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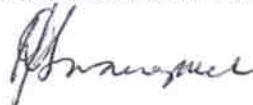
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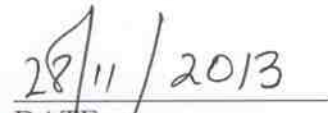


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## i) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Land reform in South Africa is premised on land restitution, land redistribution and security of tenure as its major components. It has the following objectives amongst others, to address the injustices of racially-based land dispossession; inequitable distribution of land ownership; need for security of tenure for all; need for sustainable use of land; need for rapid release of land for development; need to record and register all rights in property; and the need to administer public land in an effective manner.

Over two decades of the democratic dispensation, lack of proper funding and capacity by government official to expedite the land reform processes deprives the rural communities like the Morebene community the enjoyment of their land rights and proper redress after devastating land dispossession. The research has managed to establish the serious pain and suffering that has been brought by incompetent implementation of six phases of land restitution process by Limpopo RLCC to the community of Morebene. Lack of capacity to implement land restitution processes has been found to have been a major setback to the Morebene community to an extent that their restitution processes were abandoned by the Limpopo RLCC at project execution stage.

The community composed of nearly 81% of the youth and middle aged people has been left without jobs and no property rights and development all of which are caused by the lack of expertise from the officials of the RLCC. No restitution grants and development grants were granted to the community and no formal or informal training let alone workshops held in relation to the government's expectations from the land reform policies and legislation.

**Key terms:** Land reform, land restitution, land redistribution, tenure rights, rural development, indigenous knowledge

**ii) ACCRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ANC	-	African National Congress
CASP	-	Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme
CIDA	-	Canadian International Development Agency
CLCC	-	Chief land Claims Commissioner
CRDP	-	Comprehensive Rural Development Programme
CLRDP	-	Centre for Land related, Regional Development Law & Policy
CRLR	-	Commission for the Restitution of Land Rights
CPA	-	Communal Property Association
CPI	-	Common Property Institution
CRLR	-	Commission for Restitution of Land Rights
DBSA	-	Development Bank of South Africa
DLA	-	Department of Land Affairs
DOA	-	Department of Agriculture
DPLG	-	Department of Provincial and Local Government
DPW	-	Department of Public Works
DRD&LR	-	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
DWAF	-	Department of Water Affairs & Forestry
ESTA	-	Extension of Security of Tenure Act
EXCO	-	Executive Committee
FGD	-	Focus Group Discussion
GEAR	-	Growth Economic and Redistribution Strategy

HIV/AIDS	-	Human immunodeficiency virus/ Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
IDP	-	Integrated Development Plan
ISRDP	-	Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Planning
ISRDS	-	Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Strategy
JVP	-	Joint Venture Partnership
LAPC	-	Land and Agricultural Policy Centre
LDO	-	Land Development Objectives
LED	-	Local Economic Development
LEDP	-	Local Economic Development Plan
LPLRO	-	Limpopo Provincial Land Reform Office
LRAD	-	Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development (Programme)
LSCF	-	Large Scale Commercial Farming
LUDPs	-	Land-Use Development Plans
MPST	-	Municipal Project Support Team
MUD	-	Moral Underclass Discourse
MVOC	-	Monetary Value of Claim
NDA	-	National Department of Agriculture
NGOs	-	Non- Governmental Organisations
NLP	-	National Land Care Programme
NT	-	National Treasury
NP	-	National Party

PAC	-	Pan African Congress
PDOA	-	Provincial Department of Agriculture
PIMS	-	Planning and Implementation Management Strategy
PLAAS	-	Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (University of the Western Cape)
PM	-	Project Manager
PSLR	-	Partnership for Sustainable Land Reform
PSC/T	-	Project Support Consortium/ Team
RED	-	Redistributive Discourse
RDP	-	Reconstruction and Development Programme
RLCC	-	Regional Land Claims Commission
RRP	-	Rural Redistribution Programme
SADC	-	Southern African Development Community
SID	-	Social Integrationist Discourse
SLAG	-	Settlement Land Acquisition Grant
UNDP	-	United Nations Development Programme
WSWB	-	Willing-seller, willing-buyer principle

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