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Farming to fight hunger

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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube has launched a hunger-busting programme that helps township residents grow crops in their neighbourhoods.

The township agriculture programme would improve both food production and economic growth in townships, Ms Dube-Ncube said at the launch in KwaMashu on Tuesday.

"With an innovative approach, the township agriculture programme seeks to harness the untapped potential of urban spaces, promoting sustainable agricultural practices to maximise food production," she said.

"Beyond merely providing sustenance, the initiative aims to cultivate a sense of community pride and self-sufficiency, empowering residents to take control of their food sources and contribute to the local economy."

Township agriculture could improve the social and economic circumstances of marginalised groups, she said.

"The programme also aims to provide opportunities for women, youth, individuals with disabilities and child-headed households to actively participate in agricultural activities, thereby promoting inclusivity and resilience within township communities."

The state had allocated R6 million in funding to implement township agricultural projects, she said.

"Plans are already under way to expand the township agriculture programme to encompass major townships across KwaZulu-Natal, ensuring widespread access to resources and opportunities for all residents."



■ KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube launched a township farming programme in KwaMashu recently.

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