

## **Agricultural sector development strategy (Farm worker development and rural communities)**

The main aim of this study was to develop a farm worker development strategy (or sub- strategy) within the broader context of an agricultural development strategy through which the gap in rural development can effectively be addressed. The goals of such a strategy should be to -

- establish credible agricultural communities;
- create a voice for employees in the agricultural sector through a credible forum;
- create a platform for employers to consolidate the different forums into one voice and action for the Agricultural Development Community;
- establish a network for the gathering and distribution of information and to establish reliable intelligence;
- identify resources and mobilise them;
- create an Agricultural Community Development Society [to focus on the implementation of rural economic development programmes and initiatives\* {presumed future purpose}];
- promote research on the deficiencies and needs of farm worker communities;
- establish a donor base for the funding of the process;
- create a consolidated government forum for service delivery to the agriculture sector;
- create a development channel for the cooperation and development of agriculturalists;
- minimise seasonal unemployment and social dislocation