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Agri Securitas help honderde boere en plaaswerkers

Die Agri Securitas Trustfonds het onlangs minstens 500 boere en byna 3 000 plaaswerkers teen landelike misdaad in Mpumalanga, Noordwes, Noord- en Oos-Kaap beskerm. Die Trustfonds het aan verskeie boereverenigings finansiële bydraes gemaak, wat onder meer vir gevorderde kamerastelsels wat toegangsgebiede monitor en die vestiging van kommunikasie-infrastruktuur gebruik is.

- Die Agri Excelsior, Agri Louwna en Agri Pretoriuskop boereverenigings in Noordwes, die Berg landbouvereniging in die Noord-Kaap en die Aliwal-Noord boerevereniging in die Oos-Kaap het kamerastelsels ontplooi om 'n permanente observasievermoë te vestig.
- Agri Delareyville in Noordwes en Upper-Cathcart boerevereniging in die Oos-Kaap het kommunikasie-infrastruktuur vir beter kommunikasie in noodgevallen gevestig.
- Die Adelaide boerevereniging en Graaff-Reinet Wolkwekersvereniging in die Oos-Kaap en Agri Piet Retief in Mpumalanga het fondse ontvang om veiligheidstoerusting aan te koop.

Die Agri Securitas Trustfonds is in 1999 gestig.

“Die beskerming van ons plaasgemeenskappe binne ‘n wettelose omgewing en met ‘n toename in geweld en misdadigheid bly ‘n uitdaging. Die Trustfonds bly egter verbind daartoe om ten spyte van beperkte hulpbronne voort te gaan om ‘n bydrae tot plaasveiligheid te maak,” sê Japie Grobler, voorsitter van die Agri Securitas Trustfonds. “Misdad op plase hou nie net ‘n bedreiging in vir landelike stabiliteit nie, maar ook vir voedselsekerheid en vir nasionale stabiliteit. Daarom moet die boerderygemeenskap as ‘n nasionale bate beskerm word.”

In ‘n onlangse opname deur Agri SA, oor die omvang van landelike misdaad, het die opname getoon dat die boerderygemeenskap in 2017, R1,9 miljard aan beveiliging spandeer het.

"Die Trustfonds sal voortgaan, om met die ondersteuning van die privaatsektor, ‘n bydrae tot die beskerming van die boerderygemeenskap te maak," sê Grobler.

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Agri Securitas helps hundreds of farmers and farm workers

The Agri Securitas Trust Fund recently protected at least 500 farmers and nearly 3 000 farm workers against rural crime in Mpumalanga, North West, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape. The Trust Fund has made financial contributions to various farmers' associations which was used for advanced camera systems that monitor access and the establishment of communication infrastructure.

- The Agri Excelsior, Agri Louwna and Agri Pretoriuskop farmers' associations in North West, the Berg Agricultural Association in the Northern Cape and the Aliwal-North farmers association in the Eastern Cape deployed camera systems to establish a permanent observation capability.
- Agri Delareyville in North West and Upper Cathcart Farmers Association in the Eastern Cape established communication infrastructure for better communication in emergencies.
- The Adelaide Farmers Association and Graaff-Reinet Wool Growers Association in the Eastern Cape and Agri Piet Retief in Mpumalanga received funds to purchase safety equipment.

The Agri Securitas Trust Fund was established in 1999.

“The protection of our farm communities within a lawless environment and with an increase in violence and crime, remains a challenge. However, the Trust Fund remains committed to continue despite limited resources to contribute to farm safety,” says Japie Grobler, chairman of the Agri Securitas Trust Fund. “Crime on farms not only pose a threat to rural stability, but also to food security and national stability. Therefore, the farming community must be protected as a national asset.”

In a recent survey by Agri SA, about the extent of rural crime, the survey showed that the farming community spent R1,9 billion in security in 2017.

“The Trust Fund will continue, with the support of the private sector, to make a contribution to protecting the farming community,” says Grobler.

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