

# **NECTAR FARMS**

AGRIPRENEURSHIP SPECIALISTS

AGRISETA ACCREDITED - Provider code AGRI/c prov/2608/23 ETOA ID 694

**30 AUGUST 2023** 

### **Dear Xylem SA Trust Trustees**

Nectar Farms is not just another name in the agricultural training sector; it is a hallmark of quality, commitment, and excellence.

We are an accredited training entity that has been setting benchmarks in the industry and are seeking support from the Xylem SA Trust Innovation Fund to seed our agripreneurship programme in the North West Province. This programme is an offshoot of a successful initiative in Orange Farm, which has produced over 350 graduates. We are requesting R 125,000 to onboard 5 young people into the pilot phase of the programme, which will run from September/October 2023 to January/February 2024.

#### Rationale

The programme aims to build a sustainability framework connected to the host facility Morena Children's Village, which cares for close to 90 young children aged between 0 and 18. The young people who emerge from this system of care are underexposed to training and skills opportunities. This seed programme will serve as a demonstrable pilot for a scaled offering that is already receiving attention from other funders.

This programme will also serve to fortify the SED investment by Xylem inc into the facility which included a growth tunnel for vegetable production, seedlings, composting infrastructure and earthworm farm, a chicken run as well as an offgrid water supply system.

### **Comprehensive Course Offerings**

Our course offerings are meticulously designed to cover various aspects of agriculture. From animal production and landscaping to mixed farming systems, plant production, and poultry production, our courses are tailored to meet the ever–evolving demands of the agricultural sector. These National Certificates are not just pieces of paper but passports to a brighter future in the field of agriculture.

### **Industry-Relevant Curriculum**

Our curriculum is not just based on theoretical knowledge; it is rooted in practical skills that are highly relevant to the industry. We understand that agriculture is not just about sowing seeds; it's about nurturing lives, sustaining communities, and building the nation. Therefore, our courses are designed to equip our students with the skills they need to excel in the real world.



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### **Objectives and Outcomes**

- 5 x NQF2 accredited graduates in mixed farming
- · Skills development in mixed farming (Poultry, Vegetable production and
- · Agripreneurship skills
- Exit opportunities from the social development funding ecosystem
- · Efficient land utilization and small-scale commercial farming skills
- · Waste management through composting and earthworm farming practice
- Vegetable production to offset food security pressures

### **Budget**

1. Training Material: R 30,000

2. **Facilitators:** R 25,000

3. **Equipment:** R 20,000

4. Administrative Costs: R 15,000

5. Monitoring and Evaluation: R 10,000

6. Project Management: R 25,000

Total: R 125,000

#### **Timeline**

- September/October 2023: Programme Launch
- November 2023: Mid-term Review
- January/February 2024: Programme Completion and Evaluation



Agripreneurship graduates - Orange Farm campus



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### **Commitment to Sustainability**

We are not just committed to agriculture; we are committed to sustainable agriculture. Our programmes aim to build a sustainability framework that benefits not just the individual but the community as a whole. Our partnership with Morena Children's Village is a testament to our commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development.

#### Conclusion

When you choose Nectar Farms, you are not just choosing a training programme; you are choosing a lifetime of skills, a community of like-minded individuals, and a future of endless possibilities. Our accreditations and affiliations are not just for show; they are a promise of quality, a commitment to excellence, and a guarantee of a brighter future.

We believe that this programme will not only provide essential skills to young people but also contribute to the sustainability of Morena Children's Village.

We kindly request the Xylem SA Trust Innovation Fund to support this initiative and help us make a meaningful impact on the lives of the young people in the North West Province.

## Regards,

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