

Job Title:	Research Assistant: Cassava Project
Type of Position	Fixed Term Contract (6 Months)
Reporting to	Manager: Agro-Food Chains (MERC)
Based:	Pretoria
Reference No:	HRREC025/23

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Honours Degree in Agricultural Economics or an equivalent qualification in Economics. Masters' degree in Agricultural Economics will be an added advantage. 1-2 years' experience in Agricultural Economics-related research skills such as data analysis, writing reports and manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the MAP Act. Knowledge and understanding of Policies, Procedures and Legislation within the agricultural sector.

COMPETENCIES

Advanced research and analytical skills in using statistical packages such as STATA and MS Excel, among other analytical packages. Advanced communication and interpersonal skills. Computer literacy. Project Management, Statistical, Problem Solving. Stakeholder management. Presentation and facilitation skills

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with data gathering, interpretation and analysis of data.
- Conduct literature reviews on agricultural economics-related topics.
- Contribute towards the writing of manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications (Journal papers)
- Provide effective and timely research support to specific projects/programmes and develop well-researched sections of /and reports.
- Liaison with relevant stakeholders on issues pertaining to agriculture.
- Assist with the identification of market access opportunities for various commodities as per stakeholder needs.
- Assist with design of market linkage schemes and produce reports as required.

- Coordinate and facilitate linkages between the emerging producers and buyers of agricultural produce in order to achieve Government's objectives.
- Produce various projects / programmes reports as required.

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