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MEC MSHENGU TO LAUNCH THE PLANTING SEASON PROGRAMME

In his capacity as the Champion of the Ethekwini District under Operation Sukuma Sakhe programme, the MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Kwazi Mshengu, accompanied by the Mayor of Ethekwini Municipality, Cllr Mxolisi Kaunda are going to launch the planting season programme at Umbumbulu, on Monday, 23 November 2020.

The planting season programme is aimed at providing better access to food and create an opportunity for localised production in order to promote equitable access by resourcing poor households.

The programme focuses more on the production of summer crops and vegetables in support of the Radical Agrarian Socio-Economic Transformation programme (RASET). It promotes the development of agricultural crop production, placing more significance in the summer planting.

The planting season programme is in response to high levels of food insecurity, land underutilisation and low agricultural productivity. The implementation of the programme is envisaged to reach approximately 287 beneficiaries in the Ethekwini District.

Through the programme, KZN farmers will be supported through the supply of production inputs (fertilisers, seed and chemicals), provision of mechanisation services and assistance with marketing of the produce through the RASET programme.

The details of the event are as follows:

Venue: Embumbulu, Nkanyisweni Locality

Date: 23 November 2020

Time: 10H00

Members of the media are invited to cover the event. Wearing of masks and social distancing is essential.

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