



Social Employment Fund

'Work for the Common Good'

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Mechanics of the Social Employment Fund



Governance

Presidency and
Department of Trade,
Industry and Competition

Industrial Development
Corporation as
Fund Manager

Implementation

40 Strategic Implementing
Partners (SIPs)

SIPs design work
programmes which employ
at least 1,000 participants.

The work programme must
tackle an element of
'common good'.

Mobilization

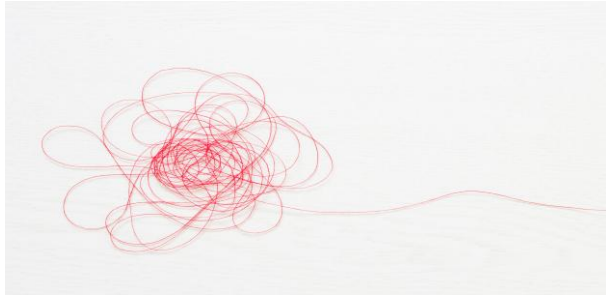
2,400 Community-based
organisations

50,000 SEF participants

Case Study: Tackling Food Security in Deelpan (North West)



The Challenge



Deelpan is a small village in the North West Province.

4,800 residents across 1,050 households

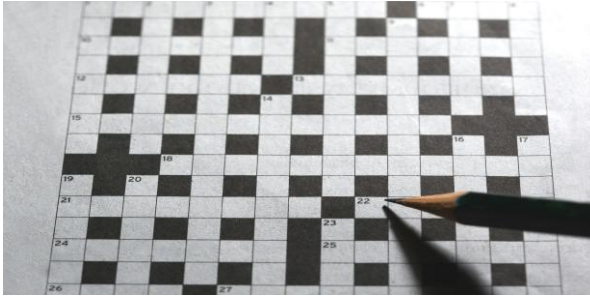
The North West Province has the highest rate of unemployment in SA



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The Solution



Agriculture is the primary economic source in and around Deelpan

Smallholder / Community farmers are often under-resourced

The creation of an Agri-node which supports smallholder / community farms



An agri-node is a localised community hub which connects smallholder/community farmers with markets. It also offers technical support.

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Implementation



Our Strategic Implementing Partner (SIP) connected with the community including traditional authorities.

The SIP then connected with local business.

Support was offered to schools, NGOs.



What Social Value did this generate?

- 590 SEF participants employed
 - Support to 64 small farms
- 1.6 tonnes donated to the vulnerable
- 57 SEF participants transitioned

Lessons Learned - Institutional Capacity

Do strong economies lead to strong institutions (OR)
do strong institutions lead to strong economies?

- Acemoglu, Johnson, Robinson (Nobel Prize Winners in Economics, 2024)

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Politics and Development

Locating the SEF within the
Industrial Development
Corporation

2

Civil Society as the Implementer

Civil-Society is able to
advocate grassroots issues
AND engage with the
formal sector

3

Harnessing the value of citizens