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PROJECT:  
**AGRI SECURITAS TRUST FUND**



*Japie Grobler*

The board of trustees of the Agri Securitas Trust Fund functions under the chairmanship of Japie Grobler, with Kobus Visser as functionary.

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## Introduction

The Agri Securitas Trust Fund strives for a safer rural environment by supporting local security projects. The relevant projects are intended as preventative measures and also to provide post-event counselling.

The Trust Fund focuses on making financial assistance available to farming communities in order to improve their safety.

Cooperation between the local community and the South African Police Service (SAPS) is an important aspect when considering funding for projects. All projects that are supported must also be conducted within the legal and institutional framework. Since the Trust Fund does not have executive capacity, it executes its mandate via other organisations, such as farmers' associations.

## Inception of the Trust Fund

The Trust Fund was established after the Rural Safety Summit as an initiative of Agri SA on 10 October 1998.

The initiative was supported by former president Mandela and serves an ideal partner in the fight against rural crime. It has over the years achieved a proven record of contributing to the safety of the farming community.

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## Trust deed

The trust deed makes provision for a board of trustees, which may consist of no more than 12 members. As a general guideline for appointing trustees, the current professional status of candidates is taken into account.

During the report year, Dan Kriek and Cobus van Zyl were nominated as trustees. Ratification of their appointment as trustees is currently being finalised by the Master of the High Court. The existing board of trustees consists of Japie Grobler (chair), Kiewiet Ferreira, Willie Fourie, John Williams, Marina Muller, Tharia Rossel, Hans van der Merwe, Mosiuoa Lekota and Omri van Zyl.

The board has amended the trust deed to update it and make provision for an adjusted modus operandi. The amended trust deed was submitted to and approved by the Master of the High Court.

## Financial reporting

The Trust Fund received an unqualified report from its auditors.

The board is responsible for the content and integrity of the financial statements. The Audit Committee was informed that the Trust Fund may continue operating as a going concern. The board is responsible for approving the financial statements and has expressed its appreciation to the Audit Committee for the work done on behalf of the Trust Fund. The Audit Committee consists of Kiewiet Ferreira (chair), Hans van der Merwe and Johannes Möller.

## PROJECTS FINANCED BY THE TRUST FUND

The Trust Fund has since its inception been involved in the funding of various projects, including the following: the installation of camera and radio communication systems; the erection of booms; provision of rural protection equipment; funding of research on the motives behind farm attacks; support for security desks

operated by provincial organisations; the purchase of drones, as well as trauma counselling.

During the report year, the Trust Fund provided funding for the following projects:

## NATIONAL

**Reformanda Counselling Services:** In the past 12 months, Reformanda has been actively involved in providing counselling services to farming communities countrywide. Individual counselling sessions are also provided after workshops.

The Trust Fund has been repeatedly thanked for the financial support it provides to the initiative in order to assist the farming community to process trauma. The success of the trauma workshops is ascribed to the fact that farming communities located far away from support services can now make use of Reformanda's services to address their emotional problems.

**Agri SA's Rural Safety Centre of Excellence:** The centre's policy actions are aimed at improving the safety of those involved and to promote the security situation of farming communities. This ideal can only be realised if circumstances, including the security environment, are conducive to the creation of a profitable and safe agricultural sector. Agri SA's Rural Safety Centre of Ex-

cellence focuses on a policy environment within which rural safety can be promoted. The Trust Fund makes a financial contribution towards the centre's activities.

**Agri SA transformation-communication project:** Agri SA has a responsibility to broaden its inputs in terms of transformation. This is not only essential from a political, economic and social point of view, but also because Agri SA's affiliates – especially commodity organisations – have significant black representation within their membership bases. Agri SA provided the board with elucidation regarding the work performed by the Transformation Hub, as well as the successes achieved with the farmer development and mentorship programmes of commodity organisations. This relates closely to the board's aim to showcase the work done by commercial agriculture in order to promote rural safety.

The Trust Fund's contribution to transformation communication will therefore enable Agri SA – via the communication manager – to further publicise the good work that commercial agriculture does in terms of transformation. The Trust Fund would not have been able to provide such support without the financial assistance of Sanlam.



## PROVINCIAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED

During the past year, the following projects were supported after receiving a request from the provinces:

### FREE STATE

In this province, the following projects received financial support:

- **Agri Hertzogville, integrity selection database:** Funds were allocated for establishing a database that is used to lawfully disclose information about job applicants in terms of previous convictions and arrests.
- **Vierfontein Farmers' Association, camera system:** The area has already experienced a farm attack, while stock theft and the theft of farm infrastructure and scrap material are the order of the day. The camera system that was purchased will be used to conduct observation in the area. The information obtained will also be shared with the police.
- **Bothaville District Agricultural Union, camera and communication system:** The area has been subject to an increase in general criminality, specifically in terms of stock theft and theft of cables, solar panels, diesel and vehicles. To improve the area's ability to observe and communicate, a camera and communication system was installed.
- **Memel Farmers' Association, camera and communication system:** The area is no exception when it comes to crime, with farm attacks, stock and vehicle theft and home burglaries being the order of the day. The purpose of the system is to collect information regarding suspicious-looking vehicles and sharing it with the police, as well as to improve the area's communication capabilities.

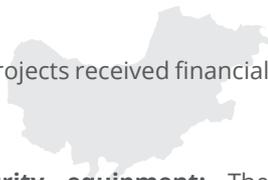
### EASTERN CAPE

In this province, the following projects received financial assistance:

- **Aliwal North Agricultural Association, camera system:** Theft is to an increasing extent becoming a problem in the area, as are home burglaries and contact crime such as robbery. The cameras will be used to monitor vehicles. The information will then be distributed to members via a cell phone App. The police are also involved in the project and will have access to the information.
- **Adelaide Agricultural Association, night vision equipment:** The area experiences stock theft, illegal hunting, game theft, theft of equipment and trespassing on a constant basis. The initiative of the agricultural association, which works closely with the police, has already resulted in various suspects being tracked down and arrested.
- **Graaff-Reinet Wool Growers' Association, security gate:** Farmers in the area are subject to stock and game theft, as well as property-related crime. Security measures have been extended to include the installation of cameras to monitor vehicle movement, as well as a gate whereby access can be controlled electronically.
- **Upper-Cathcart Agricultural Association, radio relay system:** Stock theft is the most serious crime that occurs in the area and is carried out mainly by syndicates. By installing a repeater, communication in the area can be improved, with all members being offered access to effective communication.

## NORTH WEST

In this province, the following projects received financial assistance:

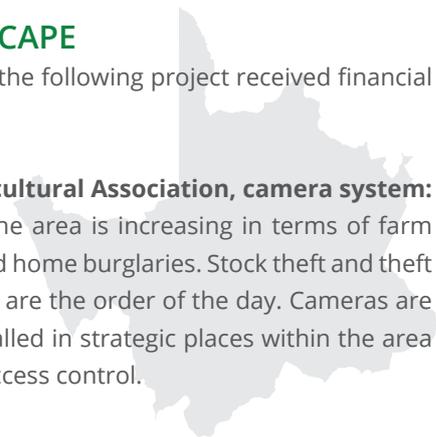


- **Agri Soetdoring, security equipment:** The unrest that occurred in the greater Coligny district has placed the local economy under tremendous pressure. Businesses were plundered, robbed, set alight and destroyed, with enormous financial and economic implications for farmers and farm-workers. An application was made for funding to purchase radios for farm watch leaders, as well as bullet-proof vests for the response team and farm watch leaders.
- **Agri Delareyville, communication system:** Besides incidents of violent public unrest that occurred in the town, the farming community is also subject to stock theft, armed robbery, robberies at the excavations, theft of equipment, illegal hunting with dogs, as well as arson. The communication system will contribute to more effective communication in the event of fires, stock theft and farm attacks.
- **Agri Excelsior, camera system:** The biggest problem in the area is stock theft, which occurs weekly, as well as trespassing. With the installation of the camera system, the farmer association aims to take preventative action.
- **Agri Louwna, camera system:** The area is experiencing an increase in stock theft, as well as cable and transformer theft. By means of the camera system, vehicle movement will be monitored in an attempt to prevent crime.
- **Agri Pretoriuskop, camera system:** The biggest crime problem in the area is stock theft and the large number of animals stolen, especially in the uninhabited area. With the installation of cameras, access routes in the area can be monitored and members can be informed per sms of suspicious-looking vehicles.

- **Makokskraal Farmers' Association, security equipment:** Stock theft is the order of the day, with home burglaries occurring especially on Sundays, as well as farm murders. The equipment will be used for crime-prevention operations.

## NORTHERN CAPE

In this province, the following project received financial assistance:



- **Berg Agricultural Association, camera system:** Crime in the area is increasing in terms of farm attacks and home burglaries. Stock theft and theft of vehicles are the order of the day. Cameras are being installed in strategic places within the area to apply access control.

## LIMPOPO

In this province, the following projects received financial support:



- **Agri Bushveld, camera system:** Farm attacks and home burglaries occur, with game and stock theft being a common problem. To improve the security situation, cameras were installed to alert farm owners timeously of possible threats so that the information could be shared with the help of the extensive radio network.
- **Potgietersrus District Agricultural Union, camera system:** The district agricultural union is a member of TAU SA. Crime in the area has increased dramatically, especially theft. Farm attacks occur, with a dramatic increase in rhino-horn poaching. The police rely on the community's cooperation to combat crime.

## MPUMALANGA

In this province, the following project received financial support:

- **Delmas District Agricultural Union, camera and communication system:** The area is subject to general theft, vehicle theft, armed robbery and burglary of residential homes, malicious damage to property and stock theft. Funding was provided for the purchase of cameras to monitor the area, as well as radios for the farm watch groups.

## Prestige sports evening

OFM and the respective sponsors of the event (Senwes and NWK) had decided not to continue hosting the function in the report year but rather to pay the sponsorship amount directly to the Trust Fund. The presentation of the cheque coincided with Agri SA's congress in October 2018.

## FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

The following fund-raising initiatives were launched during the past year:

- A successful golf day, with Senwes and NWK as the main sponsors, was held in October 2018 at the Pecanwood golf course. The event yielded a surplus of approximately R153 000.
- During Agri SA's 2018 congress, Monsanto donated maize seed to the value of R1 million to the Trust Fund. Negotiations are currently underway with Obaro to take over the seed.
- Santam Agriculture made a donation of R250 000 to the Trust Fund.
- During a gala event, the Wagyu Cattle Breeders' Society launched a fund-raising project. The money raised during the event was donated to the Trust Fund.

## MARKETING PLAN

During the year under review, the board considered a marketing plan aimed at establishing the profile of the Trust Fund as an independent entity and strengthening the income of the Trust Fund for use in rural safety projects. As part of its objective to establish an own identity, a new trademark and slogan were developed. To further publicise the work done by the Trust Fund, an advertisement was produced, which was to be flighted on Saturday, 22 September 2018 on Ontbytsake.

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## PARTNERS OF THE TRUST FUND

Sanlam, Nissan SA, Vodacom and CrisisOnCall are partners of the Trust Fund and contribute financially to the fund on a continuous basis. These strategic partnerships enable the Trust Fund to continue playing a proactive role in rural safety. The chair of the Trust Fund and fellow trustees greatly appreciate the empathy they have shown and their ongoing involvement in the safety of the farming community.

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