







Emerging Farmer Support Services


In order to make a success of his/her new farming venture, an emerging farmer requires the following support structures: a) Access to land and related resources like water; b) Access to information and extension services; c) Access to finance; and d) Access to markets. This will focus **finance** and **land**.

PACKAGE A: FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES			
Institution	Package summary	Contact details	Website
<p>The Land Bank.</p> 	<p>The Land Bank has various term loans for agriculture. These are long term mortgage loan, medium term loans and short term loans. They are meant to finance land purchases, implements and production costs respectively. The term range from 18 months to 15 years.</p>	<p>012 686 0500 0800 00 5259</p>	<p>http://www.landbank.co.za</p>
<p>Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA): Land Reform Empowerment Facility.</p>	<p>The Land Reform Empowerment Facility is a wholesale financing facility, meaning DSEFA lends money to commercial banks and other lenders for on-lending to land reform beneficiaries. Loans include: Mortgage – R15m up to 12years repayment, Equity Share Scheme – R1m per beneficiary up to 12 years repayment, Production Loans – up to R500 000 per production cycle with 10% own contribution up to 18 years repayment and Agricultural Asset Finance – R800 000 per farmer up to 5 years repayment period.</p>	<p>086000 7332</p>	<p>http://www.sefa.org.za</p>
<p>National Empowerment Fund (NEF): Rural and Community Development Fund.</p> 	<p>Rural and Community Development Fund was designed to promote sustainable change in social and economic relations and supporting the goals of growth and development in the rural economy, through</p>	<p>011 305 8000 0861 843 633</p>	<p>http://www.nefcorp.co.za</p>


	<p>financing of sustainable enterprises. This would be achieved through the mobilization of rural communities in legal entities or cooperatives, in order to participate in the broader economic activities and realize the economic transformation goals in rural South Africa. The fund has four products: Project Finance, Business Acquisition, Expansion Capital and Start-up/Greenfields with the funding threshold ranging from a minimum of R1 million to R50 million. The sectors covered primary and secondary agriculture, agro-processing, agro forestry. Minimum 25,1 % black ownership required with up to 10 years repayment.</p>		
<p>Independent Development Trust (IDC). Agro Industries</p> 	<p>The IDC's Agro-Industries Strategic Business Unit provides support for a wide range of food and non-food production activities in the agricultural value chain. The projects must create jobs and funding minimum is R1m. no primary agriculture funding is considered, only agro-processing.</p>	<p>011 269 3000 086 069 888</p>	<p>http://idc.co.za/</p>
<p>The Jobs Fund.</p> 	<p>The objective of the Jobs Fund is to co-finance projects by public, private and non-governmental organizations that will significantly contribute to job creation. This involves the use of public money to catalyze innovation and investment on behalf of a range of economic stakeholders in activities which contribute directly to enhanced employment</p>	<p>086 100 3272</p>	<p>http://www.jobsfund.org.za</p>

	creation in South Africa.		
<p>The Department of Rural Development and Land Reform: Recap Program</p> 	<p>The recapitalization and Development Program is aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Reform beneficiaries. Land Reform farms with mortgage component. Emerging farmers who purchased farms privately. Irrigation schemes and farms on communal areas. <p>Funding will be based on a comprehensive business plan on a sliding scale over five years. A strategic partner forms part of the funding structure.</p>	<p>012 312 8911 0800 007 095</p>	<p>http://www.dla.gov.za</p>
<p>Old Mutual: Masisizane Fund.</p> 	<p>The mandate of the Masisizane Fund is to contribute to employment creation, reduction of inequality, economic growth and attraction of investment to Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise development and promotion of entrepreneurship.</p> <p>The fund caters for agriculture and agro-processing amongst others together with other non financial support services like capacity building. The maximum is R10m over a 5 year repayment period.</p>	<p>011 217 1854</p>	<p>http://www.oldmutual.co.za</p>
<p>Micro Agricultural Financial Institutions of South Africa (MAFISA).</p> 	<p>MAFISA was established in 2004 to facilitate the provision of equitable and large-scale access to financial services by economically active rural poor communities on an affordable, diversified and sustainable basis. The main intention of MAFISA is to provide capital in order to</p>	<p>012 319 6000</p>	<p>http://www.daff.gov.za/</p>

	<p>increase support to economic activities in the sector throughout the value chain with particular focus on communal land areas and other small scale producers as well as the related value addition activities. MAFISA provides short to medium term production loan, savings mobilization, micro-enterprise insurance and capacity building for member based financial institutions to enhance agricultural, forestry, and fisheries activities. It can lend up to R500 000 over a repayment period ranging from 12 to 60 months.</p>		
<p>The Department of Trade and Industries (The DTI).</p> 	<p>The DTI provides financial support to qualifying companies in various sectors of the economy. Financial support is offered for various economic activities, including manufacturing, business competitiveness, export development and market access, as well as foreign direct investment.</p>	086 184 3384	http://www.thedti.gov.za
<p>ABSA: AgriBusiness</p> 	Please enquire from the bank.	011 350 6854	http://www.absa.co.za
<p>Standard Bank: Agriculture</p> 	Please enquire from the bank.	011 636 6162 0860 109 075	http://www.standardbank.co.za
<p>First National Bank (FNB): Agriculture Lending Solutions and others.</p> 	Please enquire from the bank.	0860 362 000	https://www.fnb.co.za
<p>Nedbank: Agribusiness</p>	Please enquire from the bank.	011 710 4000 0860 555 111	http://www.nedbank.co.za

			
Business Trust	Vumelana provides funding to advisors who help communities and investors to establish commercial partnerships for the development of land that falls under South Africa's land reform program.	011 612 2000	http://vumelana.org.za
Provincial Economic Development Corporations like: Ithala Development Finance Corporation, (KZN). Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA). Eastern Cape Economic Development Cooperation. Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA). North West Development Corporation (NWDC). Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA). Free State Development Corporation (FDC). Northern Cape Economic Development, Trade and		0 31 907 8911 013 752 2440 043 704 5600 018 381 3663 011 085 2400 051 4000 800 053 833 1503	http://www.ithala.co.za http://www.mega.gov.za/ http://www.ecdc.co.za http://www.nwdc.co.za/ http://www.ggda.co.za http://www.fdc.co.za http://www.nceda.co.za/

Investment Promotion Agency (NCEDA).			
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PACKAGE B: ACCESS TO LAND AND RELATED RESOURCES			
<p>Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR).</p>  <p>Report fraud and corruption anonymously to 0800 701-701</p>	<p>Proactive Land Acquisition Strategy (PLAS).</p> <p>PLAS focuses primarily on the poor and is based on the state pro-actively purchased land with high agricultural potential. The Department then selects beneficiaries who can lease the land with the option to purchase the land.</p> <p>Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development (LRAD).</p> <p>This program is a joint venture with the Department of Agriculture. Through this program qualifying beneficiaries may acquire land for agricultural purposes.</p>	<p>012 312 8911 0800 007 095</p>	<p>http://www.dla.gov.za</p>

	<p>Commonages.</p> <p>The commonage product aims at improving people’s access to municipal land for agricultural purposes.</p> <p>Farm Equity Schemes.</p> <p>This is an arrangement where participants purchase equity in the form of shares inland-based enterprise. Participants receive returns in the form of dividends and capital growth.</p> <p>Settlement Production Land Acquisition Grant (SPLAG).</p> <p>The Settlement and Production Land Acquisition Grant (SPLAG) is a grant to provide for both settlement and agricultural production land needs of people living and/or working on rural land. In this context, rural land (land outside proclaimed towns) also refers to farm land.</p> <p>The Settlement Production Land Acquisition Grant (SPLAG) will cater for both settlement and agricultural production purposes.</p>		
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