**Kuruman Farmer: Non-Beneficiary**

Interview: Steve

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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? Steve  RQ2: Where do you live? Kuruman  RQ3: What is your highest level of qualification? Degree  RQ4: Gender: Male  RQ5: Age: 37 | | | |
| 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?  your decision? Where is the farm located? | | Livestock Farmer | I’m a livestock farmer, I started as a young boy in the village. We kept livestock at home, cattle goats, sheep and chicken. I bought my own as soon as I started to work. It is a way of investment common in the village. I farm in Manyeding village. |
| How long have you been in this farm? | |  | Since I was a kid, born there. |
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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 source exist? How do you sustain your farming practices? Is there a family history to farming? Who decides on land use? | | PTO | It is communal land we have a PTO from the chief, I’m a school principal and use farming as an investment. I use some of my salary to subsidise my farming, it is not a hobby it’s a way of living as a villager. I’m following on my family footstep in the farming business. |
| 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? Who decides on land use? | |  | I got it from my father but the grazing is on communal land it is not an enclosure. The villages decide on the broad use, I decide on my livestock and type of cattle, I farm Bosman and Nguni. |
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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 don’t have any formal training other than advice from where I buy my feed, they share information on deworming and other technics. I also rely on a friend who is qualified Mr Holele. |
| RQ10: What are the sources of your livelihood (that is how do you support yourself and your family)? | |  | I’m a school principal that take care of my living expenses, including my farming. |
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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? | |  | Not much, there is a community borehole we all contribute towards its functioning, I supplement with feed and veterinary interventions. I don’t get any additional support. |
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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? | I’m aware of the Agripark, it was talked about. I got it from the extension officer. It never took off, I would have liked to participate. It would have brought general improvement in the sector, cooperation among farmers and the state. We need infrastructure, abattoir, slaughterers, agroprocessing, markets and all that makes farming a real business. | | |
| 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? | There was nothing to do, I kept my ear to the ground and nothing coming. I have no family who is 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 keep 60 cattle, I sell to the villages, funeral and weddings, I trade and replace the old with new. It is a common and ongoing practice of localised selling and exchange, to keep your stock young.  . | | |
| 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? | The main issue is land, we are all cramped into little space doing farming, it is difficult to grow your stock and progress as a farmer. You have your stock mingled with other breeds, it is a risk if you invest in good stock. It is difficult to get cooperation even the chief is unable to control the over grazing and diminishing water resources.  The Agriparks should have farmers as principal shareholders, it can be part of the food systems and economic market. | | |
| 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? | They would have built infrastructure and improved farming practices to skill development, I’m told there was going to be a research unit, it would have helped. | | |
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| RQ17: How did you hear about Covid-19? | |  | In the news and a memo from the department of education. |
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| RQ18: How did Covid 19 affect you? | |  | It affected me as a teacher, we could not go to school until there was certainty. In farming not much, we continued as usual. |
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| RQ19: How did you respond to government’s lockdown, did you benefit? | |  | Professionally I followed the guideline, I did not apply for the support grant, it was not my main income. |
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Thanks for your participating in the research

Comments and Observation: