

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 Ntsebeng 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.

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

Summary:

December was a short working month with many people going on leave. Planning meetings were held with DWAF along with the development of communication and guideline material.

Deliverables for November comprised:

- 1) Preparation of an informational handout on HIV and AIDS in the water sector
- 2) Initial development of HIV and AIDS guidelines for the construction sector working on water and sanitation projects
Meeting with DWAF Gauteng office on 04 December 2008 to plan for the Lessons Sharing workshop
- 3) Develop an implementation plan for addressing HIV and AIDS and other developmental needs in the Willow Park Community
- 4) Put together a CD of photographs from the Willow Park site visit

Stakeholder interactions:

- 1) Meeting with Ndala Duma and Rosetta Simelane to introduce the CSIR team and project to Ndala on 18 December
- 2) Meeting with Ngaka Machete to continue planning of the project on 18 December

The way ahead:

Inputs now required from DWAF and other stakeholders.

Ngaka to initiate a meeting with DWAF officials working in Willow Park and similar projects in the area

DWAF Gauteng office to organise the first lessons sharing workshop

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

Initiate work in the Willow Park Community

Engage with regional champions working on HIV and AIDS mainstreaming

Complete the guidance for the construction sector on HIV and AIDS related to water and sanitation projects

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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Key activities and deliverables January 2009: DWAF – HIV and AIDS

Summary:

In January, the project focused on continuing the development of guideline material and regional interactions. Efforts were made to make contact with regional champions and this was re-affirmed at the DWAF Gauteng Lessons Sharing workshop which Vasna Ramasar attended for two days. Due to delays in initiating a DWAF internal meeting on Willow Park, the team sought a second project to use as a case study to address all the cross-cutting issues. De Hoop Dam was identified as a potential case study as it was an area where the Gender team was working. A visit was made to De Hoop Dam and the Maseven community of the Greater Tubatse Municipality.

Deliverables for January comprised:

1. Draft informational handout on HIV and AIDS in the water sector
2. Site visit report on De Hoop Dam
3. Summary report on the DWAF Gauteng Lessons Sharing workshop
4. Presentation on progress on the HIV and AIDS project to the DWAF Cross-cutting team
5. Continued development of the construction guidelines

Stakeholder interactions:

- 04 January – Internal CSIR meeting to discuss Willow Park project
- 14 January – DWAF Cross-Cutting progress meeting
- 20 January – Progress meeting with Ngaka Machete
- 21 January – Visit to De Hoop Dam for initial investigation of case study
- 28 January – Visit to Evaton project
- 28/29 January – DWAF Gauteng Lessons Sharing Workshop

The way ahead:

Inputs now required from DWAF and other stakeholders.

1. Work with the rest of the Cross-cutting team on organising an investigative visit to De Hoop Dam
2. Arrange one-to-one interviews with all the regional champions
3. Liaise with the IWRM2 programme regarding interventions in Willow Park

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

1. Complete the construction guidelines document
2. Develop a concept note for regional offices on mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the water sector
3. Collate HIV and AIDS documents for the DWAF policy database

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Key activities and deliverables February 2009: DWAF – HIV and AIDS

Summary:

In February, work on the De Hoop Dam as a case study was finalised and support obtained from the DWAF Chief Engineer responsible for the project. Work continued in developing guidance and communication material on mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the water sector. A priority task was the development of a short note presenting a case for mainstreaming HIV and AIDS by DWAF. The CSIR team also participated in a number of DWAF meetings and interacted with stakeholders involved in the Masibambane programme.

Deliverables for February comprised:

- 1) Organise a field trip to De Hoop Dam for the cross-cutting team including a workshop with local stakeholders
- 2) Prepare a justification for addressing HIV and AIDS in the water sector for DWAF top management
- 3) Develop a progress presentation on behalf of DWAF for the HIV and AIDS Core Group meeting
- 4) Prepare minutes of the HIV and AIDS Core Group meeting
- 5) Input HIV and AIDS documents to the DWAF policy database
- 6) Carry out an interview with the Western Cape Masibambane co-ordinator
- 7) Initiate discussions with the Sanitation Unit and Department of Health on an HIV and AIDS component to the National Health and Hygiene Strategy for the Water Sector

Stakeholder interactions:

- 04 February – Progress meeting with Ngaka Machete
- 10 February – Internal CSIR team meeting to plan for De Hoop Dam case study
- 10 February – Contribute to meeting on Appropriate Technology project
- 10 February – Meeting with Jaap Kroon to discuss the De Hoop Dam project
- 12 February – Attend the Masibambane Supporters Club workshop
- 12 February – Internal CSIR meeting on the Cross-cutting project
- 13 February – Attend the Masibambane Coordinators Club workshop
- 20 February – Participate in the Water Sector HIV and AIDS Core Group meeting
- 25 February – CSIR/DWAF Cross-cutting project contract meetings
- 27 February – Interview with Western Cape Masibambane co-ordinator

The way ahead:

Inputs now required from DWAF and other stakeholders.

1. Confirmation from Department of Health on the work that can be undertaken to contribute to the National Health and Hygiene strategy for the Water Sector
2. Review the Department of Health's Environmental Health document to support Environmental Impact Assessment

Indication of the work proposed for March:

1. Complete the construction guidelines
2. Continue interviews with regional champions and write-up the findings in a report to DWAF Head Office
3. Contract Busi Radebe to prepare an addendum on HIV and AIDS to the National Health and Hygiene Strategy for the Water Sector
4. Contribute to the De Hoop Dam Integrated Case Study report
5. Complete HIV and AIDS document input into the DWAF Policy database

6. Develop a lesson sharing report on HIV and AIDS based on the De Hoop Dam, Willow Park, Evaton and Vryheid WASH projects

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Key activities and deliverables March 2009: DWAF – HIV and AIDS

Summary:

As March 2009 is the end of the financial year, the focus of attention was on completing all deliverables for DWAF. The greatest attention was spent on writing reports. This was supported by continued interviews with the regional champions.

Deliverables for March comprised:

1. Report: Guidance on addressing HIV and AIDS in the construction of water and sanitation projects
2. Report: Addressing HIV and AIDS in the water sector: Learning from project lessons
3. Report: Regional response to mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the water sector in South Africa: Opportunities and Challenges
4. Informational handout: HIV and AIDS in the Water Sector
5. Policy database: Inclusion of relevant HIV and AIDS documents in the DWAF policy database

Stakeholder interactions:

04 March – Interview with Limpopo regional office on HIV and AIDS work
05 March – Interview with Gauteng regional office on HIV and AIDS work
10 March – Interview with KwaZulu-Natal office on HIV and AIDS work
13 March – Interview with North West regional office on HIV and AIDS work

The way ahead:

Inputs now required from DWAF and other stakeholders.

1. Letter from DWAF confirming the continuation of the contract into the next financial year
2. Planning inputs on DWAF's strategic plans for the next financial year

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

To be decided at the end of March 2009 based on a new contract with DWAF

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