

# ULAPOOL FARM PRIMARY COOPERATIVE



**Name of CSO:** Ulapool Farm Primary Cooperative

**Sector:** Agribusiness (income generation)

**Location:** Eastern Cape – Chris Hani District – Sakhisizwe Municipality Ward 2

**Grant funding amount:** R325 722.98

**Jobs created:** 9 cooperative members and 4 full-time workers

**Beneficiary profile:** women, men and youth coming from the community of

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In 2017, the National Development Agency (NDA) assisted Ulapool Farm Cooperative (UFC) to register as a Primary Cooperative.

UFC started operating in 2004 as a Communal Property Association with 14 members. The organisation owns 836 hectares of land, purchased through a land reform programme called Land Reform for Agricultural Development (LRAD), with grants from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and a bond component (loan) with Land Bank which is still serviced. About 80 hectares of land is arable and 15 is currently used for crop production. The cooperative also houses 87 cattle and 363 sheep.

Sakhisizwe is one of the six local municipalities under Chris Hani District. All local municipalities under the Chris Hani District Municipality have a focus on agriculture in their local economic development (LED) strategies. UFS core business relates to agribusiness including crop production, maize, fodder and livestock farming – sheep and cattle. These activities have an important role in the community in alleviating poverty and creating jobs. NDA funding assisted the Cooperative to secure agricultural equipment and operational inputs which will upscale the cooperative's production in order to contribute and compete in the agricultural value chain production in the Chris Hani District and the entire province.

