

COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP)

The aim of this programme is to provide post-settlement support to the targeted beneficiaries of land reform and to other producers who have acquired land through private means and are, for example, engaged in value-adding enterprises domestically or involved in export.

The programme is a core focus for the department and will make interventions in six priority areas:

- Information and technology management
- Technical and advisory assistance, and regulatory services
- Marketing and business development
- Training and capacity building
- On/off farm infrastructure and product inputs
- Financial support

Expected outcomes

- Increased creation of wealth in agriculture and rural areas
- Increased sustainable employment
- Increased incomes and increased foreign exchange earnings
- Reduces poverty and inequalities in land and enterprise ownership
- Improved farming efficiency
- Improved national and household food security
- Stable and safe rural communities, reduces levels of crime and violence, and sustainable rural development
- Improved investor confidence, leading to increased domestic and foreign investment
- Pride and dignity in agriculture as an occupation and sector

Beneficiaries

- The hungry
- Subsistence and household food producers
- Farmers
- Agricultural macro-systems within the consumer environment

CASP Grant

Objectives and Allocation criteria:

- Community involvement and ownership
- Target beneficiaries should be from the previously disadvantaged group
- Enhances national and household food security
- One-off grant and not committing the Government to any form of direct recurrent operational or maintenance projects grants
- Long-term sustainability and economic viability
- Project finance support will only be provided for agricultural activities having the required level of institutional and technical support
- Projects that will generate employment opportunities should be given priority

Grant conditions

- Complement provincial budgets to improve and increase farmer support services within the CASP framework
- Implementation of quarterly reporting on approved plans for targeted areas and beneficiary groups
- Strategic plans for 2005/06 to clearly indicate CASP measurable objectives and performance targets