

UPGRADING AND EXPANSION OF AGRI-PROCESSING FACILITIES INCLUDING MOBILE UNITS.



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Agri-Processing Upgrade Programme aims to strengthen the Western Cape's Agri-processing sector, focusing on SMME growth, rural development and inclusive economic empowerment. The lead project increases processing capacity for small-scale producers while associated initiatives deploy mobile abattoirs to peri-urban and rural areas and refurbish an underutilised facility into a compliant, hygienic meat processing hub. Grounded in mission-oriented innovation and systems thinking, the programme addresses infrastructure gaps, market access constraints and regulatory barriers. By integrating WCIF 2050 principles, it fosters resilient, sustainable infrastructure ecosystems that generate social, economic, and environmental value across historically disadvantaged regions.

PROJECT STATUS

Feasibility studies, site assessments and stakeholder consultations are complete. Procurement of mobile abattoir infrastructure and meat processing equipment is underway, with operational rollout expected in 2026–2027. Facility refurbishment is partially implemented, with processing equipment ordered and construction pending public works execution. Procurement processes for equipment and services are underway, alongside the drafting of operational protocols grounded in hygiene, safety and systems-level efficiency. Training frameworks, compliance protocols and SMME onboarding programmes are in development. The programme is positioned to deliver integrated infrastructure, technical support and enterprise services, ensuring that small-scale producers have access to compliant facilities and formal markets, while driving inclusive economic growth.

FINANCIAL NEEDS



Approximately value: R11,2 million.

This covers infrastructure upgrades, equipment, compliance, operational costs and technical training. Mobile abattoirs are funded through a R25.27 million grant, with sustainability planned via subscription, pay-per-use fees and cooperative management. Financial oversight aligns with WCIF 2050 principles, ensuring value for money, spatial equity and long-term economic, social, and environmental returns. Public-private partnerships, donor support, and service fees are leveraged to secure infrastructure innovation, SMME development and resilient Agri-processing value chains.

KEY PARTIES



Western Cape Government – Department of Agriculture (Project Owner)

SMME Farmers and Producers (Pig, Poultry, Fruit, Vegetable, Wine, and Beverage Sectors)

Local Municipalities (Mfuleni, Mamre, Malmesbury, Silvertown, Cape Winelands)

Casidra (Implementing Partner)

SAPPO, Agri-Food Tech Station (CPUT), Makers Landing

Food Safety and Compliance Authorities

Agricultural Extension Officers and Training Providers

Market and Export Partners

Community Boards and SPV/PPP Oversight Committees

MAP AND INFRASTRUCTURE INTERFACE

Refurbished meat processing hub location

Mobile abattoir deployment zones (Mfuleni, Mamre, Malmesbury)

SMME clusters and rural market access nodes

Infrastructure linkages and regional value chain connections

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PROGRAMME TIMELINE



PHASES	KEY ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE
Planning & Feasibility	Site assessments, stakeholder consultations, SMME engagement	Oct 2025 – Dec 2025
Design & Procurement	Mobile abattoir design, facility refurbishment plans, tenders	Jan 2026 – Mar 2026
Implementation	Equipment installation, facility refurbishment, operator training	Apr 2026 – Dec 2026
Operational Rollout	Mobile abattoir deployment, SMME onboarding, market integration	Jan 2027 – Dec 2027
Monitoring & Evaluation	Impact assessment, KPIs tracking, governance review	2027 – 2028

PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITIES



1

Supply, install and maintain processing equipment for mobile abattoirs and meat hubs.

2

Partner with SMMEs on packaging, branding, value-added product development and certification.

3

Provide cold-chain logistics, transportation and distribution solutions for rural and peri-urban producers.

4

Deliver technology and digital solutions for operational management, hygiene monitoring and compliance tracking.

KEY COMPONENTS



Expand fruit, vegetable and animal product processing capacity to support SMMEs' participation and equitable regional growth.



Deploy certified mobile abattoirs for small-scale piggery and poultry producers, extending access to rural and underserved communities.



Refurbish underutilised facilities into modern meat processing hubs with FSSC 22000 compliance.



Enhance institutional support: advisory, testing, technical training, and regulatory compliance.



Facilitate market access, business incubation and export readiness for SMMEs.



Apply systems-level planning to integrate infrastructure, skills, and enterprise support.