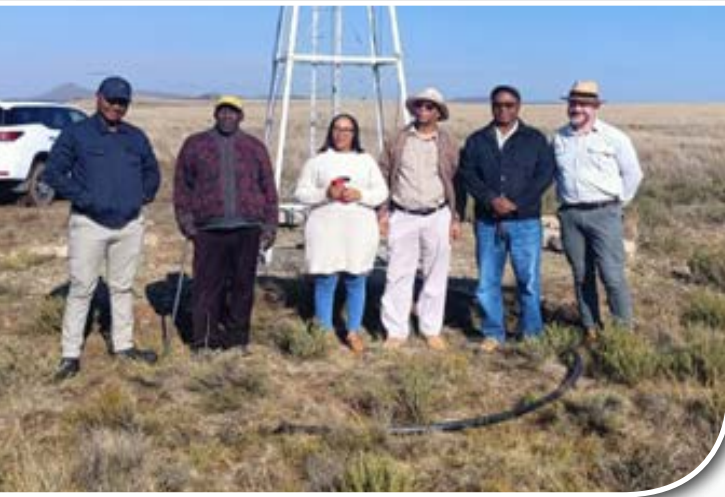


The third Project to be evaluated was springfontein Veld-Care Project, which in 2023.24 focused on the reconditioning of the three windmills and the construction of water drafts for livestock. The project budget for this activity was R 450000 which an in depended on contractor was appointed for the implementation for the Project.



Mr. F. Makgati from DALRRD with officials from Provincial Department of Agriculture in the Free-State engaging with the Springfontein Landcare Committee Members

The fourth project to be evaluated was the moqhaka wet-land rehabilitation project which was allocated R5000 for the rehabilitation of the wetlands. Most of the community members attended the evaluation of the project with the Landcare committee in the area. The project manged to create 20 job opportunities for the community.



Mr. F. Makgati from DALRRD with officials from Provincial Department of Agriculture in the Free-State engaging with the moqhaka Landcare Committee Members and community members

LANDCARE PROJECT EVALUATION IN FREESTATE



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The Department of Agricultural, Land and Rural Development through the Directorate Land and Soil Management in partnership with the Free-State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development evaluated the 2023/24 Landcare grant funded Projects in the Province of the Free-State. The sole purpose of this important exercise was to evaluate the impact of the LandCare project in relation to the Agricultural natural resources as outlined in the project business and to check if weather the project has managed to achieve the 2023/24 targets as outlined in the business, as well as to speak to farms on the challenges that were faced during project implementation. The first projects to be evaluated were Masaleng and Meghele Junior LandCare Projects. The LandCare conditional grant gave the school a budget of R144000 to conduct school camps for 160 learners. The purpose of the camp was to educate learners on the importance of practicing sustainable farming practices and how sustainable farming practices protect natural agricultural resources. During the school camp the Free-State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development managed to develop partnership with Pick and Pay to develop workbooks that focuses on the sustainable use of natural resources. Learners and educators that attended the Free-State Junior LandCare camp in golden-gate gave evaluators the feed about the camp and area that need improvement. The educators says that the camp really help them since most of the topics were inline with the Department of Education curriculum and it really assist them in preparing learners for exams since learners were able to do things practical during the Junior LandCare Camp. Junior LandCare facilitators during the camps ask for the two departments to organize more training for them to prove the level of the junior LandCare camps. The other project which was evaluated was the Temo ka Lerato Conservation agriculture Project, which was allocated 200000 put three hectors of land under conservation agriculture and 1 one capacity building.



School package delivered by Pick and Pay to the schools during the Evaluation



Mr. F. Makgati from DALRRD handing over pick and pay package to Educators at Megheleng Primary School

The second project to be evaluated was the Nketoane VeldCare Project. The project managed to create 15 job opportunities in 2023/24 financial year, eradicate 200ha of slangbos to increase the grazing capacity of the veld. The project has a strong LandCare committee which runs the project on behalf of the community. The project is implemented on a communal land but all farmers in the community understand that they should use the land sustainably by practicing best veld management practices such as rotational grazing. The budget for the project for 2023/24 financial was R 500000.



Mr. F. Makgati from DALRRD engaging with the Nketoane Landcare Committee Members