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**PROVINCIAL PIANS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN AGRICULTURE  
(08min)**

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House chair thank you very much for the opportunity availed to us as provinces to come and share with the NCOP the work we are doing as provinces. When covid 19 arrive in our country North West Province was grappling with the reality that 1million plus people in our province were living below poverty line. As a province we looked at how best we can mitigate the situation hence we came up with the FOOD AND NUTRITION STRATEGIC PLAN that assisted us to start doing things differently.

As a province drought did'nt spare us, we have since applied for drought relieve an amount of 8million was availed which we will be using for drilling bore holes in Kagisano Molopo. Our province have four regions : Bojanala they specialize on HORTICULTURE and POULTRY, Dr KK the specialize on PIGGERY and POULTRY, Ngaka Modiri Molema they are our maize triangle and sunflower, Ruth Segomotsi Mompati Taxas of South Africa even our goats massification is there

1. Agriculture continued to operate as an essential service even during Alert Level 5,4 and 3..
2. Working the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development we have been able perform as follows:
  - (a) We have distributed PPEs to Organized Agriculture and individual farmers in the Province during Alert Levels 5 & 4; we distributed
    1. 43750 Surgical masks
    2. 21600 Hygiene soaps
    3. 22222 cloth masks
  - (b) Covid-19 Disaster relief funds : We received about 8720 application and 3033 were approved only to find that 85 of the applicant were public servant we have since stop those vouchers from going to them and we were left with 2950 farmers who were assisted
3. We have availed R5 Million towards food and nutrition security to be implemented as follows:
  - (a) Establishment of Vegetables Production Tunnels, one centrally located per each District for seedlings production towards distribution to subsistence farmers and households;
  - (b) Procurement of Dairy cows for milk production towards supply to vulnerable and food insecure;
  - (c) Increase the production of eggs and poultry meat for distribution of the vulnerable and food insecure;
  - (d) Increase our indigenous chickens rearing facilities at our Kgora Farmer Training Centre from where chickens will be produced and further distributed live to indigent families;
4. We are rolling out household food security gardens throughout the Province. This is on-going and will continue even after covid-19