

# Appendix I Interview questions

## **Farm Safety Research Project Guidelines for questions to be asked:**

### ***Objectives of the research project:***

- Assessing initiatives to reduce farm and smallholding attacks.
- Making recommendations to inform policy on rural safety and in particular the rural protection plan.
- Developing a better understanding of the nature of crime on farms and smallholdings.
- Developing a profile of those who commit these violent attacks, as well as an understanding of their motives.

### ***The rural protection plan:***

- Are all the role players involved? (SAPS; commandos; police reservists; organise agriculture etc.)?
- Does the respondent know there is a rural protection plan? If yes, what does he think it entails?
- Is the respondent part of the rural protection plan/SAPS reservist structures/ commando structures? If not, why not, and what procedure does the respondent think must be followed to become part of it?
- Does the respondent feel safe with the rural protection plan in place?
- Respondents' suggestions to improve the rural protection plan.

### ***Assessment of security forces:***

- How does the respondent evaluate the effectiveness of the: SAPS, police reservist structures, and commando structures in his area in fighting crime/preventing farm or smallholding attacks/reacting to farm or smallholding attacks?
- For respondents who have been attacked/victimised: How did they alert the security forces and how do they evaluate their response?

- Respondents' comments on how the SAPS, police reservists, and commando structures could be more effective in fighting farm or smallholding attacks.
- Respondents' comments on whether the SAPS/commandos give out information and provide training on security measures.

***Motive for attacks:***

- What do respondents think is contributing towards the attacks? What is the attackers' primary motive?
- Did the respondent (who had been attacked) know some or all of the attackers? If so, who were they?
- What does the respondent think was the motive/purpose for the attack?
- Does the respondent think that the attack was premeditated?
- Respondents comments on why some attacks are accompanied by excessive brutality.

***Respondents' security measures:***

- What security measures have respondents undertaken?
- What will the respondent actually do in the event of an attack? (Respondent to show in practical steps his potential actions.)
- If respondents have been victimised what – if any – security measures did they adopt as a response?
- To what extent are respondents prepared to get involved in security measures (such as the rural protection plan)?

***Employee issues:***

- What is the relationship between the respondent and his workers?
- The effect of land claims/labour legislation/political statements on the relationship between respondents and their workers.
- How are labour disputes on the respondent's farm or smallholding resolved?

***General:***

- How safe/unsafe do respondents' feel?
- Do they feel more/less safe than a year ago?
- What makes respondents feel the most unsafe?
- What interventions can be made to make them feel safer?
- Do respondents know of people who have left their farm/smallholding because of the attacks?
- Is there any form of intimidation against people on smallholdings/farms?
- Impact of attacks/crime on respondents' lifestyle?