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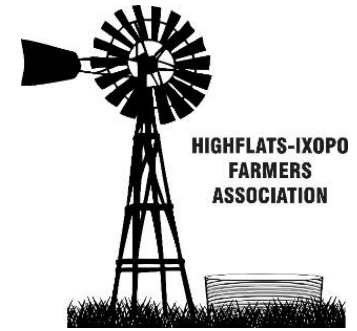


Third quarter of 2020



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In-service Training Programme Update



It has been a busy period for our in-service training programme. A couple of our students completed their training and were replaced by new students drawn from a comprehensive database and then selected and placed after an interview process had taken place in August. We are grateful to commercial farmers, Mr. Andrew Gilson and Mr. Dave Mobley for joining our programme and affording us the opportunity of placing three new students.

Until the present our commitment has been entirely to the Esayidi TVET College and the placement of their farm management diploma students who need 18 months of practical experience in order to obtain their diplomas. However, we are pleased to still have been able to place several graduates, two of which were recently afforded an opportunity through the Future Farmers programme and placed at the Iminathi Training Centre near Ixopo where they have already begun to prove their worth.

Mrs. Sizeni Mandebese from Harding, obtaining her in-service training at Mr. Bruce Allwood's farm near Ixopo.

In-service Training Programme Update



Challenges remain with the diploma application process on account of a lack of involvement and guidance from the Esayidi College and the apparent enormity of the backlog of unprocessed applications at the Department of Higher Education and Training. Fortunately one of our directors, Mr. Peter Christianson, sits on the audit committee for this department and was able to put us in contact with the HOD of Education for KZN, Dr. Vusi Nzama who in turn put us in contact with the person responsible for the evaluation of our diploma applications and we are now slowly making headway.

Mrs. Lindelwa Mafu learns about soil sampling during her in-service training at the Reynold's farm near Ixopo.



Mphithini Primary Co-op

Donnybrook

The Mphithini Co-op celebrated the harvest of their maize in July this year and managed a total yield of 10,6 tonnes on their two hectares which was harvested, shelled and bagged by hand. We are grateful to De Heus for purchasing the grain from them and at a fortuitous time as the maize price was unusually high earning the Co-op in the area of R3000/tonne.

Plans are now afoot for the next planting season and we are thankful to Omnia who carried out soil testing on the maize lands allowing us to make an informed decision regarding the inputs required for the planting of maize and dry beans this season.

Agricultural Mentorship Projects

Mr. Ducky Ngcobo

Mr. Ducky Ngcobo enjoyed some limelight recently at the official opening of his new dairy at Summerhill Farm in July, hosted by the Agri-business Development Agency who funded the development. The function was attended by several high ranking government officials including the MEC for Agriculture in KZN, Mrs. Bongive Sithole-Moloi.

Mr. Gehla Mngoma

Mr. Gehla Mngoma's production success continues to grow and of late, HGA director, Mr. Dougie Strachan has been working alongside Mr. Mngoma, teaching him how to keep his own set of books from the farm. Thanks go to Mr. Strachan for the time he has put in and to Mrs. Avril Shewan and Mrs. Elrina Venter for their efforts in getting the ball rolling with the backdated set of books for Mr. Mngoma.



Mr. Ngcobo at the launch of his new dairy

Support from the Private Sector



The Mascor Toyota Hilux being put to good use during the maize harvest in Mphithini in July



PANNAR

Thanks go to Pannar who offered another generous donation of maize seed, providing Mr. Ngcobo 15 bags and 3 bags to Mr. Sbusiso Mchunu whom Mr. Lance Walker from the Highflats-Ixopo Farmers Association works alongside.

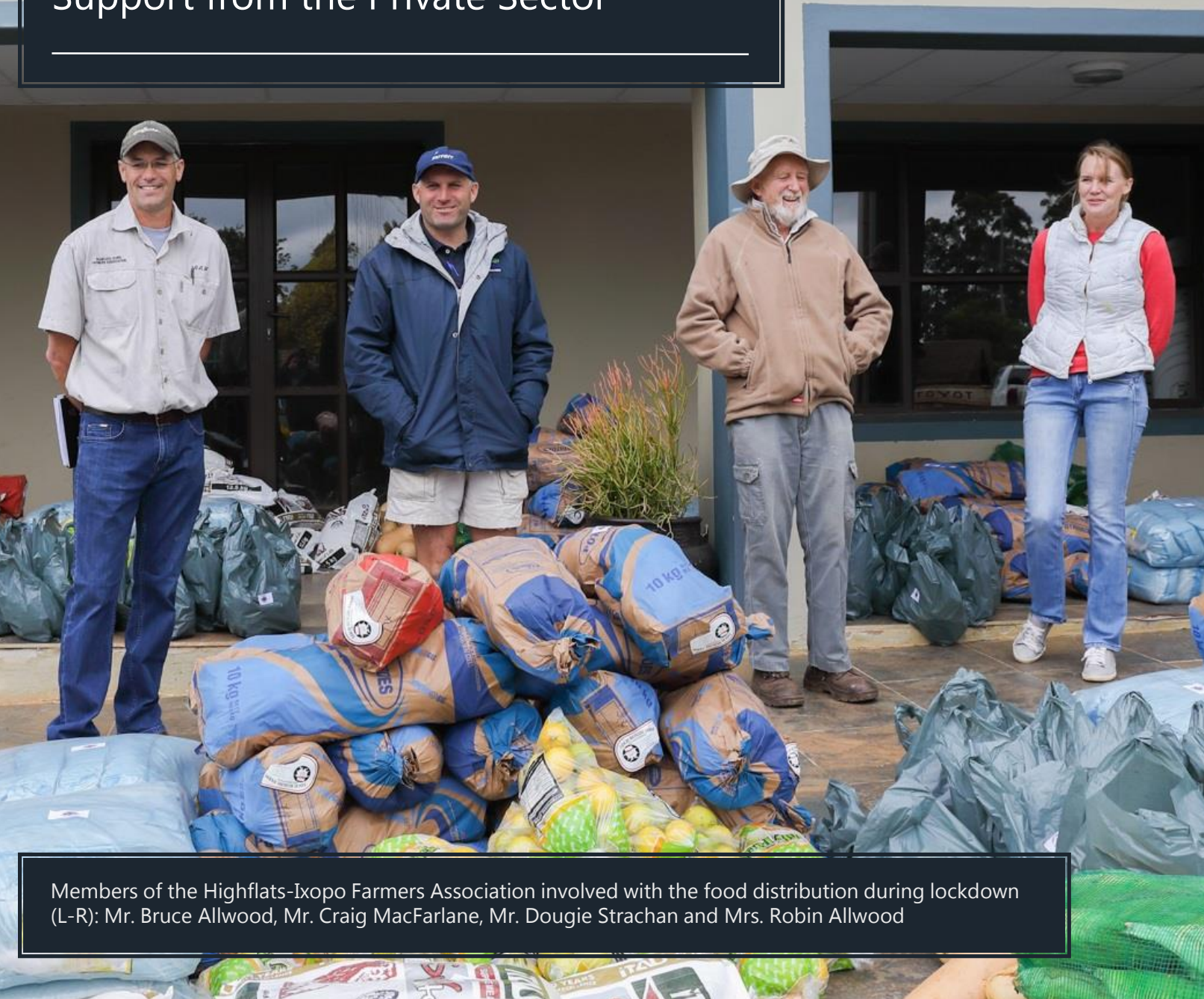


Sutherland Seedlings

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We are thankful to Sutherland Seedlings for their donation of 8200 cabbage seedlings which the Vogelvlei home gardeners near Franklin and the One Home One Garden Project in Hlutankungu appreciatively accepted.

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Members of the Highflats-Ixopo Farmers Association involved with the food distribution during lockdown (L-R): Mr. Bruce Allwood, Mr. Craig MacFarlane, Mr. Dougie Strachan and Mrs. Robin Allwood

Limagrain ZAAD South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Link Seed (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Limagrain Group) have undergone some exciting changes and have formed a joint venture with K2 and Seed Co South Africa and are now trading as Limagrain ZAAD South Africa (Pty) Ltd. We are pleased to announce that they have made another substantial contribution towards HGA of R90 000.

Highflats-Ixopo Farmers Association

This year has been unprecedented in the challenges that people have faced across the globe yet we have been humbled by the kindness shown despite this. We thank the Highflats-Ixopo Farmers Association for another generous contribution of R10 000.

Make a Difference -Make a Donation

The Harry Gwala Agri website now has a donate page which offers a simple way of donating towards our initiative. There is the option of doing an EFT or making a R1000 using the PayFast options which include credit card and Zapper.

Click [here](#) to go to the page.

Being a Public Benefit Organisation, we can supply donors with an 18A Tax Certificate for contributions over R500.



The Mngoma family at Ponderosa, Ixopo

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