

# Tackling farm worker housing, access to services and tenure security in the Cape Winelands District

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## *How to contribute to finding practical solutions*

Phuhlisani has partnered with the Cape Winelands District Municipality to manage a research-led process of social dialogue and strategy development with the aim of finding practical solutions to enable farm workers on and off farm to access housing and services with secure tenure.

The process is supported by the Tirelo Bosha Public Service Improvement Facility administered by the Department of Public Service and Administration. Tirelo Bosha provides resources to improve service delivery through the collaborative analysis of complex problems, resulting in concrete strategy development and lessons for policy and practice.

There is widespread recognition that inadequate attention has been paid to the needs of farm workers and acknowledgement that current policy is not addressing a range of key issues. The process underway seeks to combine focused area-based research with inclusive social dialogue, leading to strategy development and policy recommendations that focus on implementation.

Current plans involve:

1. Ongoing communication of the initiative through a dedicated website [www.winelandsfarmworkers.net](http://www.winelandsfarmworkers.net) which also makes a wide range of resources publicly available.
2. An analytic review of research on changing policy and practice with regard to farm worker housing, access to services and tenure security with a primary focus on the period 1985 – 2015.
3. In depth research with a wide range of actors in five case study areas.
  - **Stellenbosch | Pniel and the Dwars River Valley (DRV)**
    - Wards: 3 and 4
  - **Langeberg | Robertson**
    - Wards: 1, 2, 3 and 6
  - **Witzenberg | Ceres and Prince Alfred Hamlet**
    - Wards: 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6
  - **Drakenstein | Simondium**
    - Wards: 1 and 28
  - **Breede Valley | Rawsonville**
    - Wards: 19 and 20
4. A **social platform** which brings together different actors to discuss the research findings and develop a district wide solutions-oriented conversation around the issues surfaced by the research process
5. A **learning journey** in which participants visit projects and initiatives to assess good practice examples first-hand, and gain a deeper understanding of the range of issues in areas which are experiencing particular problems and challenges.

6. **Collaborative strategy development** for the Cape Winelands District and **policy proposals** for consideration by the Department of Human Settlements

Individual farmers and agri-sector employers can make a contribution to the research process by completing an online survey form which is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZbZFh14fcz> . Farmers and agri-employers are also urged to contribute good practice examples or identify particular problems to inform the research, strategy and policy development.

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