



SMALL SCALE FARMERS MONITORING AGRICULTURE FUNDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH PUBLIC EXPENDITURE TRACKING SURVEYS

ESAFF South Africa in collaboration with ESAFF regional office is implementing a project aimed at enhancing small scale farmers' capacity to influence and monitor the realization of the Malabo Declaration Goals in South Africa. The project started in 2017 – 2018 is funded by Germany organization called Bread for the World. The project is also implemented in Lesotho and Swaziland.

It aims to enhance organizational capacity of farmer organizations in these countries and enable farmers influence implementation of the national agriculture investments plans in line with the Malabo Declaration on agriculture.

PETs committee came from four districts/provinces Capricorn, Sekhukhune, and Mopani and Waterberg districts.

At Capricorn district - Electricity Company - ESKOM was charging high cost compare to the usage/consumption, the PETS committee engaged the Mayor, Department of Social Development, Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Department of Rural Development. Farmers submitted their bills and ESKOM realized that the accounts were overestimated. Eskom Limpopo agreed to take the matter to the Eskom national leadership not to overcharge farmers, the cost for the previous months were said to be reversed and the farmers would only pay for the electricity they used. ESKOM provincial also began the negotiations with the national ESKOM office to create a prepaid billing system for small-scale farmers. Later the Eskom member executive committee agreed to sign a memorandum that

paved a way to SSF to be given transformer and be part of prepaid system

In Mopani District PETS committee, followed up seeds and tractors under the Fetsa-Tlala programme and noted delay in 2015/16 planting season seeds were delivered to beneficiaries during the time of harvest. The Committee followed up with district authority and it was then discovered that the Fetsa-Tlala programme was put on hold for the year due to lack of funding. But it was agreed that the farmers will be notified of things happening with regards to the programme. The district manager agreed Mrs. Florah Maswanganyi (ESAFF SA Chairperson) to be the link between the farmers and the district authority.