

Read about the programmes and opportunities available to you in your province, the Northern Cape.



Northern Cape

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For more information on these and other government programmes,
phone 1020 — toll-free from a landline.

LAND AND AGRICULTURE PROGRAMMES

Farmer Support and Development Programmes

Farmer Settlement

The Farmer Settlement Programme helps people to obtain funds from government to set up their farming business. The programme puts successful applicants in touch with the farmer support section and whatever services they need to set up their project.

The Farmer Settlement Programme is also involved in land redistribution. Once a person has identified a piece of land they would like to farm, they may approach either the Land Affairs Department directly or the Farmer Settlement Programme.

Contact the Farmer Settlement Programme:
053 839-7820



Farmer Support and Coordination

This programme trains new farmers. It also promotes agricultural rural development projects through the following services:

- Development of farm management plans
- Farming information
- Agricultural tours
- Farmers' days
- Training and mentorships
- Help with project planning and implementation
- Support to communal and tribal areas
- Agricultural awareness in schools
- Female farmer competition
- Sub-division of land
- Disaster management implementation
- Early warning reports
- Comments on mining applications
- Agricultural assessments.

Contact the Farmer Support Programme:
053 839-7806



Food Security

This programme focuses on the community and aims to improve nutrition and food safety, while generating income and creating jobs. It also provides fresh vegetables to feeding schemes.

Contact the Food Security Programme: 053 839-7800/2

LandCare

The LandCare programme helps farmers in the community to use their land and resources successfully and sustainably.

Contact the LandCare Programme: 053 839-7826

Mafisa (Micro-Agricultural Financial Institutions of South Africa)	CASP (Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme)	Galeshwe Compost Yard and Community Waste Management
<p>Mafisa offers a range of services in conservation, development, tourism and land reform. The company helps with skills development and job creation through responsible forms of tourism and related land uses.</p> <p>Contact Mafisa: 053 839-7847/14</p>	<p>This programme helps farmers make the most of their land. It also promotes the export of products to other countries. The programme benefits farmers farming to sell, farmers who produce only for their own household, as well as the hungry.</p> <p>Contact CASP: 053 838-9100</p>	<p>This project gives people training in health and safety, first aid, business skills and basic literacy, with the aim of upgrading the Galeshwe Compost Yard. The project has also begun making fire wood from trees dumped on the site.</p> <p>Contact Galeshwe: 053 832-6022</p>

District	Department	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Agricultural Development	053 838-9112
	Agricultural Support Programme	053 839-7804
	Irrigation & Rehabilitation	053 838-9100
	Integrated Food Security	053 839-7800/2
	LandCare Programme	053 456-0084
	Land Affairs	053 831-4090
	Land Acquisition Grants	053 831-1790
	Farmer Support	053 839-7800
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Agriculture	053 773-1590
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	Agriculture	053 631-3631
Siyanda (Upington)	Agriculture	054 337-8000
Namaqua (Springbok)	Agriculture	027 712-1315

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Department of Labour manages the Skills Development Programme. It helps focus groups, entrepreneurs, and community project leaders to access support from the Skills Development Fund and SETAs. Through the different SETAs, women, youth and the disabled can be trained to successfully manage their businesses.



District	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	053 838-1621
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	053 712-3952
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	053 631-0952
Siyanda (Upington)	054 331-1752
Namaqua (Springbok)	027 718-1058

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMMES

The main infrastructure projects are being done by the Department of Public Works and Transport, the National Road Agency, District Municipalities and Local Municipalities.

Infrastructure projects include the following:

- **Municipalities:** paving streets in townships, and building community centres, recreational parks and sport facilities
- **Department of Local Government and Housing:** building houses
- **Public works:** upgrading government buildings, like schools and clinics
- **Transport/National Road Agency:** upgrading gravel roads, tarring roads and resurfacing roads which are a risk to road users.



District	Department	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Public Works	053 838-5200
	Construction Industry Development Board	053 838-5229
	Construction Education and Training Authority	051 447-1245
	Transport	053 839-2100
	EPWP	053 839-2228
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Public Works	053 773-9400
	Transport	053 773-1772
	EPWP	053 712-0617
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	Public Works	053 631-1355
Siyanda (Upington)	Public Works	054 332-4473/4
	Transport	054 332-4471
	EPWP	054 337-2800
Namaqua (Springbok)	Public Works	027 712-2170
	Transport	027 712-1614

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The environment in the Northern Cape lends itself to a good number of opportunities for job creation:

- **Working for Water:** eradicating foreign trees and plants
- **Working on Fire:** preventing veld fires
- Developing **recreational parks** in the communities to create safe playing areas for children.

District	Department	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Water Affairs Local municipalities	053 830-8800
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Water Affairs	053 773-1888
	Local municipalities:	
	Gasegonyana	053 712-1095
	Moshaweng	053 773-9360
	Gamagara	053 723-2261
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	Water Affairs Local municipalities	053 664-9400
Siyanda (Upington)	Water Affairs Local municipalities	054 334-0201
Namaqua (Springbok)	Water Affairs	027 718-2678
	Local municipalities	027 718-8100



SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

Poverty is the main cause of a number of social problems in rural communities. Social problems include alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, teenage pregnancy, early school departure, and neglect of poor and needy people.

Social projects addressing these problems include:

- Food Security
- Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET)
- Training of counsellors for family problems, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence and teenage pregnancies
- Training of facilitators to teach pre-school children the basic education principles and skills
- Training of the unemployed to do social work in the community
- Training of the unemployed to help with health services to combat HIV/AIDS and TB, and support the sick and elderly
- Enhancing the work of NGOs through grant-making.



District	Department	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Social Services	053 831-4041
	Education	053 839-6500
	ABET	053 839-6692
	Health	053 830-0500
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Social Services	053 712-1549/1649/1708
	Education	053 773-9100
	Health	053 712-0775
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	Social Services	053 631-0969
	Education	053 631-9200
Siyanda (Upington)	Social Services	054 337-9400
	Education	054 337-6300
	Health	054 331-2120
Namaqua (Springbok)	Social Services	027 712-2054
	Education	027 718-8600
	Health	027 712-1601

ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMMES

The Northern Cape has a rich heritage of art and cultural activities. There are projects in existence, which draw on this heritage to create jobs and develop skills. These projects use community forums to develop languages, dances, music, song, crafts and other customs. The potential market for these projects is in tourism. This will help communities to create jobs and generate an income.



District	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	053 807-4700
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	053 714-3100
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	053 631-2509
Siyanda (Upington)	054 337-9300
Namaqua (Springbok)	027 718-8500

TOURISM PROGRAMMES

The Northern Cape is one of South Africa's main tourist destinations. The vast openness, exotic landscapes, friendly people, diverse cultures, and wildlife annually attract thousands of overseas and local visitors.

Tourism opportunities exist in the following areas:

- Nature resorts
- Orange River explorations — canoeing, fishing, boat trips
- Handicrafts
- Holiday farms
- Guest houses
- Restaurants
- Outdoor life and recreation — nature walks, overnight camps, 4X4 routes
- Commuting — nature drives, bus trips, taxi service.

District	Department	Contacts
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Tourism & Environmental Affairs	053 807-7373
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Tourism Enterprise Programme	053 832-8802
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)		
Siyanda (Upington)		Upington: 054 331-1138
Namaqua (Springbok)		Springbok: 027 718-1958

SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

For small businesses to be successful in the Northern Cape, they should be linked to the two main sectors of Agriculture or Tourism. Seda, Khula, Apex Fund and Umsobomvu assist in providing the necessary help and support to entrepreneurs.

Department of Economic Affairs: This department supports SMME projects linked to agriculture, tourism, and mining.

Seda: Seda provides support and assistance to entrepreneurs, focuses on skills development, and helps provide access to funding.

Umsobomvu Franchise and Umsobomvu Youth Advice Centre (Kuruman and Kimberley): These organisations focus on skills development, entrepreneurship and economic development for the youth.

Access to funding: You can access funding through Seda, DEAT, Khula and Apex Funds.

District	Department	Contact Numbers
Frances Baard (Kimberley)	Economic Affairs	053 830-4836
	Seda	053 839-5700/9
	Umsobomvu	053 832-6705
	Khula	053 832-2275
	Apex Funds	053 830-4940
Kgalagadi (Kuruman)	Seda	053 714-3160
	Umsobomvu	053 712-0864
Pixley Ka Seme (De Aar)	Seda	053 832-7560
Siyanda (Upington)	Economic Affairs	054 331-2355
	Seda	054 332-2822
	DEAT	027 718-2957
Namaqua (Springbok)	Seda	027 718-1850

A story of economic development



Hello, friends

Do you long for a better life, a satisfying job and a brighter future for yourself and your children? You're not alone. Many people are striving for a better life.

Help is out there for those who seriously want to make changes.

But to make the most of that help, you've got to get the basics right!

But take the advice of the friends in this story — get organised, start your activity before you approach a programme, and be specific about the kind of help you're after!

Let's follow a group of family and friends as they struggle with the kinds of problems we all face. They started to think differently, and came up with solutions that completely changed their lives.

It's Friday night, and a wife is at home waiting for her husband.



It's pay day today. When Dumisani comes home, we're going to pay all our accounts, and go out for take-aways, maybe buy some meat for the weekend.

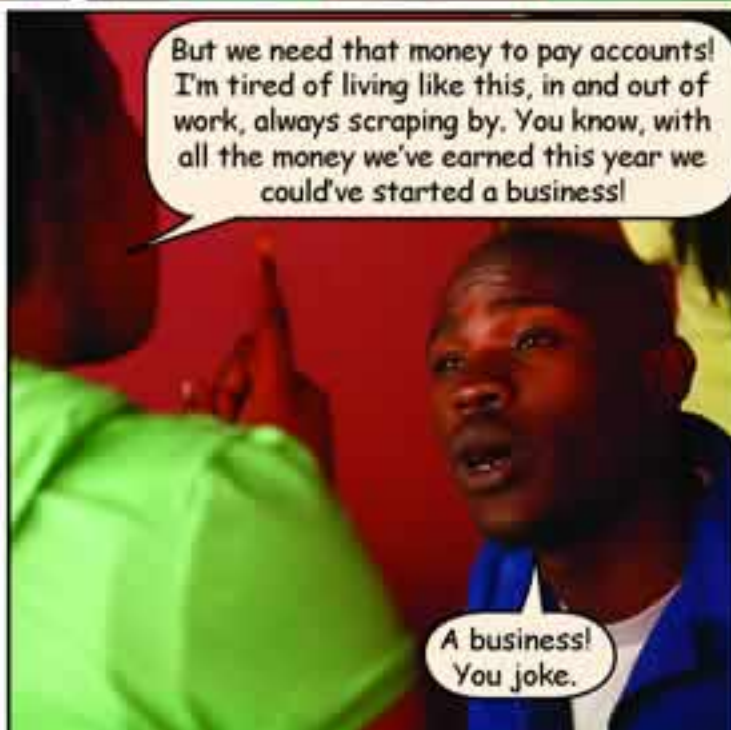


Where is he?



Heh! I don't believe this! Is this what you do with our money?

Give me a break, wife, it's my last day on the job. I've got a right to drink with my friends.



But we need that money to pay accounts! I'm tired of living like this, in and out of work, always scraping by. You know, with all the money we've earned this year we could've started a business!

A business! You joke.



Organised!
That's the last
thing I feel like
being.

She's right, you know. And
there's a lot of help out
there if you want to start
a business - you just need
to get organised!



Look at the roads that are being built
around here! The tourism that's being
promoted! The housing projects ... even the
cultural stuff. The people who benefit from
all this are the ones who get organised.

Then let's do it!

The next day ...



I feel the
same way.

You're right, Neli, we need
to make a change. I want our
children to have a future and a
hope, and I want us to live well!



Look at all of
our friends.
None of us
has work, but
we've got a lot
of skills! Let's
invite them to
start a business
with us.



That day, Dumi went to his friends
one by one and invited them to a
meeting at his house.

Later that afternoon, Dumi, Neli and their three friends,
Albert, Oupa and Lulu, the shebeen queen, meet.



Hey! I have an idea
Why don't we start a
contracting business
together?

You guys could contribute the
contracting skills and I could
help with the accounts, keeping
records and management.

Hmm. It's
worth a try.
Why don't
we put some
ideas down
on paper?

Step One

Approach your local municipality

The five friends have written down a basic business plan and now approach the Local Economic Development officer at their local municipality.

Every District and Local Municipality has a Local Economic and Development (LED) Programme. The purpose of this programme is to create an enabling environment for business, to link businesses with sources of training and loans, and to host workshops and summits that inform people about opportunities in their fields of business.





Running your own business requires you to be multi-skilled. You will need to know how to price jobs by working out all your costs. You will need to know how to manage people, time and money, and so on.

I'm just a bricklayer.

And I am an electrician.



What can we do?

There are government programmes that will help you get the training and business support that you need.



Yay!

Wait, wait, I want to write this down.

Now, the first thing you need to do is market research. This means you need to find out if enough people want the service you have to offer, and how much they are willing to pay for it.

"Find out who your competition will be, and then compare yourselves to them. What advantages do you have over them — and what are their advantages? How is the service that you provide different?

Ask yourself and be honest — what are your strengths and your weaknesses? Your competitors are marketplace "threats", but also think about what opportunities there are in the market.

Finally, list all the factors for your success, and when you advertise, make sure that you make your customers aware of your strengths."



I am going to refer you to an organisation that specialises in helping businesses write clear and specific business plans.

Let's start there then.

Step Two

Talk to the experts

Our friends have received advice from their LED officer at the local municipality and now pay a visit to an organisation that specialises in helping small, medium and micro-enterprises. You can find out about such organisations in the pages of this insert and the national publication.





District Municipalities

District Municipality	Town	Contact
Frances Baard	Kimberley	053 838-0911
Kgalagadi	Kuruman	053 712-1001
Pixley Ka Seme	De Aar	053 631-0891
Siyanda	Upington	054 337-2800
Namaqua	Springbok	027 712-8000



Thusong Centres

Thusong Centre	Address	Contact
Manne Dipico Centre	62 Sparrow Street, Pescodia, Kimberley	053 832-1378
Colesberg Centre	Cnr Chamberlain Square & Church Street, Colesberg	051 753-0386
Galeshwe/ Thlokomelo	Cnr Matanzima & Letsholo, Rethusaneng Centre Streets, Mankuwane, Kimberley	053 872-1197
Augrabies Centre	199 Tin Singel, Augrabies	054 332-6206