

# Governance lessons from the Flag Boschielo irrigation based Joint venture schemes in South Africa

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# Introduction

- Irrigation contributing to food security
- Empowering disadvantaged farmers
- Re-dress inequities





# SETLABOSWANE

## IRRIGATION SCHEME



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SHIKWANE CO-OPERATION



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# Research Approach

- Decentralization Framework
- Who are the actors in the JVS?
- What powers do the different actors have?
- What are the accountability mechanisms that are in place (downwardly to the farmers)?





# Findings

- No powers for the farmers – rules, decision, compliance
- Crop production + marketing decided by JVS partner
- Little benefits -BEE
- Legal case since 2010 for Setlaboswane



# Findings

- No capacity building – long term sustainability
- Limited employment opportunities – technological ‘progress’





# Findings

- Lack of accountability and transparency – LDA, JVS partner e.g. costs and income -
- Communities look for a new partner?
- Improper relationship LDA/JVS partner?





# So What?

- Re-formulation of JVS.
- Subsidies – must benefit the poor.
- Land fee - irrespective.
- Compulsory capacity building - LDA
- Sustainability – capital costs replacement.
- Farmer ‘ownership’





# Thank You

