

Key activities and deliverables November 2008: DWAF – HIV and AIDS

Summary:

During November, the main focus of work was to confirm the tasks for November 2008 – March 2009. Once this was completed, the team focused on identifying a project work area. The Relebone Willow Park Community in North West Province was identified as a useful case study. Very little service delivery has taken place in this community and there is a great need to co-ordinate government efforts to promote development for the community. Ngaka Machete and Vasna Ramasar carried out a visit to the area and met with the Relebone Willow Park Communal Property Association. A second case study was identified in the Evaton community in the Vaal area of Gauteng province. An integrated development project has been carried out in the area and it represents a useful example of good practices as well as an opportunity for lessons sharing. The HIV & AIDS team will liaise with DWAF Gauteng office in learning from their experiences so that they can be used in the Willow Park Community.

In addition, the CSIR provided strategic support to DWAF in preparations for World AIDS Day. A speech and media release were prepared for presentation at the Water Sector World AIDS Day event held on 28 November 2008 at Leratong Hospice in Atteridgeville, Gauteng.

Deliverables for November comprised:

- 1) Site visit report on the trip to Willow Park, North West Province made on 17 November 2008
- 2) Speech for Ms Rosetta Simelane for the Water Sector World AIDS Day event held on 28 November 2008 at Leratong Hospice, Atteridgeville
- 3) Media release on DWAF speech at the Water Sector World AIDS Day event
- 4) Photographic record of Willow Park Community in North West province
- 5) Presentation to the DWAF-CSIR Cross-Cutting issues team on the current status and way forward for the HIV/AIDS component

Stakeholder interactions:

12 November 2008 – Meeting with Ngaka Machete to plan site visit to Willow Park
17 November 2008 – Visit to Willow Park and meeting with the Relebone Willow Park Communal Property Association
24 November 2008 – Discussion with Ntsebeng Monggae from DWAF Gauteng offices on the Evaton community project
26 November 2008 – DWAF-CSIR Cross-cutting issues team meeting to discuss progress on the contract
28 November 2008 – Attended the Water Sector World AIDS Day event at Leratong Hospice in Atteridgeville, Gauteng

The way ahead:

Inputs now required from DWAF and other stakeholders.

1. Confirm the commitments made by various government departments to working in the Willow Park community
2. Interact with broader CSIR team on a research and implementation strategy with the Willow Park Community

3. Await feedback from Ntsebenj Monggae on the Evaton project and setting up a meeting to discuss the same.

Indication of the work proposed for the next couple of months:

1. Initiate work in the Willow Park Community
2. Prepare a concept note on HIV and AIDS and Water and Sanitation
3. Prepare a flyer on HIV and AIDS and its relationship with water and sanitation
4. Prepare a guidance note on HIV and AIDS management for construction contractors working on water and sanitation project
5. Liaise with DWAF Gauteng branch in the organisation of a lessons journey workshop with provincial water sector representatives. The workshop is scheduled for February 2009.

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