Interview: Tally

1. Date: 2022-03-01
2. Time: 10 am

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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 to understand your farming practices and experience, as well as 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? Tally  RQ2: Where do you live? Turfontein.  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Degree  RQ4: Gender: Male  RQ5: Age: 41   * Do you farm? I’m a fresh produce farm worker (horticulture). * What do you farm? Spinach, Pepper-bells, carrots, kale pumpkins, and tomatoes. * When did you start? I started in the early 2019s. | | | |
| RQ6: Where is the land located? | | Turfontein |  |
| RQ7: How long have you been farming here? | | +6year |  |
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| RQ8: How did you get access to the land? | |  | The land belongs to the municipality, it was given to the community to farm by the councillor. In fighting in the community and lack of incentives, people expected to be paid, discouraged the people from using the land. I took it over because it is next to the pre-school that my wife and I manage. |
| RQ9: Do you own the land? | | No | No. I do not own the land. |
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| RQ10: Where did you learn to farm? | |  | I do not much, my wife has attended several training and workshop, she even travelled to Tanzania. |
| RQ11: Have you received any training on farming? | | No. | I learn a lot about farming from my wife and watch a lot of documentaries on farming and agriculture. |
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| RQ13: What are the sources of your livelihoods? | |  | I employed, my wife run the pre-school next to the farm. |
| RQ14: How do you support your family? | |  | From our joint income. |
| His wife was not available for the interview, they agreed that I talk to him. | | | |
| RQ15: What forms of labour/equipment do you use? | Mainly manual labour, hoes, spades shovels, and other innovations, and water gallons used as sprinklers. The people doing the work on the farm are Malawi immigrants. | | |
| RQ15: What other forms of support do you get? | The councillor provided the initial start-up of a tanker, the fencing for security, implements and car tyres that we use for seedling | | |
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| RQ16: When did you get involved in the Agripark? | I’m not involved in Agriparks. | | |
| RQ17: Where did you hear about Agriparks? | I do not have information about Agriparks. | | |
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| RQ18: What actual support have you received from Agripark? | |  |  |
| RQ19: what other support and services have you received? | | None |  |
| RQ20: What improvement has been brought? | | None | Through our own learning and research, we have improved production on the land. |
| RQ21: Do you sell any of your products? | | Yes. | We sell to community around us and to the pre-school, it generates money for the farm whiles providing nutrition to the children. |
| RQ22: When did you start selling? | |  | Soon after we started. |
| RQ23: Have you been involved in planning meetings and deciding on priorities? | | No |  |
| RQ24: What concerns and issues have arisen concerning the Agripark?  How are the issues resolved? | |  | I’m not familiar with their issues and challenges. |
| RQ25: In what way can Agriparks be improved, any suggestions? | |  | Government must be more visible in supporting community-based programmes. Government must provide opportunities for development, it must come with incentives for the people. |
| RQ26: Did hear about the Covid-19 pandemic and how were you impacted? How did you learn about Covid-19 | | Yes. | I heard from the news and radio, we could not operate the farm because our employees could not come to work. |
| Did you benefit from Covid-19 relief grant? | |  |  |
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| RQ27: Have you benefited from working with youth or women? | | Yes. | We employ both men and women. |
| RQ28: Are there any other issues you would like me to look into? | |  | I would like to know more about the Agriparks and the state support. |
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Observations: During my two visits the farm was not operating because the farmworkers had found other job.