



Schoolchildren participating in research programme Zebediela Citrus Estate, Limpopo

Core Competencies

SLC works independently for governments, donors, non-state actors and private organisations. We offer creative thinking to livelihoods development challenges through conducting state-of-the-art social and economic research to derive evidence-based recommendations. Our research has shed new light on some of the pressing development challenges of our region in the fields of economic development, human livelihoods and environmental sustainability. As committed development practitioners, SLC members and collaborating consultants seek to translate popular and practical development demands at grassroots level into workable development policy and strategies. Drawing on our accumulated knowledge of livelihoods approaches to development, we offer advisory services on good development practice as well as specialist training and research in our core competencies:

- Livelihoods strategies, household vulnerability and food security,
- Promoting local economic development,
- Making markets 'work' for the poor,
- Advancing aid effectiveness,
- Pioneering strategies for social cohesion and protection,
- Understanding political, social and economic conflict.

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Sustainable Livelihood Consultants

**Consultancy Services in
Livelihoods Development**

Consulting and Research Services

SLC provides advisory consulting, project support and research services. We work in partnership and collaboration with high calibre technical experts, development practitioners, and researchers located throughout the Southern African region.

Our expertise pool has significant experience in the conceptualization, design and implementation of development programmes and project interventions. We have, in this regard, undertaken a range of innovative consultancies in Botswana, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe. SLC has established collaboration agreements with international consultancy firms to provide short-term expertise for existing donor programmes in the areas of our core-competencies.



The informal economy is an important and poorly understood sector in South Africa



Learners on SLC guide training programme, Western Cape

Training

SLC offers the following training programmes:

- Community mobilization for social grants,
- Understanding food security in Southern Africa,
- Conservation based rural livelihood strategies,
- Field guide training for conservation and responsible tourism.

Specific details of the company and our previous experience, including a complete portfolio and summary of our professional assignments, can be obtained from our website: www.livelihoods.co.za.

Clients

We have showcased a sample of our consultancy assignments on our website. Our clients have included:

- Cardno Agrisystems (UK)
- The European Union, Limpopo LED Programme
- GTZ MRDP Programme
- USAID
- South African National Government
- Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism
- South African National Parks
- Peace Parks Foundation
- Fairtrade Foundation (UK)

Empowerment

SLC is committed to human empowerment and the transfer of skills and knowledge to indigenous peoples. This commitment is advanced through our student internship programme. We also ensure that local community facilitators and consultants are engaged to support our field research in all assignments. We encourage clients to train beneficiaries to understand the practical implications in each development challenge, helping them to recognise the linkages between institutional frameworks, development interventions and livelihood systems.



Workshop with informal enterprise owners, Cape Town