Interviewee:Bongi

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| Hello, I am Zakes Hlatshwayo, a Ph.D. candidate at UP, conducting a study on emerging black farmers’ practices and state support to them, the study is conducted in three provinces. This study aims to understand emerging black farmer practices and how they are supported by the state. Thank you for your willingness to participate. I am interested in understanding your farming practices and experience and the support you receive. Information will be used only for academic and research purposes. You do not have to give your name if you don’t want to and can decline to answer any question. I appreciate your assistance and request you provide as much information as possible to help us understand your work.  The research study has been approved by the University of Pretoria’s Research Ethics Committee. Your privacy and confidentiality will be secured. No direct reference will be made to you, I will use a pseudonym, codes and categories to keep information about you confidential, and to protect it from unauthorized disclosure, tampering, or damage. You are not required to use your name, do not write your name on any of the documents. The data will be kept for 15 years in a password protected format and used for University of Pretoria research only.  For the purpose of this research I will use semi-structured questions, with your permission I will record the interview and take notes. The interview will not be longer than 50 minutes. Hopefully, the information will help policymakers, practitioners, officials and managers to make informed decisions on such programmes in the future. | | | |
| RQ1: What is your name? Bongi  RQ2: Where do you live? Soshanguve.  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Matric  RQ4: Gender: Female  RQ5: Age: 35 | | | |
| RQ6: Do you farm? If so what do you farm? When did you start? How did you start? Why did you start, what informed your decision? Where is the farm located? | | Yes. |  |
| RQ7: How long have you been on this farm? | | +3year | Since 2018 |
| I belong to a cooperative, we produce seedlings. | | | |
| RQ:8 Where do you farm? | |  | Rooiwaal |
| RQ9: What do you grow? | | High-value seedlings | I spinach, pepper bells, lettuce, and carrots |
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| RQ10: How many hectares do you farm? | |  | Size: 10x30 shaded nets |
| RQ11: How did you obtain this land, and under what tenure? | |  | U was spotted by district office and invited us to farm here. |
| A contract to use the land, which is owned by a local municipality, is valid for 3 years, renewable. | | | |
| RQ12: Have you always produced and sold the same things? | | Yes | Yes, variations are very seldom. |
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| RQ13: How did you start farming? | I worked for a nursery and developed an interest in the business. | | |
| How did you learn about the Agripark? | I came by invitation that when I knew about its existence. | | |
| Where did you obtain the capital? | I got my supply of seeds, water and fertilisers from the Agripark. I did not have to pay. | | |
| RQ14: How many people work here, temporary and full-time? | I’m alone, I get support from my family member as an when I ask them. | | |
| RQ:15 What are your main inputs? | Seedlings, water, pesticides, and fertilizers. | | |
| RQ18: Where do you get your input from? We get our inputs from the official, other I buy from retailers.  How can Agriparks improve support? I need to grow into nurturing tree such avocados, citrus and macadamia nuts, for that I need bigger space.  RQ19: Where do you sell? I supply farmers and my old nursery. | | | |
| RQ20: What do you supply? | |  | spinach, pepper bells, lettuce, and carrots |
| * How often? | |  | It trickles, not steady |
| * How did you get the market? | |  | Farmers know about me and have a good relationship with former my nursery. |
| * Are produce collected or delivered? | |  | I only deliver to the nursery. |
| * What quantity or value of each crop produced?   RQ21: What actual support have you received from Agripark?  RQ22: What other services do you receive?  RQ23: How can support and other services be improved? | |  | It depends, a sell in trays and the prices vary.  Land, water, seeds, fertilizer.  I read and follow programmes related to what I do.  There is a concentration on high value crops, we need to venture into tree and other medicinal plans. |
| What market works best, and why?  What could be done to make markets work better? | |  | It works for me.  I need product branding and packaging to break into big nurseries. |
| * Have you sold elsewhere before, if so, where? | | No |  |
| * Are you part of an organisation or association? No * Do you have any other collaboration, individual or group? I share ideas with farmers. | | | |
| * Has there been any changes in your farming? | |  | I’m experimenting with diverse ideas to improve the quality of my seedlings |
| * How did you hear about Covid-19? * How did Covid 19 affect you? * How did you respond to the government’s lockdown? * How did you hear about the government’s response and how did you benefit? | |  | From the radio, tv and management.  I lost what I had in my nursery.  I stayed home.  I did not benefit from the relief grant. |
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| Any other issues, you would like to raise? | | No. |  |
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Observation: The place looks well kept.