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Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF)
Workshop: Aligning Programmes with the
Provincial Monitoring & Evaluation Forum

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Rural development: strategies and challenges
Rural life:

Adapted from (SAFDO vol 2, o1 2004) for better growth in rural economic activities, expansion of rural infrastructure, and systems, through improvement of rural institutions and better development environment a positive advancement of people in rural areas.

Rural Development: Grasping the whole
World Bank Short List of RD Themes:

- Water for Food
- Irrigation and Drainage
- Gender and Rural Development
- Forests and Forestry
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Development
- Community Based Rural
- Commodity Risk Management
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Agricultural Trade
- Agricultural Research
- Agricultural Extension
- Training
- Agricultural Education and
Issues for discussion

- Incorporation of Government priorities into service delivery processes.
- Maximum grassroots participation in the service delivery process.
- In order to ensure effective and efficient service delivery, use district and provincial M&E forums.
- Clarify the M&E processes.
Where to Prioritise?
Past approaches have prioritised the core at the expense of the periphery. New strategies prepare for today’s evolving context.

- Prioritising development of human capital and innovation
- Less emphasis on a focus on large infrastructure projects...

Top-down mixed approaches or bottom-up approaches rather than Territorial rather than Sectoral approach:

Key characteristics of new development strategies are:

- Work
- Emphasis on sustainability and on the generation of quality
- Focusing on institutions and governance
- Territorial and Integrated
- Experimentation with alternative approaches
- Nation-states struggling to cope with the changes

Growth Strategies
Strategies in rural development

- Operationalising
- Increasing the scale of poverty reduction programmes
- One Stop Development Centres
- Start with what is available e.g. EPWP, sanitation programmes.
- Integrate interventions to achieve impact
- Improving service delivery and training and developing
- To local community development
- Securing community platforms for development: Linking delivery
- Community initiative
- Ensuring public participation and training = encouraging
- Literacy for adults
- Drawing on EPWP
- If possible drawing in beneficiaries to advocate what works
Task Team members at a training session.

Expanding training / community development
Aim of finding jobs or starting own enterprises.

• The area employed for at least next two years.

• Initiative of getting one person from each family in

• Land redistribution linked to creation of livelihoods.

• In Limpopo highlighted:

• Launch of rural development programme at Giyani

Communities.

• Water and sanitation, etc., bear on rural

• Child and maternal mortality, increasing access to

• Nearly all MDGs i.e., poverty reduction, reduction in

Meeting MDG and SONA targets by 2014
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Scaling up: starting to make a difference