S	Second term
2021-05-19	Free State	Maize Trust	TAUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL	Second term
2021-05-19	Free State	Maize Trust	Tutuboloha Intermediate School	Second term
2021-05-19	Free State	Maize Trust	Taung Secondary School	Second term
2021-05-18	Free State	Maize Trust	Lereng S/S	Second term
2021-05-18	Free State	Maize Trust	Sehlabeng S/S	Second term
2021-05-18	Free State	Maize Trust	Ipokelleng S/S	Second term
2021-05-18	Free State	Maize Trust	Tshepano S/S	Second term
2021-05-18	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Khaliphani Secondary School	Second term
2021-05-18	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Acek Academy	Second term

2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	Ntediseng S/S	Second term
2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	SeemahaleS/S	Second term
2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	Leratong S/S	Second term
2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	Ntemoseng S/s	Second term
2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	Kgauho S/S	Second term
2021-05-17	Free State	Maize Trust	Senakwangedi S/S	Second term
2021-05-17	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Sakhile High School	Second term
2021-05-17	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Mandlesive Secondary School	Second term
2021-05-14	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Angels Park Academy	Second term
2021-05-14	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Cyril Clarke	Second term
2021-05-13	Free State	Maize Trust	Brebner H/S	Second term
2021-05-13	Free State	Maize Trust	Ikaelelo S/S	Second term
2021-05-13	Free State	Maize Trust	Kaelang S/S	Second term
2021-05-13	Free State	Maize Trust	Lekhulong S/S	Second term
2021-05-13	Free State	Maize Trust	Sand du Plessis H/S	Second term
2021-05-13	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Sibusisiwe High School	Second term
2021-05-13	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Phatfwa High School	Second term
2021-05-12	Free State	Maize Trust	Seqhobong S/S	Second term
2021-05-12	Free State	Maize Trust	Phehello S/S	Second term
2021-05-12	Free State	Maize Trust	Theunissen H/S	Second term
2021-05-12	Free State	Maize Trust	Concordia C/S	Second term
2021-05-12	Free State	Maize Trust	Staatspresident Swart	Second term
2021-05-12	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Mshadza Secondary School	Second term
2021-05-12	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Siphumelele Secondary School	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Mamello S/S	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Marematlou S/S	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Hentie Cilliers H/S	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Leseding T/S	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Letsete S/S	Second term
2021-05-11	Free State	Maize Trust	Riebeekstad H/S	Second term
2021-05-10	Free State	Maize Trust	Bloemfontein South H/S	Second term
2021-05-10	Free State	Maize Trust	Vulamasango S/S	Second term
2021-05-10	Free State	Maize Trust	Kagisho S/S	Second term
2021-05-10	Free State	Maize Trust	Bloemfontein H/S	Second term
2021-05-10	Free State	Maize Trust	Tsoseletso S/S	Second term
2021-05-09	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Tetlanyo H/S	Second term
2021-05-06	Free State	Maize Trust	Setjhaba se Maketse	Second term
2021-05-06	Free State	Maize Trust	Thato S/S	Second term
2021-05-06	Free State	Maize Trust	Kgorathuto S/S	Second term
2021-05-06	Free State	Maize Trust	Ntumediseng S/S	Second term
2021-05-05	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Pescodia H/S	Second term
2021-05-05	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Roodepan H/S	Second term
2021-05-05	Free State	Maize Trust	Boshof H/S	Second term
2021-05-05	Free State	Maize Trust	Aramela C/S	Second term
2021-05-05	Free State	Maize Trust	Dealesville Primary	Second term
2021-05-05	Free State	Maize Trust	Kgolosego S/S	Second term
2021-05-04	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Tshireleco S/	Second term

2021-05-02	Free State	Maize Trust	Paul Roux Intermediate	Second term
2021-05-01	Free State	Maize Trust	Lefikeng S/S	Second term
2021-05-01	Free State	Maize Trust	Bainsvlei C/S	Second term
2021-05-01	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	William Pescod S/S	Second term
2021-05-01	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Emmanuel H/S	Second term
2021-05-01	Northern Cape	Maize Trust	Emang Mmogo C/S	Second term
2021-05-01	Northern Cape	Stimulus	Pescodia	Second term
2021-05-01	Free State	Maize Trust	Lenyora la Thuto	Second term
2021-03-16	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Cyril Clarke Secondary School	First term
2021-03-16	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Angels Park Academy	First term
2021-03-16	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Acek Academy	First term
2021-03-12	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Mandlesive High School	First term
2021-03-11	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Sibusisiwe High School	First term
2021-03-11	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Khaliphani Secondary School	First term
2021-03-10	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Phatfwa Secondary School	First term
2021-03-10	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Sakhile Secondary School	First term
2021-03-10	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Mshadza Secondary School	First term
2021-03-09	Mpumalanga	Maize Trust	Siphumelele Secondary School	First term

## 6. Interim Financial Report

The financial report presented below is for the 01 October 2020 to 31 August 2021 financial period.

<b>1 October 2020 to 31 August 2021</b>			
<b>Annual Budget</b>			
Approved Budget	R	499 128	
Utilised	R	88 722	
<b>Available</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>410 406</b>	

## 7. Report and Feedback on Schools visited

Since the beginning of the school term for 2021, various schools were visited by Grain SA facilitators. Below is the specific report and feedback from school' teachers and learners:

<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	Hazyview	<b>School name:</b>	Siphumelele Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>	0828685377	<b>Contact person</b>	0137985195
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-09		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	42	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	166
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	1006	<b>DVD presented</b>	1006
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	We recommend that such visits should be done often in our rural areas so that our learners should be highly motivated to follow such careers.		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Innocentia Nkosi - We received a lot of information about agriculture, like the use of animals to make food and to make clothes. We also use plants to make some food, like using Sunflower to make Cooking oil, using peanuts to make peanut butter.		

**General comments:** The children showed great interest in the importance of agriculture and its products



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	White River	<b>School name:</b>	Angels Park Academy
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0137512714
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-16		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	20	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	25
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	150	<b>DVD presented</b>	150
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	The visit was valuable because the learners learnt about the economic and environmental importance of agriculture.		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Nthabiseng - The visit was valuable to us because it taught us about how many types of foods are made of natural resources like plants and animals and we learned that agriculture is a source of employment.		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	White River	<b>School name: A</b>	Acek Academy
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0137513407
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-16		

<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	34	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	76
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	252	<b>DVD presented</b>	252
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	It was visit worth repeating. Learners were eager to learn. Some did not know that most of the things in the kitchen are the result of agriculture. They learned many things from the representation for example healthy diet and the importance of vegetable		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Hlumi Mathe - They are teaching us about how agriculture has an impact in economic growth, we are also being taught of how food is produced from raw plants. The clothes we are wearing is also a result of agriculture. Agriculture is also creating jobs.		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>		<b>School name:</b> Acek Academy	Mandlesive High School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0723497910
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-12		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	54	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	190
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	1271	<b>DVD presented</b>	1271
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	It has created awareness on agriculture to the children		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Samantha Khoza - We were very pleased to visit the agriculture class. We gained a lot of information and knowledge that we were clueless as we didn't know that coffee can be planted Welcome Ngoma - We are happy about the information given today about agriculture and we would like to learn more about it.		





<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	
<b>Nearest town:</b>	Nelspruit	<b>School name:</b>	Khaliphani Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0137945130
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-11		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	24	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	159
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	934	<b>DVD presented</b>	934
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	It was great value to learners. The video was clear and well presented to viewers.		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Nonduduza Makhabane - it tells us more about how things/products are produced from primary sector to secondary sector. It tells us how agriculture is important.		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	White River	<b>School name:</b>	Phatfwa Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0665279746
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-10		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	30	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	111
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	721	<b>DVD presented</b>	721
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	The presentation was very good and beneficial for our kids. I recommend that the programme should include the grade 10 learners who are already doing agriculture as it is important information that can motivate them to take the subject serious.		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Tsila Luyanda - I didn't know that cornflakes were made up of wheat and that cooking oil was made from sunflower Nokwanda Mbuyane - The visit was important because we learned a lot about the importance of agriculture in our daily lives.		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	White River	<b>School name:</b>	Sakhile Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0137884103
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-10		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	48	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	98
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	617	<b>DVD presented</b>	617
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	We would like to have more of this visits as they are beneficial to our learners		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Thobeka Mashela - We learnt a lot about agriculture. We can't live without agriculture. We eat agriculture and we wear agriculture. We have seen that agriculture has got so many careers. We saw that cornflakes are made up of maize, peanut butter is made up of peanuts, we also saw rice planted in water.		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	White River	<b>School name:</b>	Mshadza Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0712689831
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-10		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	47	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	237
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	1445	<b>DVD presented</b>	1445
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	The visit from Grain SA was good especially on educating the learners about the importance of grains in our lives. We live agriculture, we eat food from the soil. I have to thank the institution for bringing the information		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	<p>Ashraf - We learned about the future that shows us where we get our food such as sunflower oil</p> <p>Natacia - We learned how clothes are made and how to produce food such as maize meal, rice and sunflower oil.</p> <p>Ayanda Sengwayo - We learned about how food is made in agriculture and how agriculture is important to people.</p>		



<b>Province</b>	Mpumalanga		
<b>Event donor</b>	Maize Trust	<b>School term:</b>	First term
<b>Nearest town:</b>	Nelspruit	<b>School name:</b>	Cyril Clarke Secondary School
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Contact person</b>	0764292968
<b>Event date:</b>	2021-03-16		
<b>Grade 9 learners</b>	25	<b>Grade 12 learners attended</b>	205
<b>Total number of learner in school</b>	1348	<b>DVD presented</b>	1348
<b>Feedback from teachers:</b>	Learners were able to understand the value of life through agriculture as the video highlighted things they are experiencing daily i.e. the food they eat and also the careers they can pursue through agriculture		
<b>Feedback from learners:</b>	Nontsikelelo Mkhwanazi - the visit was of value to me because now I know that agriculture help us in many things in different ways.		



## **8. Conclusion**

It is essential that we encourage children to be aware of the value of agriculture as a source of food and fibre, as a major role player in the economy, as an employer, and as a career choice. The importance of providing this service cannot be over emphasized. It is imperative that we become creative during this uncertain period and jointly look for ways in which we can carry on with this important programme. The few visited schools in 2021 have shown great interest in the programme and the learners' feedback demonstrates great appreciation for project. Grain SA will certainly continue to negotiate for access to more schools to ensure that the information reaches as many learners as possible.