

Suurrug Emerging Farmers

IWRM Objectives – Water for emerging farmers, groundwater improved water use efficiency, capacity building and empowerment



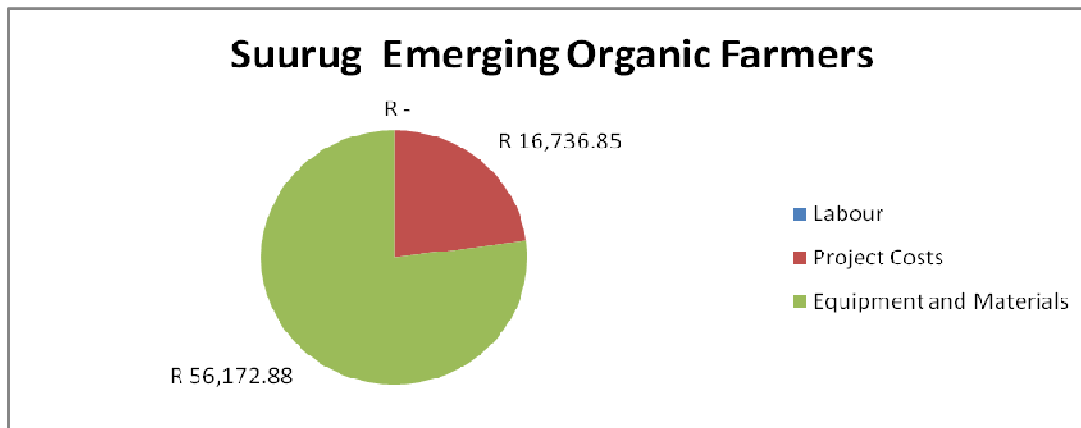
Suurrug is located in the Cederberg mountains a few kilometers before Wupperthal. The small community of subsistence farmers face many challenges ranging from extreme poverty, poor soil conditions, remoteness and lack of communication facilities, water shortages, electricity supply interruptions, political interferences and internal power struggles, which eventually led to project members being in conflict with each other. IWRM tried to intervene with conflict resolution workshops and other interventions to no avail, ultimately the funding contract was cancelled. DWA IWRM funded this project to purchase materials and equipment to improve irrigation, agricultural inputs such as compost, seeds and seedlings, organic certification. The submersible pump was repaired and eventually replaced with IWRM funding.

Financial Information for Suurrug Emerging Farmers (SU21)

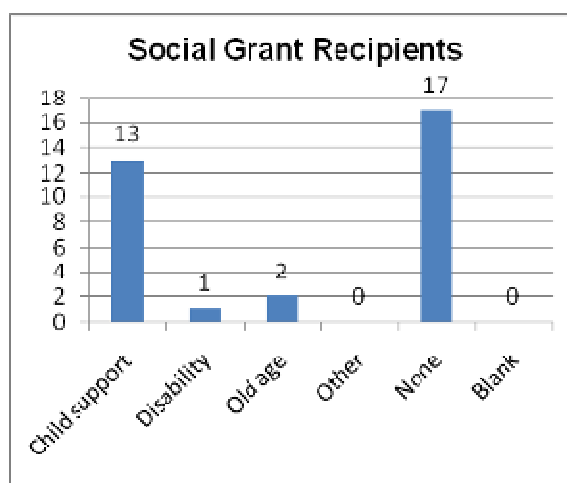
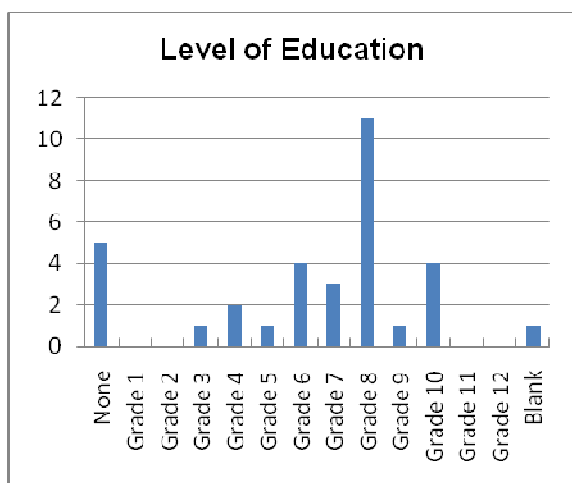
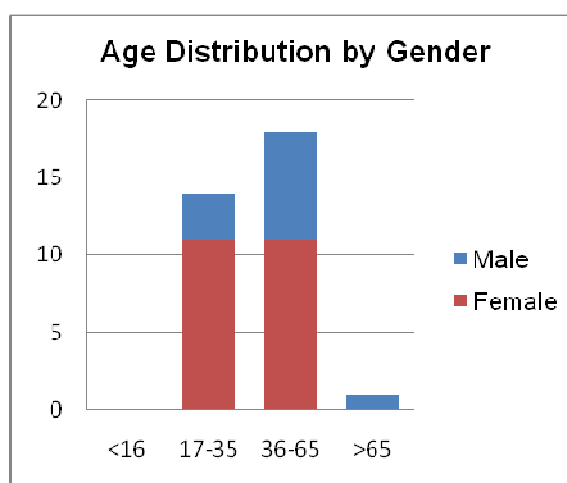
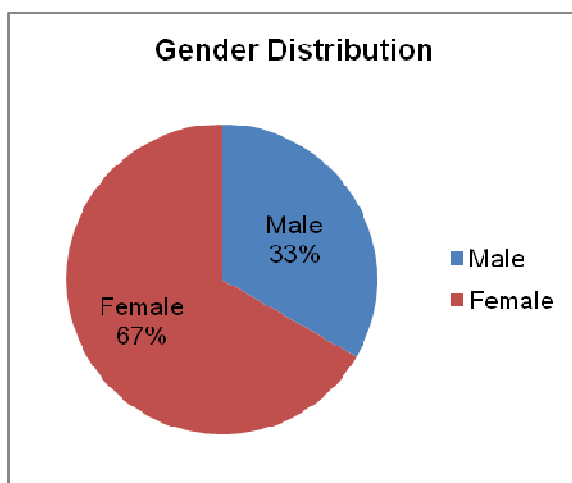
The Suurrug Landbontwikkelings Vereniging Organic Farmers was awarded a contract named IWRMII-OD-SU21-009 in 2008 to the value of R137,519.00. R72,909.73 was spent in the given contract period and the project status is “Closed” at the time of this report (31 August 2009).

Of the budget allocated to this group, R56,172.88 was spent on materials and equipment to build the operations, nothing was allocated to wages and payments for work done on project tasks, and R16,736.85 was claimed to support the project management and administration tasks undertaken by the group.

During the first phase of community project funding, this project received and spent R133,526.27. The total invested in this group by IWRM is thus R206,436.00 since June 2007.



Membership Information for Suurug Emerging Farmers (SU21)



Number of active project participants: 33 (22 female, 11 male).

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