

Analysis of Information Needs among Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development Beneficiaries in Waterberg District, Limpopo Province, South Africa

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ABSTRACT This study analyzed information needs of Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development (LRAD) beneficiaries in Waterberg district, Limpopo. A simple random sampling technique was used to select 120 farmers and a structured questionnaire was used to collect data which were analyzed with SPSS using frequency counts, percentages, and regression analysis. The results showed that the respondents were predominantly married (52%), with household size of between 6-10 members (52.5%). The results showed high information need in the areas of pesticides (51.7%), agricultural equipments (50.0%), disease management (61.7%), market prices (79.2%) and collaterals (64.2%). Extension agents (96.7%) were the main information source. Farming experience ($t = -1.96$, $p < 0.05$), farmers group membership ($t = -4.03$, $p < 0.05$), farm income ($t = -2.10$, $p < 0.05$), extension contacts ($t = -3.29$, $p < 0.05$), farm size ($t = -1.74$, $p < 0.05$), labor sources ($t = -1.68$, $p < 0.05$) and information sources ($t = -2.69$, $p < 0.05$) showed significant relationships with information needs of farmers.