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BUILDING VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

► UMBONISO WAMAFAMA ASENYANDENI

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► UFD ANNUAL FARMERS' DAY

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Mr. Mzolisi Ndinga
Editor

Editorial: Reflecting on a Year of Growth, Partnership and Impact

As we conclude another financial year, we pause to reflect on the journey we have travelled together in advancing our mission of building vibrant and sustainable communities across the O.R. Tambo District.

The past year has been one of commitment, resilience and innovation. Despite the economic and developmental challenges facing our region, Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency has remained steadfast in creating opportunities that stimulate local economic growth, support emerging enterprises, strengthen agricultural development, and improve livelihoods.

Throughout the year, we continued to implement programmes that empower farmers, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, youth and communities. From expanding market access through the Kei Fresh Produce Market and Umzikantu Meat Market, to supporting livestock improvement initiatives, digital farmer registration, skills development and enterprise support, our work has been driven by a shared vision of inclusive and sustainable development.

These achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our Board of Directors, shareholder, O.R. Tambo District Municipality, government departments, development partners, organised agriculture, community stakeholders and the dedicated employees of Ntinga. Your collaboration and commitment continue to inspire our pursuit of excellence.

As we look ahead to the new financial year, we remain focused on strengthening partnerships, embracing innovation, enhancing service delivery and unlocking new economic opportunities for the people of the O.R. Tambo District. We are committed to ensuring that our programmes continue to respond to the needs of our communities while contributing meaningfully to economic transformation and job creation.

This edition of our newsletter captures some of the milestones, stories of impact and achievements that defined the year. We trust that these highlights demonstrate the value of collaborative development and reaffirm our commitment to making

a lasting difference.

On behalf of Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has walked this journey with us. Together, we will continue to create opportunities, empower communities and build a prosperous future for our district.

Together, we remain committed to creating vibrant and sustainable communities.



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UMnu. Sibi ecacisa ngeenkonzo ezenziwa nguNtinga.



Abantu baseMangcwanguleni baphume ngendlu yabo ukuyakuzimamelela.

Mangcwanguleni, Ward 05 – UMasipala waseNyandeni ubambe inkqubo yothethathethwano noluntu (Community Outreach Programme) eMangcwanguleni, kwiWadi 05, ngenjongo yokusondeza iinkonzo zikarhulumente ebantwini nokuphulaphula iimfuno zabo.

Ethetha kule ndibano, uSomlomo weBhunga likaMasipala waseNyandeni, uMnu. Fudumele Gaxeni, uthe kubalulekile ukuba urhulumente afikelele nakwiindawo ezisemaphandleni anzulu ukuze abantu bafumane ulwazi ngeenkonzo neenkqubo zophuhliso ezikhoyo.

UGaxeni uchaze ukuba iMangcwanguleni yenye yeendawo ezixhomekeke kakhulu kwezolimo nakwimfuyo njengomthombo wokuphila. Uye wabongoza uluntu ukuba lusebenzisane, luseke amaqela okusebenza kwaye luphuhlise iiprojekthi ezinokuphucula uqoqosho lwewadi. Uthe ukusebenza ngokubambisana kuya kunceda ekudaleni amathuba emisebenzi nasekuphuhliseni uluntu ngokubanzi.

I-arhente yophuhliso, iNtinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, nayo ithathe inxaxheba kule nkqubo. Umququzeleli wezoluntu wale arhente, uMnu. Msindiseni Sibi, ukhuthaze abalimi bemfuyo ukuba basebenzisane neUmkizantu Red Meat Abattoir ngokuthengisa iinkomo zabo apho.

USibi ucacise ukuba abalimi kufuneka kuqala bafake izicelo zezatifikethi zokuphawula imfuyo (Branding Certificates) kwiSebe lezoLimo, kuba iNtinga ithenga kuphela iinkomo eziphawulwe ngokusemthethweni. Uthe oku akuncedi nje kuphela ekuthengiseni imfuyo, kodwa kukwadlala indima enkulu ekulweni ubusela bemfuyo obusaxhaphake kwiindawo ezininzi zasemaphandleni.

Uluntu luwamkele kakuhle amacebiso nolwazi oluthe lwabelwana ngalo, kwaye lwabonakalisa umdla wokusebenza ngokubambisana norhulumente namahlakani ophuhliso ukuze kuphuculwe imeko yokuphila eMangcwanguleni.

UFD Annual Farmers' Day Encourages Eastern Cape Farmers to Grow and Prosper.



Panel during Panel discussion at the UFD Farmer's Day. the UFD farmer's day.

Ncise, Eastern Cape – 08 May 2026 – Farmers, agricultural stakeholders, and development partners gathered at the Ncise Shearing Shed for the Ukhanyo Farmer Development (UFD) Annual Farmers Day 2026, an event aimed at motivating and empowering farmers across the Eastern Cape.

Addressing attendees, UFD Head, Mr. Sinelizwi Fakade, said the primary purpose of the annual event is to encourage farmers to persevere despite the challenges facing the agricultural sector.

"We want our farmers to keep going and continue producing. Agriculture remains a key driver of economic growth and food security in our province," said Fakade.

He highlighted the role played by UFD in developing emerging farmers by providing support and access to essential farming resources. According to Fakade, UFD assists farmers in expanding their operations from as little as one hectare to as much as ten hectares, while also providing access to the necessary tools of trade to improve productivity and sustainability.

UFD's agricultural development programmes focus primarily on grain production across the O.R. Tambo, Joe Gqabi, and Alfred Nzo District Municipalities. Through these initiatives, the organisation aims to strengthen local food production and create economic opportunities for rural communities.

During his address, Fakade also raised concerns about the lack of agricultural studies at Walter Sisulu University. He questioned why the institution does not offer agriculture as a field of study despite being located in a region that boasts approximately 300,000 hectares of arable land.

"It is difficult to understand why a university situated in one of the country's most agriculturally rich regions does not have a strong agricultural programme. Such an offering could contribute significantly to the development of the sector and the empowerment of local communities," he said.

UFD Annual Farmers' Day...

Fakade acknowledged the valuable partnerships that have enabled UFD to support farmers effectively. These include collaborations with Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA), the Department of Agriculture, and the Iyunivesithi i-Water Studies (IWS).

The Annual Farmers' Day provided a platform for farmers to share experiences, learn about available support programmes, and strengthen networks with development partners. Participants left the event inspired and equipped with information aimed at improving agricultural production and contributing to rural economic development throughout the Eastern Cape.



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Animal Health Practitioners Launch Marks New Era for Livestock Development.



**Mr. Sandile Sentwa: Ntinga
Acting CEO**



**MEC Nonkqubela Peters
addressed the launch.**

Tsolo, Eastern Cape – 28 April 2026 – A significant milestone for the livestock sector was celebrated at the Tsolo Agricultural and Rural Development Institute (TARDI) when newly qualified Animal Health Practitioners were officially launched during a ceremony held at the TARDI College campus in Tsolo.

Providing the background to the programme, TARDI Principal, Dr. Nandipha Ndudane, explained that the initiative originated from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which identified the need to train Animal Health Technicians to provide critical animal healthcare services to livestock farmers.

Dr. Ndudane noted that, historically, Animal Health Technicians were primarily trained to work within government structures,

leaving many smallholder livestock farmers without adequate access to animal health services. However, this changed in 2022 when legislation allowed Animal Health Practitioners to establish and operate their own private practices.

“TARDI was awarded the responsibility of training 50 Animal Health Practitioners. This programme is a major step towards improving livestock production and strengthening primary agricultural production in the region,” said Dr. Ndudane.

She further highlighted the role played by the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), which provided business management training to the practitioners to ensure they are equipped not only with technical skills but also with the knowledge required to run sustainable enterprises.

Animal Health Practitioner's launch...

All the graduates have since been formally registered and are now ready to offer professional animal health services to farming communities.

Speaking at the launch, Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Sandile Sentwa, welcomed the programme and commended all stakeholders involved in its implementation.

“This initiative will benefit the agricultural sector and rural economy. As Ntinga, we see value in having qualified practitioners within the region as this will improve livestock health and assist in sourcing quality animals from local farmers,” said Sentwa. The Eastern Cape MEC for the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), Ms. N. Peters, described the programme as a strategic breakthrough for the province's livestock industry.

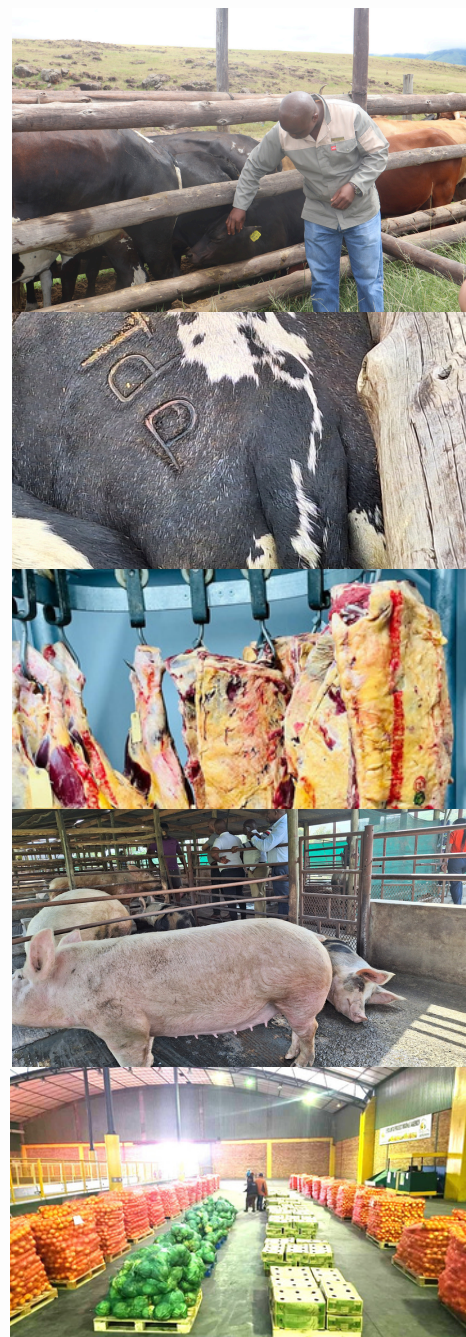
“The decision to allow Animal Health Practitioners to establish their own practices is a strategic milestone. It expands access to animal healthcare services and creates entrepreneurial opportunities for trained professionals,” she said.

Ms. Peters assured the newly launched practitioners of government's continued support as they establish and grow their businesses.

“We will continue supporting these practitioners until they become self-sustainable. Their success will contribute to stronger livestock production systems and rural economic development,” she added.

The MEC also noted that the programme is expected to have positive benefits for the Umzikantu Red Meat Abattoir, as improved animal health and increased livestock production will strengthen the local value chain and enhance the supply of quality livestock within the region.

The launch marked a new chapter in livestock development, creating opportunities for animal health professionals while improving access to vital services for smallholder farmers across the Eastern Cape.



Umboniso Wezolimo WaseNyandeni Ubuyile Emva Kweminyaka YeCOVID-19.



USodolophu waseNyandeni Umnu. Viwe Ndamase ehlola umsebenzi wamafama.

Ngqeleni, Eastern Cape – Amafama avela kwiindawo ngeendawo zoMasipala waseNyandeni adibene kumabala ezemidlalo eNgqeleni kumboniso wezolimo wonyaka, iNyandeni Agricultural Show, obuyileyo kwakhona emva kokunqunyanyiswa iminyaka emininzi ngenxa yobhubhane weCOVID-19.

Lo mboniso unike amafama ithuba lokubonisa izakhono zawo kwezolimo, ukwabelana ngamava kunye nokufunda ngeendlela ezintsha zokuphucula imveliso. Nangona kunjalo, ngenxa yesifo senyebetu nochwane (Foot and Mouth Disease) esichaphazela imfuyo, izilwanyana azizange zivunyelwe ukuthatha inxaxheba kumboniso walo nyaka njengenyathelo lokuthintela ukusasazeka kwesi sifo.

Ethetha kulo msitho, uSodolophu woMasipala waseNyandeni, uMnu. Viwe Ndamase, ukhuthaze amafama ukuba athathe ezolimo njengeshishini elinokudala ubutyebi nemisebenzi kuluntu.

UNdamase wabelane ngeengcebiso ezibalulekileyo zokuphatha ifama njengeshishini. Uthe amafama kufuneka avule iikhawunti zebhanki zamashishini ezahlukileyo kwezo azisebenzisela iimfuno zoziqu.

Ukwathe kubalulekile ukuba umfama azi ukuba uthatha malini njengomvuzo kwishishini lakhe ukuze kube lula ukulandelela ingeniso neendleko zefama.

Ukuba sifuna ezolimo zikhule zibe lishishini elizinzileyo, kufuneka siziphathe njengeshishini lokwenyani. Kufuneka sikwazi ukwahlula imali yeshishini kuleyo yoziqu,” utshilo uNdamase.

USodolophu uphinde wagxininisa ukubaluleka kokuxhasa amafama asekuhlaleni ukuze kukhuliswe uqoqosho lwengingqi. Ucebise ukuba izikolo zalapha kuMasipala zithenge imveliso yazo kumafama asekuhlaleni, nto leyo eya kuthi ikhuthaze uphuhliso loqoqosho lwengingqi (Local Economic Development) kwaye idale amathuba amaninzi kubavelisi basekhaya.

Amafama nabanye abathathi-nxaxheba bawamkele ngovuyo amathuba okunxibelelana nokubonisa umsebenzi wabo. Ukubuya kweNyandeni Agricultural Show kubonwa njengenyathelo elibalulekileyo ekukhuthazeni ezolimo nasekuvuseleleni uqoqosho lweendawo zasemaphandleni emva kweminyaka yobunzima obubangelwe ngubhubhane weCOVID-19.

GCIS Public Education Programme Promotes Community Awareness and Participation in Mcobothini.

Mcobothini Village, Mqanduli – Community members from Mcobothini Village gathered for a Public Education Programme organised by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen community awareness and encourage public participation in government programmes.

The event brought together various government departments and development agencies, including Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, which used the platform to educate residents about its services and opportunities available to rural communities.

Leading the Ntinga presentation was the agency's Head of Trading Enterprises, Mr. Viwe Madolo, who encouraged livestock farmers to brand their cattle as a measure to protect their assets and improve access to formal markets. His message was strongly supported by members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) who were present at the event and highlighted the role of animal branding in combating stock theft.

Mr. Madolo explained that Ntinga is committed to supporting rural small-scale farmers and helping them transition from subsistence farming to commercial farming. He encouraged farmers to take advantage of development opportunities and support programmes aimed at improving agricultural productivity and creating sustainable livelihoods.

“Ntinga is here to assist rural farmers to grow their enterprises and become commercially viable. Through our various programmes, we want to see farmers moving beyond subsistence production and participating meaningfully in the agricultural economy,” said Madolo.



Mr. Viwe Madolo:
Head Trading Enterprise addressing the Public Awareness.

Speaking on behalf of the organisers, GCIS Regional Communications Coordinator, Ms. Phiwokuhle Zokufa, said the Public Education Programme was organised to commemorate several important milestones in South Africa's democratic journey, including the celebration of 30 years of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

She said the programme forms part of the government's efforts to bring information directly to communities and ensure that citizens are aware of available services and opportunities. “The main objective of this programme is to increase community awareness and strengthen public participation. We want communities to be informed, empowered, and actively involved in matters that affect their development,” said Zokufa.

Residents were allowed to engage directly with government representatives, ask questions, and access information on a range of services. The programme was widely welcomed by community members, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to interact with government institutions and development agencies closer to home.

The event demonstrated the importance of collaboration between government, development agencies, and communities in promoting informed citizen participation and advancing rural development.



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