Interview: Nunu

1. Date: 2021-11-08
2. Time: 12:00

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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? Nunu  RQ2: Where do you live? Kimberley  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Post-Graduate  RQ4: Gender: Female  RQ5: Age: 44 | | | |
| RQ6: Are you a farmer, what farming practice are you involved with? When did you start? How did you start? Why did you start farming, what informed you?  your decision? Where is the farm located? | | Livestock farmer | I grew on a farm, so it has always been part of me. I bought my own livestock while still on the family farm. My farm is along the N12. |
| How long have you been in this farm? | |  | 8 years. |
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| RQ7: Do you own the land? How was the land obtained? Is farming the only source of income, if not what other sources exist? How do you sustain your farming practices? Is there a family history to farming? Who decides on land use? | | No. | I bought the farm on an auction sale. I’m employed, so is my husband. I lay my money into the farm. I’m responsible for all the farm decisions. |
| RQ8: How did you get access to the land where you farm? Do you own it, rent it, have permission to occupy, or another type of right to the land? | |  | I bought the farm at auction, I used my investments because I could not raise a loan. |
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| RQ9: Where did you learn farming? Have you ever received training or advice on farming and if so from whom? Were your parents farming? | |  | I have my childhood experience and talk to various experts and consult with the vet. It all comes at a cost to me. |
| RQ10: What are the sources of your livelihood (that is how do you support yourself and your family)? | |  | I support both myself and farm from my income. My husband contributes. |
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| RQ11: What forms of labour or equipment do you use, if any? Do you farm for self-consumption, or selling or a combination of both, explain? What form of support do you get and from whom? | |  | Feedlot, animal shelter, storage, salt, dip and fence, supplements and trailer. I employ a full-time herdsperson. I receive support from an extension officer. |
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| RQ12: Are you aware of the state support programme to emerging black farmers? If so, how did you become aware of it? Why are you not participating in the Agripark? Did you intend to participate, if not, why not? | Yes, I was informed by the extension officer. I had the Agripark idea explained to me. I have asked to be place on the list so that I can benefit. It has gone quiet, no clarity about is future. | | |
| RQ13: Did you do anything to be allowed to participate, if so, what? Do you know why you were not included? Is any other of your family benefiting, if so, how? | I was told my name will be submitted when it happens. I’m keen to get involved. | | |
| RQ14: Do you sell any of your agriculture produce, if so, what do you sell? Where do you sell them? When did you start to sell there? How did you come to sell there the first time? | I sell at the auction, I started as soon as my numbers increased. I sell to cull stock so as to not over graze the land. | | |
| RQ15: What are your actual experiences? What issues and concerns have arisen in connection with your faming? What efforts are you making address these issues and challenges? How can support to black farmers be improved? | Livestock farming neither easy nor cheap you have to be committed to it. I am investing time and resource into the business with the understanding that with time I will get good returns. I’m focusing on the Nguni, they are in demand and much more resilient. Government must regulate the markets, white farmers with various support systems, sell and buy among each other or transfer to other municipal auctions. There is need for solidarity among black farmers. | | |
| RQ16: In what way can Agriparks be improved, do you have any recommendations? Are there any other issues that you suggest I should look into? | Agriparks should provide the infrastructure and facilities required to improve livestock farming. Further research is needed on global markets and how to access those markets. | | |
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| RQ17: How did you hear about Covid-19? | |  | Radio and tv |
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| RQ18: How did Covid 19 affect you? | |  | It restricted my movement, I could not visit the farm. |
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| RQ19: How did you respond to government’s lockdown, did you benefit? | |  | I was finally allowed to go to the farm.  No, I did not qualify for the grant. |
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Comments and Observation: