

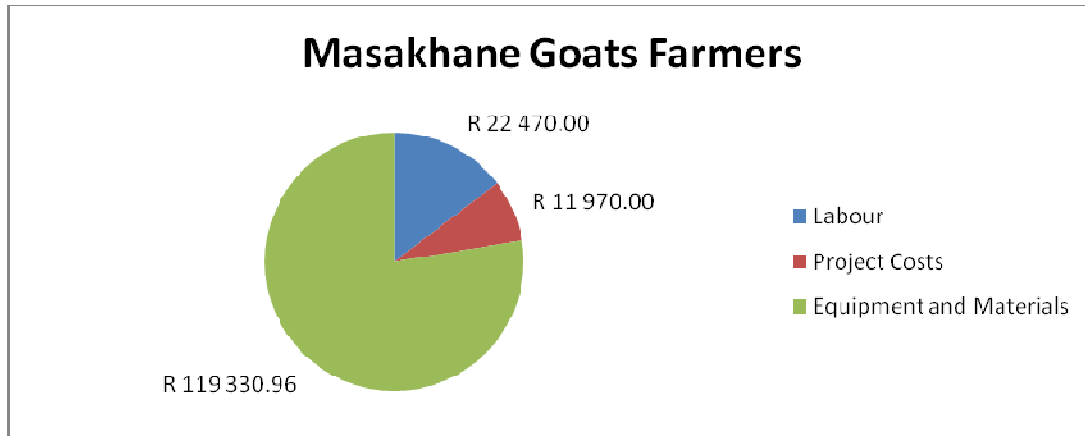
Masekhane Emerging Stock Farmers

IWRM Objectives – Water for emerging farmers, water allocation reform, empowerment & capacity building



The Masekhane Stock Farmers of Clanwilliam have access to about 10ha of arable commonage land along the Jan Dissels River with which they plan to produce fodder crops. An additional area of around 2ha has been identified to house stock holding pens. The Cederberg Municipality is concerned that the uncontrolled grazing of the animals as well as the potential pollution of the Jan Dissels canal water may lead to community health risks, and has requested the farmers to move as soon as possible. The project faces significant challenges related to their lack of farming know-how and support from both local government and provincial agricultural department.

Financial Information for Masekhane Small Stock Emerging Farmers (MA01X)



The Masekhane Goats Farmers was awarded an extended phase contract named IWRMII-OD-MAO1X-013 in 2008 to the value of R183,350.39. R153,770.96 was spent in the given contract period and the project will close in September 2009.

Of the budget allocated to this group, R119,330.96 was spent on materials and equipment (fencing, kraals, soil preparation, fodder seed) to build the operations on separate pieces of land; namely the stock holding area where pens have been erected in which to keep the animals, and the fodder fields where the land has been ploughed, and seed has been sowed for the first crop of mixed fodder plants. R22,470.00 was allocated to wages and payments for work done on project tasks, and R11,970.00 was claimed to support the project management and administration tasks undertaken by the group.

Preliminary work has been completed on the potential installation of a biogas digester to reduce groundwater and water “run-off” pollution, but completion of this project output will depend on the availability of additional funds. An irrigation system is to be procured before the end of the project with which to secure the cultivation of fodder crops.

During the first phase of community project funding, this project received and spent only R3,600.00 although the available budget was close to R100,000; this was mainly because they were contracted toward the end of the funding cycle (leaving 3 months for the completion of their project goals – which was not enough time) and were not able to participate in early workshops where project and contract management procedures were explained to all the project leaders.

The total invested in this group by IWRM is thus R157,370.96 since June 2007.

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Member demographic data not complete.