



**NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME**

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**National School Nutrition Data Base – Terms Of Reference**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	<b>NSNP – Smallholder Farmers Database 008-2017</b>
<b>Closing Date:</b>	<b>29 September 2017</b>
<b>Closing Time:</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<b>To Invite All Good Agricultural Practices (Gap) Certified Smallholder Farmers, Producing Fresh Produce, To Register On The Eastern Cape Department Of Education (ECDoE)</b>

**1. Introduction**

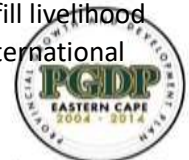
The Eastern Cape Department of Education herein after referred to as “ECDoE” is establishing a database of small holder farmers in preparation for the pilot project of sourcing fresh produce from Smallholder Farmers. This prescribed database will be used for the selection and appointment of Smallholder Farmers by public schools. It is intended that the database will be updated on an annual basis. This project is regarded as a fundamental contribution of the ECDoE to local economic development in the Eastern Cape Province.

Interested Smallholder Farmers who meet the definition of Smallholder Farmers Category are required to fully complete the template below accompanied by the required accreditation. Failure to do so will nullify the submission/s.

**2. Terminology**

Interested parties must take note of the following terminology for purposes of this document and requirements:

<b>Terminology</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Smallholder Farmer Category</b>	Comprises of previously disadvantaged black farmers who have grown beyond the level of subsistence farmer but below the level of commercial farmers in terms of land ownership, equipment and production capacity. They can operate as individuals or as cooperatives. Also called emerging farmers, they are generally resource-poor and operate mainly for own consumption and for income generation to fulfill livelihood requirements. Generally, smallholder farmers do not have access to international markets and rely on local demand.



Terminology	Definition
<b>GAP</b>	Are practices that address environmental, economic and social sustainability for on-farm processes and result in safe and quality food and non-food agricultural products.
<b>GAP-Certification</b>	All producers and handlers of fresh produce are required to be GAP-certified.
<b>GAP Certifiers or Quality Controllers:</b>	These are institutions such as South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), GFSI and CFA.
<b>Fresh Produce</b>	For purposes of this pilot fresh produce is limited to <b>fresh fruit</b> (not canned or processed), <b>fresh vegetables</b> (not canned or processed) and <b>pasteurized amasi/maas</b>

### 3. Qualifying Criterial

- 3.1. Parties who do not meet the following requirements will not be considered for registration in the Database.
  - 3.1.1. GAP-certified
  - 3.1.2. Smallholder Farmer or cooperatives (in line with the above state definition) proof in a form of references must be attached.
  - 3.1.3. Black-owned
  - 3.1.4. Women-owned
  - 3.1.5. Producing fresh produce – giving details of what you are producing
  - 3.1.6. Indicate capacity to deliver to twenty (20) to thirty (30) school/s for an uninterrupted period of twelve (12) school calendar months
- 3.2. Interested parties must submit supporting documents such as GAP certificate, Coop founding statement or SLA or Business Plan, BBBEE certificate, and annual financial statements.

**4. Template**

Requirement	Please Complete
District Municipality/Metro	
Local Municipality where applicable	
Municipal Ward	
Business Name (company registration documents must be submitted)	
Name/s of Owner/s	
Physical Address (proof in a form of municipality bill)	
Telephone/Cell no.	
Race	
Gender	
Type of Fresh Produce	
Production capacity	

**Take Note:** Should it be found that information submitted is not credible the ECDoE reserves the right to nullify your submissions