

## **Selection of Project Beneficiaries**

Ditholwana Tsa Rena Community Development Trust intends to establish an Agriculture Incubator Hub designed to support aspiring Agricultural Entrepreneurs by providing training, mentorship, resources and access to markets.

The primary objectives of this project are as follows:

- To provide aspiring entrepreneurs with a supportive environment to develop and grow their business ideas.
- To offer training, mentorship and guidance from experienced industry professionals.
- To provide access to resources, facilities, and infrastructure required for business development.
- To facilitate networking opportunities and connections with potential investors, partners, and customers.
- To foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, promoting economic growth.

Ten (10) Farming Businesses will be selected as Project Beneficiaries from Mokopane Villages.

These ten businesses could either be Private or Cooperative type of businesses.

Twenty five (25) individuals will be selected from these ten businesses to be trained at Buhle Farmers Academy in Delmas, Mpumalanga. Two individuals per farming business to be trained in Business Acumen in Mokopane.

## Criteria

The farming business to be selected must:

- I. Be owned by residents of Mokopane
- II. Have minimum of one (1) hectare under irrigation
- III. Have access to water and irrigation infrastructure
- IV. Be currently in crop production
- V. Have generated some income through sales of vegetables in the past twelve months
- VI. Be willing to attend training and participate in mentorship sessions
- VII. Have trainees that are able to read and write English. Minimum Grade Nine (9)
- VIII. Be willing to join the incubation programme
  - IX. Be passionate about farming as a business

Duration: 12 months.

Closing date for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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N.B. No stipend will be paid to farmers during training.