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### **GOVERNMENT INTERACTS WITH FARMERS**

This year marks the fifth year of democratic administration of the current presidential regime, as well as the 20 years of freedom and democracy. While it is a land of freedom and opportunity for some people, South Africa is also a difficult and harsh place for many others. The poor and the marginalized are those that suffer the most under the crippling inequality that plagues this country.

Farm Workers are among the most marginalized groups of people in South Africa. They are extremely under-represented in labour unions, civil society and community activism efforts. This lack of representation leaves them with compromised access to education, health care, labour rights, shelter, and even the most basic human rights and dignity. Farm Workers are therefore among the most vulnerable and most widely exploited groups in this country, and are often made the victims of targeted hate crimes and aggression.

The Provincial Farm Workers meeting is an annual event for Farm workers taking place per district. It has however been resolved that in the 2014/2015 financial year, the event should assemble the entire districts at a single forum of Farm workers of the Free State province, in line with the Freedom Day celebrations 2014. The Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, as a leading organizer of this annual event has request the Free State Provincial Treasury to provide support to this provincial event that will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Sandvelt Farm in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

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