Interview: Solly

1. Date: 2022-11-03
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? Solly  RQ2: Where do you live? Thohoyandou.  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Matric  RQ4: Gender: Male  RQ5: Age: 58   * Do you farm? I’m a fresh produce farm worker (horticulture). * What do you farm? Pumpkins, Spinach and tomatoes. * When did you start? I started in my early childhood. | | | |
| RQ6: Where is the land located? | | Malamulele |  |
| RQ7: How long have you been farming here? | | +10years |  |
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| RQ8: How did you get access to the land? | |  | It is communal land under the local chief, it was assigned to me by the traditional office. |
| RQ9: Do you own the land? | | No | Yes. It was allocated to me by the traditional office. |
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| RQ10: Where did you learn to farm? | |  | I grew up here in the village, I joined my parents and siblings when they farm. |
| RQ11: Have you received any training on farming? | | No. | I learned a lot from my family and villagers |
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| RQ13: What are the sources of your livelihoods? | |  | I am employed. |
| RQ14: How do you support your family? | |  | My salary and income sales. |
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| RQ15: What forms of labour/equipment do you use? | Mainly manual labour, hoes, spades shovels, and other innovations. My wife and children are active on the farm on a daily basis. | | |
| RQ15: What other forms of support do you get? | None. I use my own resources and income from sales | | |
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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’ m not familiar with the it. | | |
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| RQ18: What actual support have you received from Agripark? | | None |  |
| RQ19: what other support and services have you received? | | None |  |
| RQ20: What improvement has been brought? | |  | I use seed and fertilizer from reputable places that has improved my crops. |
| RQ21: Do you sell any of your products? | | Yes. | I sell to street traders and walk-ins. |
| RQ22: When did you start selling? | |  | It is a family tradition, I follow in the footsteps. |
| 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? | |  | Agriparks must reach out to the villages, we are not informed of their services. |
| RQ25: In what way can Agriparks be improved, any suggestions? | |  | We need seeds, fertilizer, water tanks or boreholes and good equipment. |
| 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. Our farm is close to us, we could walk to it and work. |
| Did you benefit from Covid-19 relief grant? | |  | No |
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| RQ27: Have you benefited from working with youth or women? | | Yes. | The family is mixed women and youth they all assist. |
| RQ28: Are there any other issues you would like me to look into? | | No |  |
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Observations: