

Determining Factors of Support for Co-operatives in South Africa

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ABSTRACT This study examined the level of support that co-operatives received in all the nine provinces of South Africa. Information was used from 266 co-operatives across the country. Logistic regression was used to determine the level of support received by co-operatives from various support organizations such as the provincial and municipal development agencies. The results of the study indicated that support for co-operatives was lacking during the period of study. Support that was lacking was in terms of funding of service providers, marketing of agricultural products and support in terms of internal dispute resolution in the co-operatives. The study therefore recommended that when support to co-operatives is considered such significant factors determined, must be considered.