

**Determining factors of support for agricultural co-operatives in the Vhembe District of the Limpopo Province**

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## ABSTRACT

The study aimed to determine factors of support for agricultural co-operatives in Vhembe district. The study also investigated the significant differences in terms of socio-economic variables among members of agricultural co-operatives. The study also aimed to determine if such socio-economic variables have significant impact on the provision of support for agricultural co-operatives within the study area. The population of this study were members of registered agricultural co-operatives within Thulamela and Mutale municipalities located in the Vhembe district. A Stratified random sampling method was used to select participants of this study. Primary data was collected through the use of questionnaires. Questionnaires were administered through face to face interview held with the participants. Descriptive statistics, followed by Binary Logistic Regression method was used to analyse the data. Socio-economic variables such as educational level, respondents' age, respondents' gender and respondents' years spent in a co-operative were found to have significant impact on support provision for co-operatives. The findings of this study could be useful as there is a limited provision of support for agricultural co-operatives while majority of co-operatives within the study area seek to receive such support provision.

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