



# WOMIWU

RURAL DEVELOPMENT CC

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## PROFILE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

WOMIWU Rural Development was established in July 1997 after operating informally for a number of years in the agricultural and rural development sector. Following a variety of successful projects WOMIWU became operational on a full-time basis. While the membership of the organisation is small, specific fields of expertise have been built up, and using the desire for sustainable development as a common philosophy, WOMIWU forms links with experts in other fields which binds the participants in a multi-skilled team.

Having been involved with agricultural and rural development for over a decade the members of WOMIWU have not only built up considerable practical experience in the field, but have also established invaluable contacts throughout the industry in both the public and private sectors.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To make a meaningful contribution to sustainable development in our province and surrounding areas by utilizing available opportunities to build capacity of farmers and their communities by identifying, planning, implementing and managing sustainable projects that will improve their quality of life.

WOMIWU Rural Development comprises two members and involves a range of personnel, from differing backgrounds but with a common interest in agricultural and rural development, on an ad hoc and contract basis. It is this range of experience and common interest that has enabled WOMIWU to become involved in a variety of projects.

Although the combined skills of the organisation are diversified, WOMIWU does have long-established relationships with skilled service providers in other disciplines should a project require skills that cannot be provided 'in-house' or by contract personnel. This includes, inter alia, the organisational development, human resources development (training), technical analysis, engineering/construction fields and environmental consultancy.

**PHILOSOPHY:** Although necessary, the technical aspects of projects never take priority over the needs and constraints of the community. Individuals and communities are the ultimate beneficiaries and are thus an integral part of any project. The correct approach in establishing contact, communicating with, and building the necessary capacity within communities must, therefore, always be ensured.

## 2. PERSONNEL

### Members



MDC Ramaite  
**BSc Agriculture** (Hort & crops)  
Hons (Ext) (Fort Hare)  
**MSC Agric Ed.** (North Carolina)

WR Milne  
**BSc. Agriculture** (Economics)  
(KwaZulu Natal)



### Personnel

*SJ Eloff: Nat Diploma (Animal Production) Cattle and Goat Specialist*  
*C Semosa: Technician/Logistical support*

### Administration

*Mesdmes: M Magwele, M Wood: BA, E Boshoff*

### Associates

*R Mc Bean: Agriculturalist, Project Manager and Community Development Practitioner*  
*Messrs J Grobler, J Moradu, E Rambuwani, P van Tonder: Development Specialists and Project Managers*

## 3. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

*In the performance of the work required a variety of up to date technology is used to compliment the practical experience within the organisation. Extensive use is made of computers, relevant software and information technology to identify, plan, analyse, implement and monitor projects.*

*In the execution of these duties personnel may be called upon to use a variety of accumulated skills. These include: basic engineering, resource conservation, land-use planning, community development, extension methods, project cycle approach, and project analysis, management and administration. The organisation is AgriSETA accredited.*

*Our main areas of expertise are:*

- *General Community development*
- *Business plans and project proposals*
- *Business and project evaluation*
- *Feasibility and viability studies*
- *Institutional structuring*
- *Project implementation and management*
- *Turnkey projects and management*
- *Eco-tourism*

## 4. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Although a small organisation, the company is mindful of its social responsibilities. Wherever it is able, and a need exists, WOMIWU assists groups and communities in their development efforts. This includes:

- sponsorships of clothing and equipment for sports teams and social clubs;
- free advice and facilitation of linkages with service providers;
- subsidised or pro bono work on studies, proposals and business plans; and
- HIV/Aids awareness at training sessions and other suitable forums.

## 5. SOME EXPERIENCE RECORD OF ORGANISATION

<i>Selected projects</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Client</i>	<i>Date</i>
SRS-SA (RLCC)	Implementation phase - Sustainable Restitution Support for PSLR (below). Setting up and facilitating capacity-building and support structures for Land Reform Projects. Pilot project implemented with Mashishimale CPA near Phalaborwa	Regional Land Claims Commission	May 2007 - Present
PSLR (RLCC)	Partnership on Sustainable Land Reform - initiative of Regional Land Claims Commission (RLCC), University of Pretoria, Limpopo Dept of Agriculture and Womiwu to define a policy for the approach to Land Reform Implementation	Regional Land Claims Commission	Oct 2004 -Mar 2005
Land Use and Business Plan Development	Land use planning and Business Plan compilation for communities with successful land restitution claims - Reboile Trust, and 8 CPA's - Mokotopong, Marobala, Marobene, Mavungeni, Gertrudesburg, Tale Ga Morudu, Nwanedi and Manavhela	Regional Land Claims Commission	2005 - present
LRAD Programme	Comprehensive participatory planning and compilation of business plans/project proposals for resettlement projects under Land Redistribution and Agricultural Development Programme (LRAD programme) - 30 independent agricultural projects	Dept of Land Affairs	1997 - present
Skills Dev Programme	Implement a skills development programme to build capacity of the Land Reform projects in Limpopo Province. Training and mentoring programme	Limpopo Dept of Agriculture	2007/2008
Land Care Project	Land Use and Development plans for: Lwatshatimu, Kutama Sinthumule, Lepellane and Mutale/Nwanedi areas - Data capture and sustainable use planning for local Landcare Committees for local implementation	Landcare, LDA & Municipality	Mar 2008 to Present
Mopani Farms - PLAS	Compilation of business plans for 5 farms/smallholder operations in the Tzaneen area for LRAD under the PLAS programme.	Land Affairs - Limpopo	Aug - Oct 2007
Farmer Support	Planning and rehabilitation, with affected communities, of four irrigation projects	Capricorn DM	Jul 2007
LED Projects	Planning and implementation of EU funded LED projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Guar bean Pilot Project</li> <li>ii. Macadamia value chain analysis and Action Plan</li> <li>iii. Communal Goat Production Pilot project and Action Plan</li> <li>iv. Technical assistance to applicants for funding</li> </ul>	EU, DLGH and respective Communities	October 2006 - Dec 2007

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Agric Strategy Planning	Compilation of Agricultural Strategy Plans for Waterberg Municipality and agricultural component of Sekhukhune District 2025 Development Plan	Waterberg & Sekhukhune DM	June 2005 - June 2006
Flood Relief	Planning and infrastructure implementation (programme administration and Turnkey management) of Phase 1 & 2 on behalf of Limpopo Dept of Agriculture.	LDA	2001 - 2003
Nandoni RAP	Planning and implementation of compensation measures with and on behalf of agricultural communities affected by the construction of the Nandoni Dam	BKS/ DWAF	1999 - 2004
N Province Irrigation Pilot Projects	Morgan, Boschklouf, Thabina – revitalization of irrigation schemes – institutional and capacity building through facilitation and training. Implementation of infrastructure rehabilitation through Turnkey Mgt. Economic analysis input in decision making	LDA	1999 - 2001
Watercare Phase 1&2	Revitalization of 21 irrigation schemes – institutional and capacity building through facilitation and training. . Implementation of infrastructure rehabilitation through Turnkey Mgt. Economic analysis input in decision making	LDA	2000 - 2004
Local Government	Various Assignments for District and Local Municipalities: Milling Feasibility Study, and Grain & Poultry Development Strategy – Aganang LM, Irrigation Rehabilitation (4 schemes) – Capricorn DM, Vhembe Goat Feasibility Study – Vhembe DM	Capricorn DM Vhembe DM Aganang LM	2007 & 2008
RESIS	Specialist input to Training Mentor activities – Irrigation Scheme Management Training programme Specialist input to Agricultural Economist Core Team members introducing methodology and setting up systems	Ndzalo/ ARDC	July 2004 - Jun 2005
MacAvo Empowerment Project	Empowerment joint venture between a commercial farming operation and farm workers. Avocados, macadamias, and disease free buffalo, sable and nyalas. Funded by Commercial Banks, with participation from Halfer International and, and Westfalia. Institutional structuring and capacity-building of joint management committee and associated mgt structures.	Agrivet (Pty) Ltd	2000 - present
Restructuring of Sisal Projects	Commercialization or decommissioning of government projects using the Turnkey Management approach where communities act as contractors. Attracting and involving strategic business partners	Limpopo Dept of Agriculture	2002- 2004
Poverty Alleviation Programme	Technical training and capacity-building on nine poverty alleviation projects around the province. Vegetable production, broiler production and small livestock husbandry	Dept of Labour	2001
COSATU- DBSA Job Creation Trust	Assistance to communities to implement , manage and develop projects (poultry, small industrial and food gardens), through training, facilitation, management support and monitoring	COSATU / DBSA	2004 - 2005
Thabina Soil Conservation	Planning and implementation of a resource conservation programme using integrated development approaches	LDA	1998
Investigation and analysis	Various enterprise and project investigations for organisations such as NDA, SEDDA, LIBSA, DBSA, EU, and SAFM	NDA, SEDDA, LIBSA, DBSA, EU, and SAFM	2004 - 2008