

RETROSPECTIVE ON ACTIVITIES UNDER THE DWAF HIV/AIDS PROJECT

This document provides a summary of the key activities under taken under the DWAF contract for Cross-cutting issues: HIV and AIDS project.

1. Primary Activities during April – August 2008:

1.1 Development of the HIV/AIDS Mainstreaming Business Plan

Dr Jeanette Rascher engaged with DWAF representatives in crafting the Business Plan the Mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS in the Water Sector for the 2008 – 2009 Masibambane: National HIV/AIDS Programme. The development of the business plan was undertaken in close cooperation with Dr Busi Radebe, a consultant contracted to DWAF. There were also ongoing discussions with Rand Water representatives. Dr Rascher and Dr Radebe held several meetings, some including DWAF officials to finalise the business plan that has been submitted to DWAF and is awaiting final approval.

1.2 Literature Survey

A comprehensive literature survey of the socio-ecological role of water in relation to HIV/AIDS and governance in the water sector was compiled by the CSIR. The project team included Dr Jeanette Rascher, Karen Nortje, Inga Jacobs, Marie-Claire St-Jacques and Nikki Funke from the CSIR. The literature survey has been submitted to DWAF as a deliverable in July 2008. In addition to the literature survey, an annotated bibliography was prepared as a supporting tool for the literature survey.

The literature survey was reviewed by four reviewers, namely, Dr David Hemson, Dr Natasha Potgieter, Dr Martella du Preez and Dr Suzan Oelofse. Each of the reviewers was given a detailed brief of the review required and reimbursed for their efforts.

Dr Rascher subsequently presented the results of the Literature Survey to the HIV/AIDS Core Group meeting in July 2008. A PowerPoint presentation was prepared for the meeting and made available to DWAF after the meeting.

1.3 Strategic Support for the Stockholm World Water Week

The CSIR provided critical strategic support to DWAF in preparation for and during the World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2008. This included preparation of materials before and conference and on-site support to the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry and DWAF team through-out the week in Stockholm. The following tasks were performed by the CSIR:

- Review of papers and power point presentations
- Printing of documents
- Organisation and advertisement of the seminar and side event
- Organisation of the dry run before presentation in Stockholm
- Liaison with presenters before and during the events
- Post-Stockholm summaries of the seminar and side event
- Technical support during seminar and side event

Dr Rascher was involved in developing the programme for the Minister and Dr Marius Claassen and Dr Anthony Turton assisted DWAF in strategic negotiations with international water stakeholders. CSIR also provided support to other members of

the water sector South Africa at World Water Week, for example, assisting WISA in organising a display stand at the event.

In addition, the CSIR organised and hosted a dry-run session on 05 August 2008 for DWAF officials to present their material for the Water Sector seminar and side event hosted by DWAF. The session ran for a full day and involved 30 participants.

1.4 HIV/AIDS Core Group Involvement

Dr Jeanette Rascher attended meetings of the Water Sector HIV/AIDS Core Group. These meetings are convened for stakeholders in the water sector to discuss collaborative HIV/AIDS mainstreaming efforts. During one of the meetings Dr Rascher presented the results of the literature survey as described above.

1.5 Participation in DWAF Capacity Building Workshop

Dr Jeanette Rascher accompanied Ngaka Machete to a Capacity Building workshop hosted by DWAF. During the workshop, group discussions were held and Dr Rascher made contributions on the relationship between HIV and AIDS and water and sanitation.

2. Primary Activities September 2008

At the end of August 2008, Dr Jeanette Rascher resigned from the CSIR and Dr Martella du Preez took over the management of the project. During September, discussions were commenced in order to set up a research study, and identify specific actions to support the process of formulation of the Strategic Framework.

The following meetings were held:

5 September: Meeting with the Gender team to discuss their work and where the HIV/AIDS fit in and how to improve collaboration

19 September: A meeting was scheduled with Kalinga Pelpola. Dr du Preez went to his office but he was not available.

22 Sept: Meeting with Rosetta Simelane and Ngaka Machete at DWAF offices. The meeting was to meet the DWAF people and to understand what had to be done.

23 Sept: DWAF Workshop

25 Sept: Meeting with Busi Radebe.