



# Success stories: Standard Bank Agri-Business Transformation programme

## 1. Mr Bigboy Kokoma – Bothaville – 2019 Cohort 1 Kroonstad

Mr Koloma established his farming business on only 170 hectares (ha) of land, to which he rented an additional farm from the government in 2021. During 2022, we helped him to submit a business plan for a 100-sow-unit piggery farm. This project is nearly completed (Photos below). The piggery will be operational from March 2023.



**2. Mr. Mosoeu – Heilbron: 2019 Cohort 1 Kroonstad**

Mr Mosoeu has been renting the farm from the government since 2015. The Sernic program established by Mr Nick Serfontein set farmers on different tiers depending on their progress with cattle farming. In early 2019 Mr Mosoeu was in tier 2. By the end of 2019, he progressed to tier 3, receiving 36 cattle and a bull from the program. In 2022 he moved to tier 4 and is now a shareholder in the Sernic farming activities. His wife began with 100 laying hens in 2019 and has progressed to 1000 hens currently.

**3. Ms. Merriam Vent – Reddersburg Farmer – 2021 Cohort 3 Bloemfontein**

Ms Vent is farming on her own 470ha farm that she bought with pension money after retiring as a nursing professional who worked in a provincial hospital. She is also renting another 530ha farm from the government. She farms with Bonsmara cattle, merino sheep and lucerne to feed her animals.



Ms Merriam Vent received an award as the national champion in the Super Ox Emergent category for her Bonsmara.



**4. Ms Anna Tseletsele – 2022 Cohort 4 Bloemfontein**

Ms Tseletsele is farming alone on a rental farm from the government between Jagersfontein and Springfontein. She started farming with cattle and merino sheep on this farm in 2015. She is now extending her barn to provide a shed to properly shear her sheep. She has installed solar panels to pump borehole water and is busy planting new pastures for extra feed.



Ms Tseletsele on her farm.