

## Vredendal Samewerk Boere (VSB) Emerging Farmers

IWRM Objectives – Water for emerging farmers, water use efficiency, engagement with water user association, empowerment & capacity building

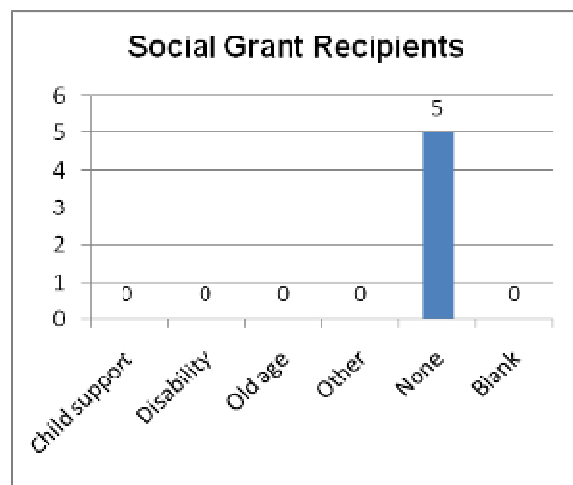
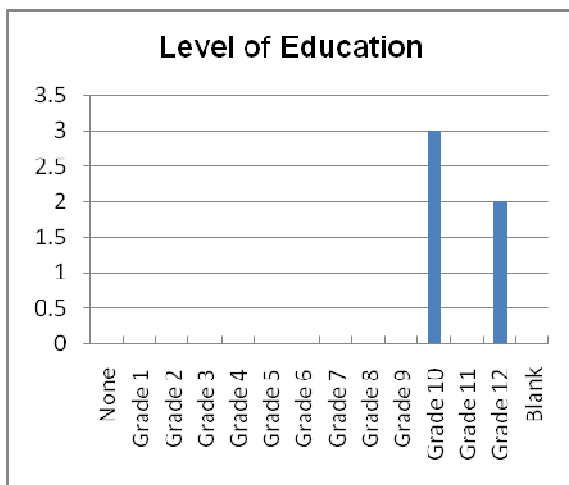
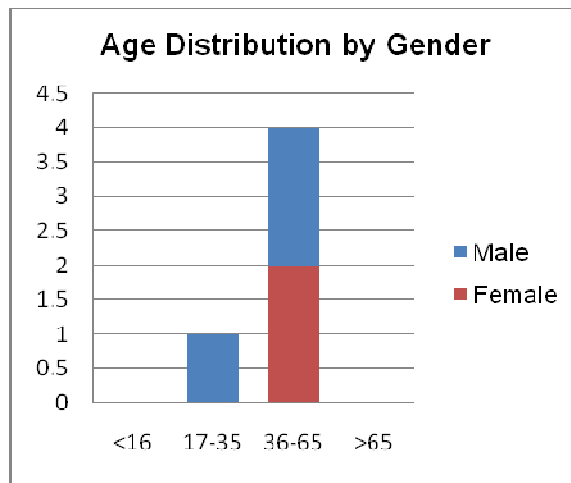
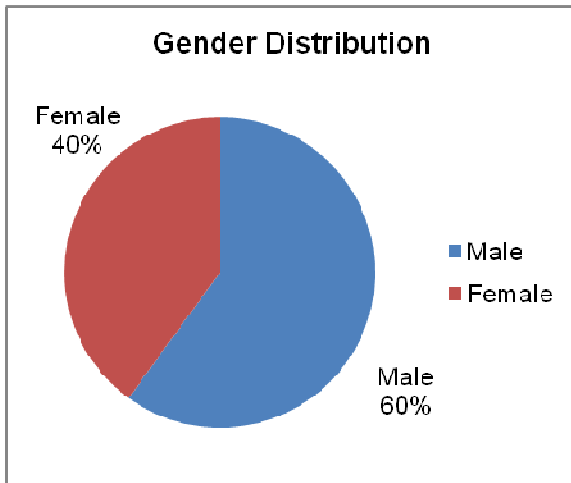


Vredendal Samewerk Boere started in 1998 when a group of unemployed, previously disadvantaged people were given the opportunity to farm on 20 hectares of commonage land belonging to the Matzikama Municipality.

The project currently farms five hectares of wine grapes, which produces about 40 tons of grapes per year, and about five hectares of cash crop. The farm has 15 hectares under drip irrigation and purchases water at industrial rates from the municipality. The group has negotiations an additional 5 ha of water from LORWUA at about R1,200 per hectare per year.

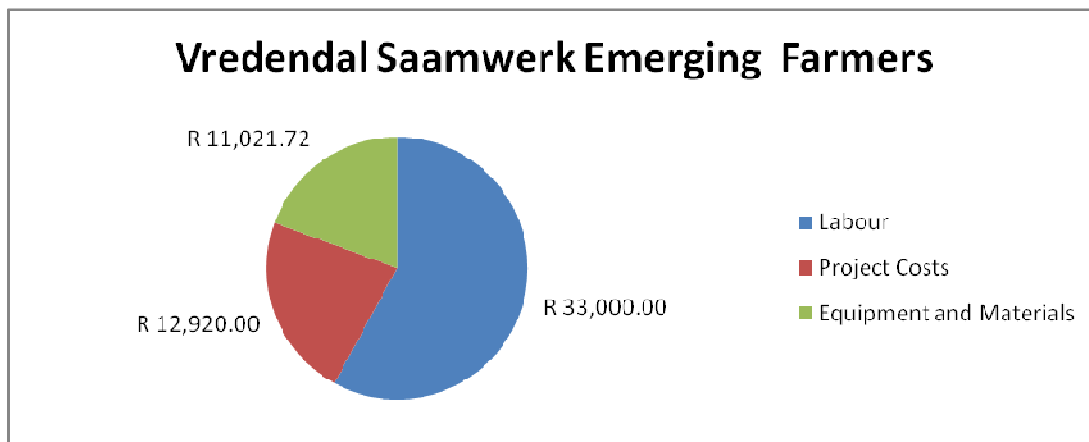
The project leader participated in the first phase of IWRM, particularly with regard to the process of establishing the Olifants-Doorn Catchment Management Agency (CMA) and the Project Cycle Management capacity building course.

## Member Information for Vredendal Samewerk Boere (VSB) (VR21)



Number of project participants: 5 (2 female, 3 male)

## Financial Information for Vredendal Samewerk Boere (VSB) (VR21) – Second Phase



The Vredendal Saamwerk Emerging Farmers group was awarded a contract named IWRMII-OD-VR21-003 in 2008 to the value of R147,308.00. R56,941.72 was spent in the given contract period and the project closed in June 2009.

Of the budget allocated to this group, R11,021.72 was spent on materials and equipment to build the farming operations, R33,000.00 was allocated to wages and payments for work done on project tasks, and R12,920.00 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 R135,531.95.

The total invested in this group by IWRM is thus R192,473.67 since June 2007. The group was funded to expand their farming activities, apply water conservation on their farm, and to engage effectively with the LORWUA.

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