



Skills and Knowledge Development in the Primary Industry

(PRJ-0295-2021)

Milk Producers' Organisation

Quarter 1 2021/2021 (January 2021 till March 2021)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Continuous evaluation of the current dairy occupational curriculum to determine whether amendment is necessary to the curriculum design, learning materials, assessment tools or quality management system. Amendment depends on technology development, production procedures and requirements set by relevant bodies in the public and private sector

Achievements

No actions regarding the dairy occupational curriculum were taken as the MPO Institute awaits feedback from AgriSeta regarding the amendment procedure through the QCTO. A follow-up letter in this regards was sent to AgriSeta. According to AgriSeta procedures, the MPO Institute cannot liaise directly with the QCTO.

Non-achievements / underperformance

Amendment to the dairy occupational qualification has already been identified, which includes and extension of the curriculum design and assessment specifications. The MPO is however awaiting approval and amendment procedures from the QCTO through AgriSeta.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

The MPO is however awaiting approval and amendment procedures from the QCTO through AgriSeta.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

Scheduled meeting with AgriSeta CEO in April 2021.

Goal 2 - Interactions in respect of acts, regulations, policies, procedures as well as skills and knowledge development needs in the dairy industry,

with authoritative bodies in the public sector and representatives of other industries

Achievements

The MPO attended a Mandatory Grant Workshop on 08 March 2021 during which the procedures of on-line submissions and deadlines were discussed. Feedback regarding aspects discussed was communicated via the MPO newsletter and telephonically to individual members assisted by the MPO. A research colloquium took place on 19 March 2021, but could not be attended the MPO.

No Milk SA skills and knowledge development meetings took place during the 1st quarter. The MPO submitted a preliminary proposal for utilisation of surplus funding, but the request was declined by the Milk SA. The MPO also submitted a request to utilise surplus primary industry skills and knowledge development funding of 2020. The response by Milk SA is still awaited.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Promotion of skills and knowledge development in the dairy industry and guidance in respect of it to members of the dairy industry

Achievements

Several meetings and telephonic conversations regarding skills and knowledge development and requirements in the primary dairy industry took place during the 1st quarter. Individual dairy farmers as well as the following dairy businesses consulted the MPO:

Makhoba Trust: Advise on dairy skills and knowledge development planning as well as an implementation plan for 2021.

Livestock Training Solutions: Advise on skills development facilitation, course development methodology and implementation.

Iminathi training courses at Oliver dairy farm: Advise on dairy skills and knowledge planning and regional training implementation for 2021.

Amadlelo Agri: Approached the MPO for advice on dairy skills and knowledge development and implementation.

Onderstepoort Veterinary Faculty: Arrangements for the Dairy School 2021, for final year veterinary students, CCS veterinarians and animal health technicians.

Member meeting with MPO KZN: The MPO informed the members on mandatory grant applications, new requirements regarding learner work based agreements and training facilities on KZN dairy farms.

Skills and knowledge development in the primary industry were also promoted through a Landbou radio interview regarding on-line training and skills and knowledge development articles in the Dairy Mail.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	202103 MSA Budget Q1.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes