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Media Advisory

19 May 2026

Deputy Minister Hon. Ms Capa returns to Gqeberha, Eastern Cape, to fulfil 2025 World Food Day commitments.

The Deputy Minister of the Department of Agriculture (DoA) will distribute implements, fertilisers and vegetables seedlings to 300 households in and around Gqeberha so households can start with self-help vegetables gardens and ensure food security at households' level. The province's wide campaign commences on 19 May 2026 and specific details of areas to be visited are provided below.

Department of Agriculture (DoA) celebrated the 2025 World Food Day in the city of Gqeberha, Eastern Cape and made pledges to donate implements, fertilisers and seeds to 300 families to start households' vegetable gardens. Gqeberha was flagged as one of badly affected cities within the province of Eastern Cape with food insecurity in the National Food and Nutrition Security Survey (NFNSS). According to NFNSS, Eastern Cape has 20% of households with severe food insecurity with specific districts facing even graver conditions, and 61% of households consume a diet of low diversity which is carbohydrate-rich with less protein. On the positive side, the province has the highest number of households with access to land at 67% but only 37% of it is kept productive.

Members of the media are invited to cover proceedings of the Deputy Minister's programme as follows:

Day 1

18 May 2026

Distribution of garden tools to Sunday's River with **the Deputy Minister Honourable Zoleka Capa at Kirkwood**

Day 2

19 May 2026

Distribution of garden tools to NMBM (All municipal wards) with **the Deputy Minister Honourable Zoleka Capa at Uitenhage, EC Department of Agriculture offices at 10H00 and Kwa- Zakhele, Lillian Ngoyi Hall at 13H00**

Day 3

21 May 2026

Distribution of garden tools with **the Deputy Minister Honourable Zoleka Capa at Kouga and, Foot-and-mouth vaccination drive at Wittekleibosch Dairy Trust at 11H00**

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