Interview: Mohammed

1. Date: 2021-02-23
2. Time: 2 pm

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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? Mohammed  RQ2: Where do you live? Xavier.  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Degree  RQ4: Gender: Male  RQ5: Age: 37 | | | |
| RQ6: Do you have another job? | | No |  |
| RQ7: How long have you been on this farm? | | +3year |  |
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| RQ8: Where do you farm? | |  | Xavier |
| RQ10: What do you grow? | |  | Kale, baby-spinach, pepper bell, lettuce and tomatoes. |
| The land is owned by Salaam Peace Foundation. | | | |
| RQ11: How many hectares do you farm? | |  | 2000m2 |
| RQ12: How did you obtain this land, and under what tenure? | |  | The land was bought by the Muslim Salaam Peace Foundation. |
| The land is owned by the Salaam Peace Foundation, Mohammed is manager. | | | |
| RQ13: Have you always produced and sold the same things? | | Yes | Sometimes more of one or the other, depending on growth. |
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| RQ14: How did you start farming? | I have no previous farming experience, this is a Muslim initiative. | | |
| RQ15: How did you learn about this farming? | The levels of poverty in the township led to the initiative. | | |
| RQ16: Where did you obtain the capital? | Salaam Peace foundation. | | |
| RQ17: How many people are employed, temporarily and full-time? | We have three employees who tend to all farming matters. | | |
| 14: What are your main inputs? | It is the seed and fertilizer; we pay rates and taxes for the land. | | |
| 15: Where do you sell? We sell mostly to Muslim community and drive-ins. | | | |
| RQ9: What are the sources of your livelihood | |  | I receive a stipend from the foundation. |
| RQ10: Are you aware of the state support programme to emerging black, 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 know about the programmes, but not in detail. I work for the Peace Foundation and we receive all our funds from it. |
| RQ11: Did you do anything to be allowed to participate, if so, what? Do you know why you were not included? Is any other member of your family benefitting, if so how? | | No |  |
| RQ12: In what way can Agriparks be improved, do you have any recommendations? Are there any other issues that you suggest I should look into? | |  | I cannot comment |
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| RQ13: Did you about Covid-19 and 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? | |  | N/A |
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Notes: The farm is called Farm In The City, it is an initiative of the Salaam Peace Foundation. Initially it produced and distributed all products to the needy communities in the township and informal settlement. Because of the demand for its products, organically produced, it sells a small percentage of the products, mostly to the Muslim community. The sales are a source of additional income for the farm, plans are afoot to buy two farms in the Vaal area.