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Support provided to Smallholder Farmers, the need for tracking and Accountability and the role of data collection to enable evidence-based decision making.

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The six dimensions of food security



What is the commodity approach?

“An institutional arrangement that draws in multiple spheres of Government and the Private Sector, each understanding their **Unique Roles, working from the **Same Plan**, towards achieving the **Same Outcomes**”**

...and through commodities smallholder farmers benefit

- Expert **commodity advice** from their commercial counterpart,
- Mentorship support to new farmers,
- **Access to markets**, made possible through existing commodity network,
- Creating HOPE, building **a successful land reform in the Western Cape**, evidence of success confirmed by external evaluations.
- Food and nutrition security. Agency.
- Increased employment in rural communities.
- Commodities invests over **\$53 397/per annum in the form of assets.**



...example of the commercialisation in the deciduous fruit sector

- Project valued at \$6 million (Government, Industry and Jobs Fund)
- Targeted 20 smallholder farmers in the Western Cape
- Over 310 hectares of fruit trees were planted
- Increased exports, 55% of South Africa agricultural exports originate from the Western Cape
- Additional jobs were created, approximately 3,5 jobs per ha – at the primary production level
- Contribution of the Agriculture into the Province's GDP – increased through expansion.
- Agriculture and agri processing sectors contributes 17% Province's workforce.

What were the lessons learnt?

- Strategic partnerships and collaboration – key for smallholder development and therefore sustainable food systems,
- Blended financing is key for agricultural development,
- Market access, training and exposure to international standards, create success in agriculture,
- Constant re-evaluations of the assumptions made during planning,
- Farmer to farmer extension approach was deepened, i.e. farmers learn more from other farmers
- Accept the reality that first generation farmers will make mistakes and as long as they learn in the process
- Land reform success of 72% is due to the strategic partnerships and collaboration.

Thank you