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Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers

THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ASSISTS WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY DURING COVID-19

Stellenbosch: ARC Infruitec-Nietvoorbij has donated 100 cartons of grapes to the 'Stellenbosch Feeding in Action' programme to help poor and vulnerable people in the Stellenbosch area meet their most basic need; to have sufficient and nutritious food.

The grapes formed part of the food parcels that were distributed in Cloetesville at the Long Street Flats as well as Vlottenburg, on Wednesday, 13 May 2020.

ARC Infruitec-Nietvoorbij focuses on research and development as well as technology transfer on the breeding, cultivation, protection and post-harvest technology of deciduous fruit, grape vines, alternative crops and indigenous herbal teas and flowers.

Through various research and development programmes, the Agricultural Research Council has been instrumental in improving South Africa's agricultural productivity & global competitiveness while increasing our food supply, reducing hunger and improving food security.

The ARC is honoured to have been part of this community feeding scheme, and would like to encourage others to do the same where they can.



Caption: ARC Infruitec-Nietvoorbij donated grapes to Stellenbosch Feeding in Action. Some food parcels were handed-over in Cloetesville at the Long Street Flats.

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Notes to the Editors

About the Agricultural Research Council

The Agricultural Research Council is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and fosters innovation in support of the agricultural sector. The ARC provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. For more information visit the ARC website at: www.arc.agric.za.

About Stellenbosch Feeding in Action

Stellenbosch Feeding in Action is a non-profit organisation that provides meals and food supplies to nearly 5 000 people each week. The meals and food parcels are distributed through 35 feeding points which are run by volunteers who are involved in preparing and cooking food, transporting supplies to feeding points, and serving meals to thousands of people. Visit <https://www.feedinginaction.co.za> for more info.