

	Water Affairs and Forestry		 DANIDA	
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<b>INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS</b>				

## CROCODILE WEST MARICO IWRM REPORT

25 AUGUST – 17 OCTOBER 2008

Progress Report No 6	Reporting Period		
	From	1 September 2008	To 17 October 2008
<b>Immediate Objective One</b>	<u>Immediate Objective 1 – Building-up stakeholder commitment:</u> Stakeholders in three catchment areas, in particular previous disadvantaged persons and local governments, capacitated (empowered) and participating fully in management of water resources.		
<b>Output 1.1.</b>	Stakeholder Capacity Public participation in target CMAs enhanced through improved access to information and stakeholder capacity focussing on local governments, water user associations and communities, especially targeting previously disadvantaged persons and women.		
<b>Activity 1.1.1.</b>	Capacitate marginalised communities in IWRM issues		
<b>Activities Undertaken during this period</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 14 selected projects attended a workshop (inception phase) where they signed contracts on 3 September. The workshop was facilitated by Vendzulu with the support of DWAF.</li> <li>2. Prior to that, SNW was invited to attend a meeting where budgets for different service providers (involved in the IWRM programme) were discussed. A presentation was made</li> </ol>		

by Vendzulu.

3. Three search mobile phones were issued for projects focusing on CHCs. The phones will be used to enter information during surveys undertaken by all three projects. They were given to projects after the inception phase and will be returned to Africa Ahead as soon as the project is over.
4. Projects have begun with the implementation phase, and attended a workshop where they were shown how to compile work plans on 15 -16 September. The workshop was facilitated by SANGOCO.
5. On 16 September during the work plan workshop, an hour was dedicated to show projects how to access their emails. A template was developed by SANGOCO (see attached), and each project was taken through the different steps. 14 email accounts were also activated for each project, and will be hosted under the sangoconorthwest domain.
6. A profile template was developed by SNW for projects to fill in, and to ease access to information from our side.
7. Information related to the IWRM project has been posted on the SANGOCO North West website, and profiles and photos were uploaded and can be downloaded from the website.
8. SNW was invited by DWAF to attend the Best Practice Workshop, and a presentation was made on the project's status report (from May to August). The aim of the workshop was to reflect on possibilities of a use of 'correct' technologies by organisations such as; rain water harvesting, tanks, water pipes, ramp pipes, etc.
9. SNW was invited to attend the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS) Working Group – Agriculture and Agribusiness, and they have agreed to provide a slot for SNW at their next meeting to make a presentation on IWRM projects.

10. SNW also had a chance to attend the National Small Business Advisory Council (NSBAC) in Mafikeng. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a platform for SMMEs and other stakeholders to raise issues that affect their access to getting assistance, financial and non financial, to start and grow their businesses.
11. A workshop was held in Malawi from 16 to 18 September, the workshop provided cross fertilisation between the projects and was an opportunity for participants to share regional experience regarding implementation of IWRM Community-Based Projects such as community mobilisation and monitoring, IWRM indicators an up scaling.
12. SNW had the opportunity to attend a Civil Society meeting with the Director General of DWAF in Johannesburg. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a platform for CSOs to raise issues of concern within the water sector, including DWAF. It was agreed that quarterly meetings would be held with the DG, and matters that were raised would be attended to.
13. The SNW team had to redraft all projects' objectives, and activities to be more in line with water (see attached reworked objectives per organisation).
14. Projects have submitted their work plans for their month of activities, with claims, reports, timesheets, minutes, and other requisitions. SNW has gone through all submitted documents, and thoroughly examined each work plan that was received. We have been able to check and reconcile all documents. It was however realised that not all projects understood what was expected of them, and were still not able to correctly fill in the different templates that were given to them.
15. It was agreed that the SNW team should conduct site visits (from 09 to 15 October) in order to see the progress made by projects, and also to understand the frustrations faced by the different organisations. The site visits were also an opportunity to rectify the mistakes made on the work plans, budgets, and all requisitions previously submitted

	<p>by the projects. Observations made from the site visits indicated that projects were motivated to carry out their tasks, but did not possess some of the organisational skills necessary to complete some of those tasks. 13 out of 14 projects have successfully started with the implementation, but there is a concern with regards to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Document compliance</li><li>- Commitment compliance</li><li>- Conducting meetings</li><li>- Submitting reports</li><li>- Land ownership</li><li>- Marketing opportunities for all projects</li><li>- Municipal buy-in</li></ul>
<p><b>Planned Activities for Next Period 18 October - November</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Field visits will be undertaken in November, and are to be done on a monthly basis.</li><li>2. An evaluation tool will be developed by SANGOCO.</li><li>3. Engagement with stakeholders will take place, we have managed to liaise with Rustenburg Municipality, and we also need to prepare for the presentation to be done at the PGDS upcoming meeting (as agreed in the previous meeting).</li><li>4. Profiles of all 14 projects must be finalised in November based on the reworked objectives.</li><li>5. SANGOCO wishes to conduct a workshop on conflict resolution, to help organisations deal with issues that might arise throughout the duration of the IWRM project.</li><li>6. The PHAST workshop was planned for October but has not taken place yet; we need to confirm with Africa Ahead what the next step will be.</li></ol>