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Quarter Performance Report of Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for:

Quarter 2 of the 2025 / 2026 Financial Year

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This Quarter Performance Information report reflects on the performance of the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) for the end of quarter two (i.e. July to September 2025) against predetermined annual and quarterly targets outlined in the 2025/26 Annual Performance Plan (APP). The section below outlines key priority programmes and projects that have been implemented through the APP across all budget programmes and expands on key successes and achievements. Moreover, the report outlines key areas of under-performance and challenges that were experienced in the quarter under review.

The department planned for and reported on a total of 52 indicators at the end of Quarter 2. Overall, the Department achieved 60% (31) of its second quarter targets. 40% (21) of the targets were not achieved for the second quarter. This can be attributed to non-achievement in Programme 1: Administration (7) and Programme 2: Agriculture and Rural Development (14).

Administration

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

The core function for the financial management unit in the department is to improve financial accountability and compliance in relation to the set prescripts and regulations. GDARD, during the second quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year managed to pay 91% of Invoices within 30 days, 52% of all invoices received were paid within 15 days.
In the quarter under review, there were not enough funds to process invoices on the payment run, resulting into cash flow challenges. Delays were also experienced when swopping price and quantity on purchase orders. The incorrectly captured purchase orders needed to be corrected by the procurement section. The clearing of payment exceptions was done but exceeded the 15 days. As a corrective measure, separate Service Level Agreements (SLA) and purchase orders are created for each expenditure items relating to overhead costs. SLAs to be finalised by end of October 2025. Procurement Officials were notified to correctly capture purchase orders when making part payments, however, there are system related challenges which have been escalated to the Provincial Treasury and have been attended to.

Pertaining to the total procurement that targets businesses owned by Women, Youth, People with Disabilities (PwDs), Military Veterans and Increase in department spend in township, the quarter two targets were not achieved by GDARD. Achievement of preferential procurement targets remained a challenge for the department in the reporting quarter under review. Most of the prices received from these commodities were not market related. Additionally, there was either poor response or generally no response by some of the designated groups to the request for quotations that were sent out by the department.

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As a corrective measure, the department will prioritise incubation of companies owned by designated groups. These designated groups will be exposed to SMME/ Supplier/ Enterprise Development, trained in tendering, general business & finance management. GDARD is to procure from these companies as of the next quarterly reporting. GDARD is partnering with COGTA (which is doing well in achieving this target) on the immediate implementation of the preferential procurement plan.

The Department did not achieve a clean audit as planned. There were material findings on compliance with key legislation and non-payment of suppliers within 30 days. Weekly sessions are held to track the implementation of the AGs recommendations towards obtaining a clean audit for 2025/2026 financial year.

Special Projects

Ntirhisano is a Community Outreach programme initiated by the Provincial Government to address service delivery issues. The Department continues to participate in the Ntirhisano programme and is mostly responding to challenges related to farmer support, land availability, and waste management. Nity-six percent (96%) of Ntirhisano commitments were resolved in quarter two. One thousand five hundred and ninety-four (1 594) cases were allocated initiated and resolved and seventy-four (74) cases are active. The Customer Relations Management (CRM) dynamics was functional in the quarter under review.

Agriculture and Rural Development

The purpose of this programme is to manage and coordinate the provision of integrate Rural Development services. Moreover, it is to consolidate and enhance the role of the agricultural sector in radically transforming, modernising and re-industrialising Gauteng. The programme is also intended to support viable and sustainable agricultural enterprises, increase access to food security for all, and ensure comprehensive rural development.

Sustainable Resource Management

The Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) is responsible to manage and coordinate the provision of sustainable resource management services. LandCare programme includes combating land degradation and sustainable agriculture through removal of Invasive Alien Plants, Supply of Nitrogen fixing crops such as legumes, minimum tillage of the soil, supply organic fertilizers and while creating EPWP temporary jobs. The programme also focused on Conservation Agriculture approach using equitable share and which benefitted local farmers that were subjected to floods, drought and at risk of natural disasters.

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The quarter two targets on hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated and cultivated, and green jobs created were not achieved by the department. Underperformance on these indicators were because of the Landcare grant not yet been transferred to the department in quarter two. As a corrective measure, final assessments on the GDARD projects have been finalised by National Department of Agriculture. Procurement has been made and project implementation on the affected projects will commence from November 2025 (quarter 3).

The requests from farmers and other government institutions enabled the Department to develop 43 farm management plans against the quarter target of 30. In addition, 2 awareness campaigns on disaster risk reduction were conducted, and 2 surveys on uptake for early warning information were conducted as per the planned quarter targets.

Agricultural Producer Support and Development

The Agricultural Producer Support and Development Directorate is responsible to expand access to agri-food value chain opportunities, promote agricultural development within the land and agrarian reform in the province and maximise food security, through provision of sustainable agricultural development support to subsistence, smallholder and commercial producers. Moreover, the directorate ensures the provision of agricultural infrastructure support, the coordination and rendering of extension and advisory services as well as training and capacity building of producers.

Delays with the approval of CASP and Ilima business plans resulted in no support being provided to women producers. In the quarter under review, One (01) producer was supported in the Red Meat Commodity, One (01) smallholder producer was supported, and one (01) smallholder producer was supported to producer food in Sedibeng and West Rand. The delays with the approval of Conditional Grands resulted in 657 subsistence women producers and 1 032 subsistence producers being supported in the quarter under review. The department is continuously engaging the National Department of Agriculture on the finalisation of the conditional grant business plans' approvals. The intended support to the targeted producers will be prioritized once the required funds have been transferred to the Department. The various trainings undertaken by the department resulted in 354 participants trained in various skills development programmes in the sector i.e. economics of piggery, improving soil fertility, crop production and crop insurance, record market, vegetable cultivating methods, food safety, land preparation and spinach production, safe use of pesticides (Cypermethrin), soil fertility and plant nutrition, rearing of chickens , porker and baconer model, vegetable production, poultry feed management, amongst others. The department conducted capacity building activities through technical advisory services, study groups and demonstration sessions which resulted in 1014 smallholder producers supported and 34 capacity building activities for smallholder producers to be commercialised in this quarter.

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Veterinary Services

The Veterinary services (VETS) are assigned with the responsibility of reducing levels of animal disease occurrence and negligible occurrence of zoonotic diseases in the province. The objective is to ensure healthy animals and safe animal products which contribute to the welfare of the people of Gauteng through the provision of required services.

The target for visits to Epidemiological units for Veterinary interventions was not met, only 1 458 visits were conducted. This was due to the control of the Foot Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak, this has affected all areas of Gauteng with the Germiston and Randfontein Service centres affected mostly. All officials were involved in the vaccination and surveillance. Gauteng veterinary Services will continue to fight against the FMD outbreak and due to the magnitude of the outbreak, we do not foresee that we will be able to return to normal operations soon.

The Clinical Veterinary Service Interventions to Pets in Gauteng Communities has managed to attend to a total of 105 cases out of the planned 95. The number of Pet interventions exceeded the planned target because officials who attend to a FMD positive farms, could not attend to other livestock cases in the subsequent days due to risk of disease spread and therefore more pet sterilization days were organized during those September for officials to attend to Pets while they could not attend to livestock cases.

The amounts of exports and numbers of certificates issued are dependent on the prevailing zoo sanitary status and socio-economic factors within the Republic of South Africa and the recipient importing countries. A total of 4 124 export control certificates were issued. The amounts of exports and numbers of certificates issued are depended on the prevailing zoo sanitary status and socio-economic factors within the Republic of South Africa and the recipient importing countries.

The Department has achieved 328 of its planned targets for number of inspections conducted on facilities producing meat. This was due to the outbreak of FMD in abattoirs, addition visits were made. A total of 4 975 laboratory tests has been conducted in this quarter against a planned target of 12 500. The number of laboratory tests performed according to prescribed standards is dependent on field personnel collecting samples, disease outbreaks and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results. FMD response will remain the central focus over the next quarter as well. We will continue to monitor the outbreak response and deploy resources as required to attain set targets. Most customers were satisfied with the services rendered with an overall satisfaction rate of 100% which was well above the target of 80%.

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The number of samples collected for targeted surveillance depends on having the resources to conduct surveillance activities, field personnel collecting samples, disease outbreaks and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results. This figure fluctuates throughout the year depending on the above. Some of the surveillance activities are seasonal particularly for diseases such as avian influenza. 897 samples were collected during this period. During this period the overperformance is due to FMD outbreak surveillance activities.

Research and Technology Development Services

The Research and Technology Development Services (RTDS) Directorate is responsible to render expert and needs based research, development and technology transfer services impacting on development objectives.

The Department managed to support 10 SMME's through the South African Good Agricultural Practices programme (SA GAP). The purpose of the programme is to ensure that producers adhere to good agricultural practices that safeguard consumer health, enable entry into formal markets, and strengthen the competitiveness of local agribusinesses. Furthermore, four (04) research presentations were made at technology transfer events in this quarter i.e. Phenotypic and genetic characterization of local chicken populations in selected Districts of Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo provinces, South Africa at the 55th Annual South African Society for Animal Science Crongress on 10 July 2025, Safe Application of Chemicals at Winterveld Information Day on 23 of July 2025,Crop Health Monitoring using Sentinel time series and remote sensing case study Hamanskraal-Pretoria at the launching of stakeholder engagement workshop held on 26 to 28 August 2025, and Participatory Evaluation of Industrial Hemp Varieties in Different Regions of Gauteng Province at the Hemp Market Access held on 26 September 2025.

During the quarter under review, 2 Agri-Tech Seminars were organized. The Department organised and hosted a Gauteng Agro-processing Convention and Expo from the 3rd to the 4th of July 2025 at Gallagher Convention Centre under the theme "Driving inclusive growth through Agroprocessing", to transfer innovative agroprocessing technology to stakeholders. The second seminar was held in a form of a hemp market access webinar on 26 September 2026 using Microsoft Teams Webinar platform, to transfer ARC-CAN-01 and ARC-CAN-02 technology and varieties to hemp permit holders. There were three (03) Soil Nutrition and Fertility Manangement trainings conducted in Tshwane, Germiston and Randfontein regions as per the planned quarter target. In addition, there were no women who benefitted from Agri-parks in this quarter. The programme could not be implemented due to budget constraints; funds were redirected to Agroprocessing blended finance. The partnership with Chilleweni Private Company and City of Johannesburg will enable the Department to achieve the target in the next quarter. A Cold room is currently under construction at Eikenhof Agri-park.

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Agricultural Economic Services

The Agricultural Economics Services (AES) Directorate is responsible to provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to ensure equitable participation in the economy. The agricultural value-chain in the Gauteng Province largely reflects historic ownership and participation patterns, with the dominance of a limited number of large commercial industry players. At the periphery of the mainstream economy are smallholder farmers, mainly involved in primary agricultural activities. Many of these smallholder farmers are struggling to operate sustainable and viable businesses. They have insufficient resources; knowledge and skills which becomes an impending factor and barrier to enter the mainstream markets and reaping real socio-economic benefits. Access to markets remains the main steppingstone that ensures the economic emancipation for agricultural smallholder producers, therefore, effective integration into the mainstream economy simply expands the opportunity to sell their produce to larger target markets.

The non-accredited training in record-keeping and market access, market days facilitated by SAB, development of individual farm business plans and provision of economic advisory services resulted in 124 farmers supported with production economic services. Eighty-nine (89) agri-businesses were supported with marketing services to access markets, improve visibility of agricultural products and sell their produce and 98 agropreneurs were capacitated on farm management to make informed decisions on their farms through collaboration with the Local Municipality and Farmer Support and Development section.
Furthermore, a total of 109 micro home-based agro-processing enterprises were supported in TISH with agricultural economic advisory services focusing on entrepreneurial skills to enable them to participate in mainstream economy of Gauteng Province.

Number of Agribusinesses supported with Black Economic Empowerment advisory services were 94. Businesses were supported during workshops, site visits and one-on-one engagements. The Department managed to aggregate 303,68 volumes of agricultural produce through agro logistics for agriparks. The workshops on record-keeping management and the viability and sustainability model of bee production, information sharing sessions, fresh produce market days and the Gauteng Agroprocessing Convention and Expo held from the 3 to 4 July 2025 resulted in 168 agricultural economic information responses being provided to farmers, and 4 Macro economic reports compiled in this quarter.

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Rural Development

Gauteng Provincial Government departments continue to report their provision of services in the rural areas of the province. The Department continues with the coordination of Rural Development Programme in line with the proposed Minister's performance agreement. This is done according to the District Development Model which is led by Gauteng Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and supported by the Office of the Premier. On average, nine stakeholders (provincial departments, municipalities, national departments, and government entities) contribute to Rural Development. For the quarter under review, a total of 5 stakeholders have submitted quarter 5 progress reports (GDARD, DLRRD, SAPS, COGTA and GDSACR).

There are five (5) transformation agreements facilitated and monitored in the five agriculture/agro-processing priority sectors. The agreements were monitored with City of Ekurhuleni, Vaal University of Technology, Perishable Product Export Control Board, PEPSICO and NEF. The businesses supported through Enterprise and Supplier Development Programme through Workshop on GDARD Services and AgriBEE Fund in partnership with City of Tshwane; Rural Youth in Agriculture in partnership with Emfuleni Local Municipality; and Business Planning Capacity Building workshop in partnership with DALRRD and City of Tshwane. A total of 152 businesses were supported through enterprise supplier and development programme and the target of 200 was not met. The Industry AgriBEE Indaba / State of AgriBEE was not held as per plan. This has affected the business supported through enterprise development programme. The Indaba was postponed due to late confirmation of presenters. The AgriBEE Indaba will be hosted in Quarter 3 on 30 October 2025.

In the reporting period under review, 150 home-based enterprises were profiled. There was 1 skills opportunity programme held. The Agricultural Cooperative workshop was held in TISH areas (Mamelodi & Hammanskraal). A total of 7 agricultural production initiatives were provided in City of Ekurhuleni (Nigel), City of Tshwane (Mamelodi & Cullinan) and Lesedi Local Municipality (Ratanda). This is to ensure that the agricultural production initiatives in communal areas and rural nodes are supported.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES			
STRATEGIC LINKAGES		**STRATEGIC PLANNING**	**STRATEGIC REPORTING**
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
NDP/MTSF Priority	**GGT Priority**	**Outcome as per approved Dept Strat Plan**	**Summarised Dept Performance during Q2**
Priority 2: Economic transformation and job creation	Economy, Jobs & Infrastructure	Transformed agri-food value chains through increased participation of previously disadvantaged farmers in Commercial agriculture	One (01) smallholder producer was supported, and zero (0)women producers were supported.
			One (01) smallholder producer was supported in Sedibeng and West Rand.
			1 458 epidemiological units were visited, and 4 975 laboratory tests performed
			4 124 export control certificates issued
Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements and local government	Safety, Social cohesion and Food Security	Effective Rural Development coordination, monitoring and evaluation to improve the social and economic livelihoods of rural communities.	94% queries were resolved via email on GPG Common Platform that were requesting funding, farming information, land, and municipality support complaint.
			5 stakeholders contributed to the implementation of Rural Development programme through quarter 2 progress reports.
			Six hundred and fifty seven (657) subsistence women producers were supported.

1.2 PERFORMANCE AS PER APP TARGETS

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION							
Programme Nr	**1**	**Programme Name**			**Office of the Chief Financial Officer.**		
Purpose of the Programme	**To manage and facilitate the provision of financial management services.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Invoices paid within 15 days.	1.1.1 Percentage of invoices paid within 15 days of receipt.	100%	100%	52%	In the quarter under review, there were not enough funds to process invoices on the payment run, resulting into cash flow challenges – mainly due to the fact that GDARD is still paying for some of the expenditure of Department of Environment. Delays were also experienced when swopping price and quantity on purchase orders. The incorrectly captured purchase orders needed to be corrected by the procurement section. The clearing of payment exceptions was done but exceeded the 15 days	As a corrective measure, separate SLA's and purchase orders are created for each expenditure items relating to overhead costs. SLAs to be finalised by end of October 2025. Procurement Officials were notified to correctly capture purchase orders when making part payments, however, there are system related challenges which have been escalated to the Provincial Treasury and have been attended to.
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Women.	1.1.2 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Women.	40%	40%	16%	Achievement of preferential procurement targets remained a challenge for the department in the reporting quarter under review. Most of the prices received from these commodities were not market related. Additionally, there was either poor response or generally no response by some of the designated groups to the request for quotations that were sent out by the department	As a corrective measure, the department will prioritise incubation of companies owned by designated groups. These designated groups will be exposed to SMME/ Supplier/ Enterprise Development, trained in tendering, general business & finance management. GDARD is to procure
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Youth.	1.1.3 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Youth.	30%	30%	24%		

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION							
Programme Nr	1	Programme Name			Office of the Chief Financial Officer.		
Purpose of the Programme	To manage and facilitate the provision of financial management services.						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).	1.1.4 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).	7%	7%	0.2%		from these companies as of the next quarterly reporting. GDARD is in constant contact with COGTA on the immediate implementation of the preferential procurement plan.
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Purchase Orders allocated to businesses owned by Military Veterans	1.1.5 Percentage of total procurement that targets businesses owned by Military Veterans	0.2%	0.2%	0%		
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Reduction in irregular expenditure.	1.1.6 Percentage Reduction in Irregular expenditure	100%	100%	100%	The Department did incur irregular expenditure during this quarter.	None
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Tenders implemented through the open tender system	1.1.7 Percentage procurement implemented through the open tender system	100%	100%	100%	All tenders above the value of R2 million were completed through the open tender process	None
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence	Established township-based	1.1.8 Percentage increase in department spend in township	40%	40%	14%	Although the Department targeted business owned by designated groups when request for procurement for </= R1000 000 are made, the department did not achieve the target that was set	SCM unit will source quotations using the database by GIYODI unit and will give the designated group the opportunities to submit quotations on all of RFQ's.
Good governance, ethical standards and service excellence.	Clean audit outcome for the GTA	1.1.9 Clean audit outcome obtained from the Auditor-General	Clean Audit	Clean Audit	Unqualified audit with findings	There were material findings on compliance with key legislation and non-payment of suppliers within 30 days.	Weekly sessions are held to track the implementation of the AGs recommendations towards obtaining a clean audit for 2025/2026 financial year

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION							
Programme Nr	1	Programme Name	Special Projects				
Purpose of the Programme	To coordinate special programmes (IGR & IR, Military Veterans, Tshepo 1 million, Service Delivery Improvements, Ntirhisano, etc).						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved social and economic livelihoods of Gauteng urban and rural communities.	Service delivery commitments resolved	1.3.1 Percentage of Ntirhisano commitments achieved	90%	90%	96%	All cases allocated and were resolved. CRM Dynamics was functional.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	2	Programme Name	Land Use Management				
Purpose of the Programme	To promote the preservation, sustainable use and management of agricultural land through the administration of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA), Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA), and Fencing Act.						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Improved local food production through creation of solidarity economy for urban food systems	Hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated	2.2.1 Number of hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated	1 450	150	0	There was no Landcare grant transfer to GDARD in Quarter 2	As a corrective measure, final assessments on the GDARD projects has been finalized by National Department of Agriculture. Procurement has been made and project implementation on the affected projects will continue in quarter 3
Improved local food production through creation of solidarity economy for urban food systems	Green jobs created	2.2.2 Number of green jobs created	650	200	0		
Improved local food production through	Hectares of cultivated	2.2.3 Number of hectares of cultivated	100	200	0		

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Programme Nr	2	Programme Name	Land Use Management				
Purpose of the Programme	To promote the preservation, sustainable use and management of agricultural land through the administration of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA), Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA), and Fencing Act.						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
creation of solidarity economy for urban food systems		land under Conservation Agriculture practices					
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Farm management plans developed	2.3.2 Number of farm management plans developed	120	30	43	Requests from farmers and other government institutions enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	2	Programme Name	Disaster Risk Reduction				
Purpose of the Programme	To provide agricultural disaster risk reduction (prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and relief) support services to producers and other clients.						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Awareness on disaster risk reduction conducted	2.4.2 Number of awareness campaigns on disaster risk reduction conducted	6	2	2	None.	None.
	Surveys on uptake for	2.4.3 Number of surveys on uptake	10	2	2	None.	None.

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Programme Nr	**2**	**Programme Name**	**Disaster Risk Reduction**
Purpose of the Programme	**To provide agricultural disaster risk reduction (prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and relief) support services to producers and other clients.**		

PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
	early warning information conducted	for early warning information conducted					

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Programme Nr	**3**	**Programme Name**	**Producer Support Services**
Purpose of the Programme	**To provide producer support services for sustainable agricultural development in line with the National Policy on Comprehensive Producer Development Support.**		

PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Production across agriculture value chain	3.1.1 Number of producers supported in the Red Meat Commodity.	10	3	1	Delays with the approval of CASP and Ilima business plans resulted in non-achievement of the quarter target.	The National Assessment Panel has approved funding for the 2025/2026 CASP/Ilima projects and project implementation will improve in Q3. The intended support to the targeted producers will be prioritized by GDARD
	Women Producers supported	3.1.4 Number of women producers supported	62	15	0	Delays with the approval of CASP and Ilima business plans resulted in	The National Assessment Panel has approved funding for the 2025/2026 CASP/Ilima projects and project implementation will improve in Q3. The intended support to the targeted producers will be prioritized by GDARD
Transformed agri-food value chains through	Smallholder producers supported	3.1.7 Number of smallholder producers supported	162	40	1		

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Programme Nr	3	Programme Name	Producer Support Services				
Purpose of the Programme	To provide producer support services for sustainable agricultural development in line with the National Policy on Comprehensive Producer Development Support.						
PLANNING					REPORTING		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	Output	Output Indicator	Annual Target	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual Achievement	Reason for Deviation	Mitigating measure (with timeframe)
inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Smallholder producers supported in Sedibeng and West Rand.	3.1.8 Number of smallholder producers supported to produce food in Sedibeng and West Rand.	55	8	1	non-achievement of the quarter target.	

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**3**	**Programme Name**	**Extension and Advisory Services**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To promote knowledge transfer and skills development as the foundation for equitable, productive, competitive, profitable and sustainable agricultural value chain enterprises.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Skilled producers	3.2.1 Number of participants trained in skills development programmes in the sector	780	220	354	Training on economics of piggery, improving soil fertility, crop production and crop insurance, record market, vegetable cultivating methods, food safety, land preparation and spinach production, safe use of pesticides (Cypermethrin), soil fertility and plant nutrition, and GAP training programme enabled the overachievement of the quarter target	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Capacity building for smallholder producers	3.2.2 Number of capacity building activities conducted for smallholder producers.	3 500	1 000	1 014	Technical advisory services, study groups and demonstration sessions enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Capacity building for smallholder producers to be commercialised	3.2.3 Number of capacity building activities conducted for smallholder producers to be commercialsed.	100	20	34	Provision of technical advisory services enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Subsistence women producers supported	3.3.1 Number of subsistence women producers supported.	3 000	1 000	657	Delays with the approval of conditional grants business plans resulted in non-achievement of the quarter target.	The National Assessment Panel has approved funding for the 2025/2026 CASP/Ilima projects and project implementation will

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PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
							improve in Q3. The intended support to the targeted producers will be prioritized by GDARD
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Subsistence producers supported	3.3.2 Number of subsistence producers supported.	6 000	2 000	1 032	Delays with the approval of conditional grants business plans resulted in non-achievement of the quarter target.	The National Assessment Panel has approved funding for the 2025/2026 CASP/Ilima projects and project implementation will improve in Q3. The intended support to the targeted producers will be prioritized by GDARD

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Programme Nr	**4**	**Programme Name**		**Veterinary Services**			
Purpose of the Programme	**To control and manage health risks of animal origin ensuring livestock production, the availability and affordability of safe, healthy, high quality food and animal products thus stimulating economic growth, contributing to poverty alleviation and facilitating international trade in animals and products of animal origin.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Biosecurity policies and strategies strengthened	4.1.1 Number of visits to epidemiological units for veterinary interventions	7 500	2 000	1 438	Due to the control of the FMD outbreak, this has affected all areas of Gauteng with the Germiston and Randfontein Service centres affected mostly. All officials were involved in the vaccination and surveillance.	Gauteng veterinary Services will continue to fight against the FMD outbreak and due to the magnitude of the outbreak, we do not foresee that we will be able to return to normal operations soon
Improved social and economic livelihoods of Gauteng urban and rural	Clinical and services rendered	4.1.2 Clinical Veterinary Service Interventions to Pets in Gauteng Communities	380	95	105	More interventions were organized in September for World Rabies Day.	None
Transformed agri- food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture	Biosecurity policies and strategies strengthened	4.2.1 Number of veterinary certificates issued for export Facilitation	16 500	4 000	4 124	The amounts of exports and numbers of certificates issued are depended on the prevailing zoo sanitary status and socio-economic factors within the Republic of South Africa and the recipient importing countries.	None
Increased access to safe and nutritious food	Reduce level of risks associated with food	4.3.1 Number of inspections conducted on facilities producing meat	1 200	300	328	Due to the outbreak of FMD in abattoirs, addition visits were made.	None
Increased access to safe and nutritious food.	Reduce level of risks associated with food	4.4.1 Number of laboratory tests performed according to approved standards	50 000	12 000	4 975	The FMD outbreak response has affected sampling in this quarter.	FMD response will remain the central focus over the next quarter as well. We will continue to monitor the outbreak response and deploy resources as required to attain set targets.
Good governance and service excellence	Quality assurance of minimum	4.4.2 Percentage of VPH and Exports clients satisfied with the quality of service received	80%	80%	100%	100% of the customers surveyed where happy with the service	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**4**	**Programme Name**	**Veterinary Services**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To control and manage health risks of animal origin ensuring livestock production, the availability and affordability of safe, healthy, high quality food and animal products thus stimulating economic growth, contributing to poverty alleviation and facilitating international trade in animals and products of animal origin.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
	standards for veterinary services	from the customer satisfaction survey				rendered. No customer concerns or complaints were received.	
Increased access to safe and nutritious food.	Biosecurity policies and strategies strengthened	4.4.4 Number of samples collected for targeted animal diseases surveillance	500	125	897	The number of samples collected for targeted surveillance depends on field personnel collecting samples, disease outbreaks and the laboratory processing the samples and reporting on the results	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**5**	**Programme Name**	**Technology Transfer Services**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To disseminate information on research and technology developed to clients, peers, scientific community, and relevant stakeholders.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agribusiness SMMEs supported with Business Incubation	5.1.2 Number of Agribusinesses SMMEs supported with Business Incubation.	20	10	10	SMME's were supported through the South African Good Agricultural Practices programme (SA GAP). The purpose of the programme is to ensure that producers adhere to good agricultural practices that safeguard consumer health, enable entry into formal markets, and strengthen the competitiveness of local agribusinesses.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Research presented at technology transfer events	5.2.2 Number of research presentations made at technology transfer events	8	2	4	Two more presentations were made to capacitate and prepare farmers for the next crop planting season i.e Crop Health Monitoring using Sentinel time series and remote sensing case study Hamanskraal-Pretoria and Participatory Evaluation of Industrial Hemp Varieties in Different Regions of Gauteng Province.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agri Tech Seminars hosted	5.2.4 Number of Agri-Tech Seminars organised	6	2	2	None.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Soil & Fertility Management Training for smallholder producers	5.2.6 Number of Soil Nutrition & Fertility Management Training for smallholder producers	3	3	3	None.	None.

Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Women benefit from AgriParks established and maintained	5.2.9 Number of women benefitting from Agri-parks	7	2	0	The programme could not be implemented due to budget constraints; funds were redirected to Agroprocessing blended finance.	The partnership with Chilleweni Private Company and City of Johannesburg will enable GDARD to achieve the target in the next quarter. A Cold room is currently under construction at Eikenhof Agri-park.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**6**	**Programme Name**	**Production Economics and Marketing Support**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To provide production economics and marketing services to agri-businesses.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agri-businesses supported with market access	6.1.1 Number of clients supported with production economic services	420	120	124	Non-accredited training in record-keeping and market access, market days facilitated by SAB, development of individual farm business plans and provision of economic advisory services enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agri-businesses supported with market access	6.1.2 Number of agri-businesses supported with marketing services	150	45	89	More enterprises than targeted for were supported with marketing services through partnership with Perishable Product Export Control Board (PPECB).	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agri-businesses supported with BEE	6.1.3 Number of agribusinesses supported with Black Economic Empowerment, advisory services	70	20	94	Positive turnout during workshops.	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**6**	**Programme Name**	**Agro-Processing Support**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To facilitate agro-processing initiatives to ensure participation in the value chain.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Home based agro processing enterprises supported in TISH	6.2.3 Number of micro home-based agro-processing	300	80	109	Collaborations with the Local Municipality and GDARD enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**6**	**Programme Name**	**Agro-Processing Support**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To facilitate agro-processing initiatives to ensure participation in the value chain.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
		enterprises supported in TISH					
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Increased numbers of processing capacity initiatives for agropreneurs	6.2.6 Number of capacity development initiatives undertaken targeting agropreneurs	220	70	98	Collaborations with the Local Municipality and Farmer Support and Development enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Aggregation of produce through Agripark from smallholder producers	6.2.8 Volume of agricultural produce aggregated through agro-logistics for agriparks	750	225	303,68	The refrigerated trucks provided by the Department through Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) to small scale farmers/agroprocessors enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**6**	**Programme Name**	**Macroeconomics Support**				
Purpose of the Programme	**To provide economic and statistical information on the performance of the agricultural sector in order to inform planning and decision making.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Agricultural economic information	6.3.1 Number of agricultural economic information responses provided	480	140	168	Workshops on record-keeping management and the viability and sustainability model of bee production, information sharing sessions, fresh produce market days and the Gauteng	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
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Purpose of the Programme	**To provide economic and statistical information on the performance of the agricultural sector in order to inform planning and decision making.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
						Agroprocessing Convention and Expo held from 3 to 4 July 2025 enabled the overachievement of the quarter target.	
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Economic reports	6.3.2 Number of economic reports compiled	12	4	4	None.	None.

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**8**		**Programme Name**		**Rural Development**		
Purpose of the Programme	**To manage and coordinate the provision of integrated rural development services.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture	Industry AgriBEE /State of AgriBEE held	8.1.1 Number of Industry AgriBEE Indaba / State of AgriBEE held	1	1	0	The Indaba was postponed due to late confirmation of presenters.	The AgriBEE Indaba will be hosted in Quarter 3 on 30 October 2025.
Transformed agri- food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Transformation agreements monitored in the five agriculture/agro-processing priority sectors	8.1.2 Number of transformation agreements monitored in the five agriculture/agro-processing priority sectors	5	5	5	None	None

PERFORMANCE AS PER APP ANNUAL AND QUARTER TARGETS: PROGRAMME 2: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT							
Programme Nr	**8**		**Programme Name**	**Rural Development**			
Purpose of the Programme	**To manage and coordinate the provision of integrated rural development services.**						
PLANNING					**REPORTING**		
Outcome (as per approved Dept Strat Plan)	**Output**	**Output Indicator**	**Annual Target**	**Q2 Target**	**Q2 Actual Achievement**	**Reason for Deviation**	**Mitigating measure (with timeframe)**
Improved social and economic livelihoods of Gauteng urban and rural communities.	Stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Rural Development program	8.1.3 Number of stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Rural Development Program	5	5	5	None	None
Good governance and service excellence.	Provided Skills opportunities	8.2.1 Number of skills opportunities provided	1	1	1	None	None
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture	Support township business	8.2.2 Number of businesses supported through enterprise supplier and development programme	500	200	152	Due to the postponement of the AgriBEE Indaba to Quarter 3.	The AgriBEE Indaba will be hosted in Quarter 3 on 30 October 2025.
Transformed agri-food value chains through inclusive participation in commercial agriculture.	Supported agricultural Production initiatives in communal areas and rural nodes	8.2.3 Number of agricultural Production initiatives in communal areas and rural nodes supported	20	5	7	Agricultural production initiatives provided in City of Ekurhuleni (Nigel), City of Tshwane (Mamelodi & Cullinan) and Lesedi Local Municipality (Ratanda).	None
Improved social and economic livelihoods of Gauteng urban and rural communities.	Home-based enterprises profiled in targeted household	8.2.7 Number of Home-based enterprises profiled in targeted households in all districts	500	150	150	None.	None

1.3 EMERGING PRIORITIES

1.3 [DEPARTMENT / ENTITY UNPLANNED / EMERGING PRIORITIES]							
These are those projects / priorities that the Department / Entity has had to action, but were not part of the APP [e.g. unforeseen, unplanned, urgent]							
Nr	**Name of Project**	**Detail of Project**	**Projected end date**	**Progress to date / current Status**	**Challenges / Risks / Requests for intervention**	**Why was this not planned for**	**How is it being funded?**
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Add as many more rows as required							

1.4 PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION AND EVIDENCE

How does the Department / Entity maintain portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information

The verification process is intended to ensure that the reports, listings and Portfolios of Evidence (POEs) submitted by the branches are accurate. This is done by cross checking the reports against the supporting listings and POEs. The focus areas that the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M&E) validates during verification include the following:

- POE against TID (as it appears in an approved APP): This verifies whether the submitted POE is the one stipulated in the TID or not.
- Listing against POE: This verifies whether all the POEs are reflected in the listing.
- Dates: This verifies whether the dates contained in the POE fall within the quarter under review.
- Signatures: This verifies whether all the required signatures in the documents are appended or not.
- ID copies: This is to verify the ID numbers of beneficiaries and to support the signature appended on the delivery notes.

In the end, evidence and listings provided must reflect and correspond with the reported figures. If the numbers do not correspond, this is communicated to the branches for correction, resubmission or confirmation the figures as recounted by M&E.

When all of this has been completed, the validated report, listings and POEs get stored on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation’s electronic shared folder which is located on the Department’s internal drive. The internal shared drive which is only accessible to M&E and IT officials who have been granted access.

2. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment does not have entities.

3. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

3.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FIGURES

Programme	Final Appropriation	Projected Budged for the 2nd Quarter (Q) under review	Actual Expenditure for the 2nd Q Under review	Percentage Expenditure for the 2nd Q Under review	Actual Expenditure (Year to Date)	Percentage Expenditure (Year to Date)
	R'000	R'000	R'000	%	R'000	%
PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION	173,685	41,044	15,950	39%	107,580	62%
PROGAMME 2: SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND MANAGEMENT	18,944	5,042	3,303	66%	8,316	44%
PROGRAMME 3: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT	260,794	68,182	33,091	49%	65,229	25%
PROGRAMME 4: VETERINARY SERVICES	104,190	27,092	23,388	86%	44,949	43%
PTOGRAMME 5: RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	65,680	30,014	37,665	125%	45,331	69%
PROGRAMME 6: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC SERVICES	37,100	17,916	9,243	52%	14,962	40%
PROGRRAMME 7: RURAL DEVELOPMENT	10,711	3,019	1,723	57%	3,967	37%
Totals	**671,104**	**192,309**	**124,363**	**65%**	**290,334**	**43%**

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3.1 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FIGURES

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending

2nd Quarter Target Progress:

The department projected expenditure is R192 million, spent R124 million which equates to 65% in the first quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year.

Programme 1 - Administration:

- The underspending of R25 million or 39% in the 2nd Q is due to the interdepartmental claim process. GDARD paid GDEnv CoE and Persal related expenditure, and this expenditure was claimed back reducing the expenditure end of 2nd Quarter. (Core functions for the months of May and June and programme 1 for the months of April and May 2025)
- Interdepartmental claim for overhead for the month of April to August of R14 million was processed in September, therefore reducing the expenditure.

PROGAMME 2: SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND MANAGEMENT

- The under expenditure of R1,7 million or 34%, related to Land Care Conditional Grant Business plans not approved by National Department at the end of the 2nd quarter of FY.
- After various follow ups and escalations, the Director General National Department of Agriculture approved the Gauteng 2025/2026 Land Care business plans with an allocation of R5,7 million **on the 13 October 2025, after the 2nd Quarter**.
- The late approval of the Land Care Conditional Grant Business plans negatively impacting on implementation of Conditional Grant projects for the 2025-2026.
- Part of the acceleration plan to implement the project before the financial year end expenditure will increase in the 3rd and 4th quarter of the2025-2026 FY.

PROGRAMME 3: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

- Under the expenditure of R35 million or 49%, related to Conditional Grant Business plans submitted for approval by National Assessment Pannel (NAP), only some of the project listed in the business plans were approved in August 2025.
- On the 6th of August 2025 the Department received its first Tranche of R65,4 million for (CASP ERP – R13,6 m and training programme – R31 million and some of illima/Letsema projects R20,8 million)
- The late approval of the Conditional Grant Business plans negatively impacted on implementation of Conditional Grant projects for the 2025-2026.
- Acceleration plan to be developed to implement project before FY end, expenditure will increase in the 3rd and 4th quarter of the2025-2026 FY.

PROGRAMME 4: VETERINARY SERVICES

- 86% spent in the 2nd quarter related to Veterinary Services combatting Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in the province. This outbreak puts additional financial constraints on their budget, additional vacation required for animals affected, travel costs and overtime by officials dealing with this outbreak.

PROGRAMME 5: RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- The over expenditure in the 2nd quarter of 25% relates to the R30 million transfer made on the 26th of August 2205 of R15 million and on the 17th of September 2025 of R15 million to the National Empowerment Fund Trust (NEF) for the establishment, development, implementation, and administration of the Gauteng Agro-processing Fund. The NEF will support beneficiaries who qualify and need funding to grow the Agro-processing businesses.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

PROGRAMME 6: AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC SERVICES

- The underspending of R8,2 million in the 2nd Q is due to transfers to Higher Education Institutions for bursaries and internships not yet finalised.
- R10 million of the 30 million NEF transfer comes from this programme budget.

PROGRRAMME 7: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- The underspending of R1,7 million in the 2nd Q can be attributed to delays in procurement process due capacity challenge in SCM unit experienced from 1 April – 31 July 2025.
- SCM is busy attending to the backlog in procurement.

Annual Expenditure to Date:

- The department's total allocated budget is R671 million. Overall, the department has spent R290 million that is equivalent to 43% of its total allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year.
- The main under expenditure of 7% can be attributed to Department Conditional Grant business plans not approved the begging of the financial year.
- Conditional Grant Goods and Service (G&S) Budget consists of 42% of total Department G&S Budget, current spend is at 1% (R514).
- Equitable share G&S spent is 60%.
- Administration (Programme 1) has spent R108 million that is equivalent to 62% of its allocated budget. (Not all Journals processed to correct the claim for COE expenditure incurred by GDARD for GDEnv.)
- Sustainable Resource Use and Management (Programme 2) has spent R8 million that is equivalent to 44% of its allocated budget,
- Agricultural Producer Support & Development (Programme 3) has spent R65 million that is equivalent to 25% of its allocated budget, (Approval of Conditional Grant business plans)
- Veterinary Services (Programme 4) has spent R45 million that is equivalent to 43% of its allocated budget,
- Research & Technology Development Services (Programme 5) has spent R45 million that is equivalent to 69% of its allocated budget, (NEF transfer)
- Agricultural Economics Services (Programme 6) has spent R15 million that is equivalent to 40% of its allocated budget.
- Rural Development (Programme 7) has spent R4 million that is equivalent to 37% of its allocated budget.

What are the mitigating measures to remedy over / under expenditure

1. The late approval of the **Conditional Grant Business** plans negatively impacted on implementation of Conditional Grant projects for the 2025-2026.
   On the 6 of August 2025 the Department received its first Tranche of R65,4 million for (CASP ERP – R13,6 m and Training programme – R31 million and some of illima/Letsema projects R20,8 million)

Proposed Mitigation:

- Conditional Grant Business plans submitted for approval by National Assessment Pannel (NAP), only some of the project listed in the Business plans were approved in August 2025. Various meetings took place to resolve these issues and awaiting final amendment and approval of these Conditional Grant Business plans.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

- Acceleration plan to be developed to implement project before FY end, expenditure will increase in the 3rd and 4th quarter of the2025-2026 FY.

2. CASH FLOW - GDARD paid GDEnv PERSAL related cost and some overhead costs from the GDARD budget and this caused cash flow issues, unable to pay services providers on time.

Proposed Mitigation:

- The reported cash flow Expenditure will only be resolved when each Department (GDARD and Environment) creates separate SLAs and purchase orders for overhead cost. Legal Service is attending to the SLA for these expenditure items. Target date end of October 2025.

3. Capacity Challenges in SCM and Finance - the management of SCM processes, compliance and execution of the current FY procurements plans etc, has affected the 2nd Quarter performance report on conditional grants.

Proposed Mitigation:

3.1 Secondment of SCM capacity through GPT: 3 Officials were seconded to the department: 1 August 2024

3.2 Secondment of Director SCM: Director SCM was seconded to the department on the 1st of August 2025, and dealing with backlog

3.3 Filling of vacant funded posts already advertised -2 Officials was appointed 1 August 2025 – DD and ASD SCM

3.4 Advertising critical posts in programme 1: Additional allocation was received to a total of R 23,8 million- No Appointment of CFO Director SCM end of 2nd Quarter

What is the Department / Entity's achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement for the period under review

- The Department for the 2nd quarter 2025/26 did not achieve its Preferential Procurement Spend Targets for HDI (64%), Women (16%), Youth (24%), PWD (0,2%). Most of the prices received from these commodities were not market related. Additionally, there was either poor response or generally no response by some of the designated groups to the request for quotations that were sent out by the department

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

PP Spend for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2025-2026									
Department	**Financial Year**	**HDI Spend R'000**	**% HDI**	**Female Spend R'000**	**% Female**	**Youth Spend R'000**	**% Youth Spend**	**PWD Spend R'000**	**% PWD**
Agriculture and Rural Development	2025/26 Q2	13 680	64%	3 471	16%	5 233	24%	35	0,2%
BEE Target for 2025/2026		**HDI = 80%**	**HDI = 80%**		**Female = 40%**		**Youth = 30%**		**PWD = 7%**

Proposed Mitigation:

As a corrective measure, the department will prioritise incubation of companies owned by designated groups. These designated groups will be exposed to SMME/ Supplier/ Enterprise Development, trained in tendering, general business & finance management. GDARD is to procure from these companies as of the next quarterly reporting. GDARD is in constant contact with COGTA on the immediate implementation of the preferential procurement plan. Additionally, GDARD has committed to procure from the targeted commodities in Q3.

Additionally, the following action plan has been put into place by Supply Chain Management:-

- SCM will provide procurement opportunities to the designated groups as follows:
- SCM unit will source quotations using the database by GEYODI unit and Provincial Treasury.
- SCM will give the designated group the opportunities to submit quotations on all of our RFQ's
- SCM will conduct training for the designated groups in a way to provide them with more information on how to do business with government and become a bidder.
- SCM will also be available to assist and provide advice to these groups on emails.
- SCM amended its evaluation criteria and allocated more points to Military Veterans and Persons with Disabilities. More points are allocated to Military Veterans and Persons with Disabilities s in the evaluation criteria.
- The designated groups will also be prioritised when issuing RFQs for services worth less than R500 000, e.g. consultation services, training, security services, stationery, equipment. The above been said, designated groups will be prioritised when issuing RFQs for services worth less than R500 000, e.g. consultation

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services, training, security services, stationery, equipment. SCM does not have any control over the outcome of the bidding process, must still comply to fair and equitable SCM process

What is the Department / Entity's achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / Local procurement for the period under review

The Department for the 2nd Quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year did not manage to achieve its procurement target for Township spend of 40%, it only achieved 14%. Procurement officials do target all Designated groups when requesting for Quotations based on the commodities required by the Department, but there is still a challenge with Township based Businesses.

TER Spend Report for Agriculture and Rural Development (Summary) Financial Year 2025-2026			
Department	**Financial Year**	**Total Spend R'000**	**% Spend**
GDARD	2025/2026	3 252	14%
Q2 - Township Spend Target for 2025/2026		40%	

Proposed Mitigation:
SCM will also include township business in the same action plan for designated groups as indicated above.

A summary for the period under review with respect to overspending / underspending against projections

The department's total allocated budget is R671 million. Overall, the department has spent R290 million that is equivalent to 43% of its total allocated budget for 2025/26 financial year. The main under expenditure of 7% can be attributed to Department Conditional Grant business plans not approved at the beginning of the financial year. Conditional Grant Goods and Service (G&S) Budget consist of 42% of total Department G&S Budget, current spend is at 1% (R514). Equitable share G&S spend is at 60%.

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

A summary for the period under review with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days

2nd Quarter 2025-2026

GDARD during the 2nd Quarter manage to pay 91% of Invoices within 30 days, 52% of all invoices received were paid within 15 days.

Reason for deviations:

- Cash Flow challenges: There were not enough funds to process invoices on the payment run. GDARD is still paying some of GDEnv overhead costs impacting on cash availability
- There were a few purchase orders incorrectly captured, and this needed to be corrected by the Procurement section.
- The clearing of payment exceptions was done but exceeded the 15 days.

Mitigations:

- The cash flow challenges encountered in September 2025, relates to GDARD still paying GDEnv Overhead cost. The MOU was finalised and claimed process was only at the end of September 2025, releasing funds, but exceeded the 15 days.

This challenge will only be addressed when:

- Separate SLA's and POs are being created for each Expenditure items relating to Overhead cost **–** SLA to be finalised end of October 2025.

A summary for the period under review with respect to fruitless, wasteful and irregular expenditure

1. **Fruitless and wasteful expenditure:**

- The Department did not identify Fruitless and wasteful expenditure during the **2nd Quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year.**

3.2 DEPARTMENT / ENTITY KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

2. Irregular expenditure

The Department did not identify/ incurred irregular expenditure in the **2nd Quarter of the 2025-2026** Financial Year

A summary for the period under review with respect to spending on conditional grants

- The department has spent R9 millions of its allocated budget of R159 million for conditional grants.
- This expenditure mainly relates to CASP graduate's programme stipends and compensation of employees for Agricultural advisors.
- Only some CASP and Illima/Letsema projects approved at the beginning of August 2025 (EPP and training programmes and projects relating production input and Agroprocessing for Ilima/Leseman).
  The Department received the 1st tranche for CASP (R44,6 million) and Illima/Letsema (R20,8 million) on the 6th of August 2025.

4. RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

4.1 RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT

4.1 RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT (for Resolutions received during the period under review)					
Ref Nr	**Date Received**	**Due Date**	**Detail / Title of Resolution**	**Progress to Date / Current Status**	**Date submitted to GPL**
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Department did not receive any resolutions for the quarter under review.	N/A
Add as many rows as required					
Total number of Resolutions received from GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Resolutions responses due to GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Resolutions responded to and submitted back to GPL during this Quarter					

4.2 PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

4.2 PETITIONS MANAGEMENT (for Petitions referred by the GPL during the period under review)					
Ref Nr	**Date Received**	**Due Date**	**Detail / Title of Petition**	**Progress to Date / Current Status**	**Date submitted to GPL**
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Department does not have any petitions for the quarter under review.	N/A
Add as many rows as required					
Total number of Petitions received from GPL during this Quarter					N/A
Total number of Petitions responses due to GPL during this Quarter					
Total number of Petitions responded to and submitted back to GPL during this Quarter					

5. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT / ENTITY

5. [PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT / ENTITY]
The steps / measures the Department / Entity has taken to meaningfully involve the public / stakeholders in the course of its work / service delivery during the period under review

a) **3- 4 July 2025**: GDARD hosted an Agro- Processing Convention & Expo at Gallagher Convention Centre bringing stakeholders from government, communities, NGO's/NPO's and private to discuss various aspects of agroprocessing.
b) **10 July 2025**: GPG Service Delivery Operations at Kagiso Stadium. MEC Ramokgopa engaged community members running food gardens at two sites in Kagiso.
c) **17 July 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa delivered Budget vote speech at the Gauteng Legislature outlining the plans for 2025/26 financial year to the people of Gauteng.
d) **18 July 2025**: GDARD conducted Mandela Day Pet Sterilization Event in Soweto to create awareness on pet vaccination and encouraging communities to vaccinate their pets. The event also served as part of celebrating Mandela Day
e) **18 July 2025**: The department led by MEC Ramokgopa celebrated Mandela Day with learners and teachers of Silindikuhle Primary School Information desk was made available. The celebration ended at Bekkersdal West Clinic where MEC transplanted seedlings in a food garden at the clinic and distributed food packs to the elderly.
f) **20 July 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa briefed the media about the GDARD Budget Vote speech delivered on 17 July 2025.
g) **23 & 24 July 2025**: GDARD Take a Girl and Boy Child to workday programme at Bothongo Rhino and Lion Park and Maropeng Cradle of Humankind
h) **25 July 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa led the youth career exposure at Corteva AgriSCience where Grade 12learners from Magaliesburg school of specialization and students from Ekurhuleni Agricultural college.
i) **30 July 2025**: GDARD participated in the Mandela Month Career Expo for 67 Learners, for the deaf community at University of Johannesburg JBS Park in Auckland Park.
j) **30 July 2025**: GDARD engaged farmers on the CASP applications for 2026/27 to clarify all questions that farmers had about the advertisement.
k) **31 July 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa delivered a keynote address at the African Women in Mining and Agriculture at the UJ School of Tourism and Hospitality, 57 Bunting Rd, Cottesloe, Johannesburg - hosted by OXFAM South Africa and University of Johannesburg.
l) **07 August 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa delivered a keynote address at the Talborne Organics' 25-year celebration event at the Irene Country Lodge. The company celebrated 25 years of advancing organic and regenerative agriculture in South Africa
m) **08 August 2025**: MEC Ramokgopa was the keynote speaker at the Women's Day Luncheon event which took place at Ivory Manor Boutique Hotel, Pretoria
n) **09 August 2025**: GDARD participated in Women's Day celebration at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.
o) **14 August 2025**: GDARD participated in the GPG Tshwane IGR Service Delivery Operations held in Soshanguve, Giant Stadium, Soshanguve
p) **21 & 22 August 2025**: GDARD Regional Technical IGR Committee Engagements with City of Tshwane Metro and City of Johannesburg metro respectfully to

discuss programmes/projects that they can implement collaboratively.

q) **26 August 2025:** GDARD hosted Female Entrepreneur Awards and Young Entrepreneur Awards at Gallagher Convention Centre to recognise the contribution of female farmers to food security and economy of the province.
r) **31 August 2025**: GDARD exhibited at the Regenerative Agriculture event, Galloway Gardens, Magaliesberg
s) **1 September 2025**: GDARD organised Regional Technical IGR Committee Engagements, Sedibeng District Municipality to discuss areas of collaborations with regard to programmes and projects.
t) **5-6 September 2025**: Gauteng Farm Employers and Employees Workshop, Premier Hotel, Kempton Park, Young Farmer Connect Exhibition
u) **6 September 2025**: Young Farmer Connect Exhibition, Freeway Tabernacle Church, Soweto Freeway Tabernacle Church, Soweto
v) **20 September 2025**: World Rabies Vaccination campaign - Joint pet Sterilizations with PDSA Soweto at their premises
w) **24 September 2025**: Heritage Day Celebration, Kagiso Sports Complex
x) **25th September 2025**: Piggery commodity farmer's day together with SAPPO, IEC Hall in Randfonteien
y) **18, 26 & 27 September** 2025: World Rabies Vaccination campaign at Maboneng (Mekhukhung) next to Soshanguve Block W, Corner of Makapanstad Road and Harry Braude Road, at the border of Gauteng and Northwest and Kameeldrift West Spar at that NW border
z) **29 Sept -01 October 2025**: GDARD co-hosted the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa at River Meadow Hotel, Centurion

Public Education programmes of the Department / Entity during the period under review

- **05 August 2025**: GDARD hosted Livestock Farmers Day, Villa liza Community Hall to share information with livestock farmers.
- **17th September 2025**: GDARD organised KYD farmers day in Rietvlei,

Feedback sessions conducted by the Department / Entity during the period under review

a) No feedback sessions were conducted during the period under review as questions were responded to during provincial open days, capacity building workshops, broadcast media interviews, and digital media platforms.

6. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

6. [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS			
Only applicable to Office of the Premier (OoP)			
All International treaties / Agreements that the Department / Entity has entered into.	**Extent to which Department / Entity is implementing the Treatise / Agreements during the Quarter under Review**	**Challenges**	**Mitigating Measures**
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

7. GEYODI EMPOWERMENT	
What has been the Department / Entity achievement on actual GEYODI Empowerment in communities during the period under review	
GENDER	263 Females
YOUTH	66
DISABLED	13
SENIOR CITIZENS	N/A

8. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 AGSA REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Auditor – General REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW	
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information received from AGSA during this Quarter	07
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information due during this Quarter	07
Total number of AGSA Requests for Information responded to and submitted back to AGSA during this Quarter	07

8.2 PSC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

8.2 Public Service Commission REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW	
Total number of PSC Requests for Information received from the PSC during this Quarter	1
Total number of PSC Requests for Information due during this Quarter	0
Total number of PSC Requests for Information responded to and submitted back to the PSC during this Quarter	1

9. DEPARTMENT / ENTITY CAPACITY

9.1 HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY		
During the period under review…		
Total number of posts on the Dept Structure as at the last day of the period under review	**Total number of posts currently filled as at the last day of the period under review**	**Total number of vacant posts as at the last day of period under review**
480	431	49
Total number of acting positions as at the last day of the period under review	**Total number of terminations during the period under review**	**Total number of new positions as at the last day of the period under review**
09	04	02
Total number of suspensions during the period under review	**Summarized information on the GEYODI / HDI compliance for the period under review**	
0	Total Females in the Department =273/ 488 (56%) SMS Females = 10/21 (48%) PwD = 13/488 (2,67%)	

10. CHALLENGES / REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION

10.1 CHALLENGES

10.1 CHALLENGES		
Challenge	**Consequence**	**Recommendation**
What is the challenge?	*What consequence is it having*	*How the challenge can be resolved*
In the quarter under review, GDARD experienced challenges with regards to invoices paid within 15 working days of receipt. There were not enough funds to process invoices on the payment run	Cash flow challenges	**In addressing these, the following have been looked into**:- Separate SLA's and purchase orders are created for each expenditure items relating to overhead costs. SLAs to be finalised by end of October 2025. Procurement Officials were notified to correctly capture purchase orders when making part payments, however, there are system related challenges which have been escalated to the Provincial Treasury and have been attended to
Achievement of preferential procurement targets remained a challenge for the department in the reporting quarter under review. Most of the prices received from these commodities were not market related. Additionally, there was either poor response or generally no response by some of the designated groups to the request for quotations that were sent out by the department	Preferential procurement targets not being achieved in the reporting quarter	As a corrective measure, the department will prioritise incubation of companies owned by designated groups. These designated groups will be exposed to SMME/ Supplier/ Enterprise Development, trained on tendering, general business & finance management. GDARD is to procure from these companies as of the next quarterly reporting. GDARD is in constant contact with COGTA on the immediate implementation of the preferential procurement plan. Additionally, GDARD has committed to procure from the targeted commodities in Q3
GDARD experienced challenges with the transfers of Landcare grants and CASP projects in the reporting quarter	Slow project implementation for quarter two	As a corrective measure, final assessments on the GDARD projects have been finalized by National Department of Agriculture. Procurement has been made and project implementation on the affected projects will continue in quarter 3

10.2 REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION

10.2 REQUESTS FOR INTERVENTION		
What area / subject does this relate to	What intervention is sought from the Legislature?	Why is this intervention sought

11. ADOPTION

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development hereby presents this 2025/2026 2nd Quarter Performance Report to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature as a true and accurate representation of its work during the period under review.

Department / Entity Approval			
Name of Department / Entity	Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment		
Which Financial Year	2025/26		
Which Quarter	Quarter 2		
Acting Head of Department / Entity	Mr Khululekile Mase	Signature:	Date: 30.10.2025
MEC: Agriculture and Rural Development	Ms Vuyiswa Ramokgopa	Signature:	Date: 1.11.2025

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

AES	Agricultural Economics Services
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CARA	Criminal Assets Recovery Account
COGTA	Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
CRM	Customer Relationship Management
CSD	Central Supplier Database
DALRRD	Department of Land Reform & Rural Development
DDM	District Development Model
EPWP	Extended Public Work Programmes
FSD	Farmer Support and Development
GDARDE	Gauteng Department of Agriculture Rural Development Environment
GEYODI	Gender, Youth and People with Disabilities
GDE	Gauteng Department of Education
GDSACR	Gauteng Department of Sport Arts culture and Recreation
GGT	Growing Gauteng Together
GPG	Gauteng Provincial Government
DWS	Department of Waters and Sanitation
HOD	Head of Department
IGR	Intergovernmental Relations
MEC	Member of Executive Council
MMC	Member of Municipal Council
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
OoP	Office of the Premier
PPECB	Perishable Product Export Control Board
PO	Purchase order
PWDs	People with Disabilities
RFQ	Request for Quotation
RTDS	Research and Technology Development Services
SAGAP	South African Good Agricultural Practices Programme
SAPS	South African Police Service
SASSA	South African Social Security Agency
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SDM	Sedibeng District Municipality
SMME	Small Micro Medium Enterprise
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
SRM	Sustainable Resource Management
TISH	Township informal settlement housing
VETS	Veterinary Service
VPH	Veterinary Public Health\