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Agriculture to benefit future cooperatives

More than 800 candidates will benefit as future cooperatives in the agricultural sector. The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Middelburg Technical College will train and develop 800 beneficiaries in various field such horticulture, poultry (broiler, hatchery,) crop farming, animal farming and agro-processing.

The municipality and the department will give these candidates access to farms during training and also work with other established local farm businesses to further train these candidates.

The programme is targeting all age groups especially the unemployed youth with a minimum of Grade 10 across Steve Tshwete. The recruitment drive will start on 25 November 2015 and closes on 05 January 2016. Training will commence in February 2016.

At the end of the programme, candidates will be placed in various cooperatives in the farming industry and some will be helped to establish their own entities. The formalisation of cooperatives will ensure that candidates are able to access farming incentives offered by government.

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