

**Implementation Protocol of the Greater Taung Local Municipality  
Rainwater Harvesting Project**

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Whereas the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 guarantees all citizens the right to dignity, food, water and social assistance, and

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Whereas the Inter-governmental Relations Framework Act 13 of 2005 requires that where the provision of a service depends on the participation of organs of state in different governments, these organs of state must co-ordinate their actions in such a manner as may be appropriate or required in the circumstances, may do so by entering into an implementation protocol which will materially assist the organs of state participating in the provision of a service in a specific area to co-ordinate their actions in that area, and

Whereas it is the objective of the Social Cluster of the Government Programme of Action through the War on Poverty strategy to improve household food security, using the Household Food Production Programme to improve food security in the most food insecure and vulnerable communities; and

Whereas the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, Northwest District Office has initiated the implementation of the Greater Taung Local Municipality Rainwater Harvesting Project in terms of the Water for Growth and Development programme:

Therefore, it is agreed that the institutions of state and civil society organisations listed below will enter into an Implementation Protocol in order to co-operate with one another and provide mutual support in the implementation of the Greater Taung Local Municipality Rainwater Harvesting pilot project.

### **The institutions forming part of this Implementation Protocol**

- Office of the Premier of the Northwest Province
- Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF)
- Department of Agriculture, Conservation and the Environment (NW)
- Department of Land Affairs (NW)
- Department of Social Development (NW)
- Department of Education (NW)
- Department of Health (NW)
- Department of Provincial & Local Government and Housing (NW)
- Department of Labour (NW)
- Department of Public Works (NW)
- Department of Transport (NW)
- Dr Segomotsi Ruth Mompoti District Municipality
- Greater Taung Local Municipality
- Traditional Authority (name – Torrence to provide)
- South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
- Civil Society Organisations

### **Objectives of the Greater Taung Rainwater Harvesting pilot project**

The project has the following key objectives

- To facilitate processes with key stakeholders such as national, provincial and local government, and civil society organizations that will ensure collaborative relations, buy-in and support of the RWH project in the selected implementation site
- To facilitate processes within the target community that will create awareness of and interest in the objectives of the RWH project, including training with particular

emphasis on household food security initiatives

- To develop procedures and implement frameworks for the selection of households that will benefit from the provision of rainwater harvesting tanks.
- To facilitate, provide training and supervise the construction of 50 RWH tanks in the target community
- To provide mentoring support to beneficiary households in household food production, institutional food production, stock watering and the appropriate use of the RWH tanks.

### **Challenges facing implementation**

- Equitable access and allocation of water for sustainable economic growth, social and environmental sustainability
- Poverty alleviation with specific focus on food scarcity
- Understanding of the economic value of water by users and some decision makers
- Equitable distribution of available resources in the target communities
- Fair and transparent processes in the selection of beneficiary households

### **Roles and responsibilities of participating institutions**

- Office of the Premier of the Northwest Province
  - Oversight of participating institutions adhering to the terms and conditions of the implementation protocol
  - Reporting to the Office of the Premier of the Northwest and Office of the State President
  - Monitoring and evaluation of this implementation protocol
- Department of Water affairs and Forestry (DWAF)
  - Implementation of the Greater Taung Rainwater Harvesting Project through the Mvula Trust, its appointed Implementing Agent
  - Funding of the Greater Taung Rainwater Harvesting Project
  - Convene regular progress reporting and information (lessons) sharing meetings
  - Hands-on monitoring and evaluation of the project progress

- Department of Agriculture, Conservation and the Environment (NW)
  - Food security skills support through extension services including monitoring and after-care support
  - Direct support to beneficiary households through the provision of seeds and seedlings
- Department of Land Affairs (NW)
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- Department of Social Development (NW)
  - Support with developing criteria and the selection of beneficiary households
  - Support with sustainable households livelihoods strategies and education
- Department of Education (NW)
  - Provision of relevant information materials specific to food security interventions
  - Promotion and advocacy of the project through relevant messages at local schools through educators and learners
- Department of Health (NW)
  - Health and hygiene education including HIV/AIDS awareness
  - Nutrition education
- Department of Provincial & Local Government and Housing (NW)
  - Encouragement and support to Dr Segomotsi Ruth Mompoti District Municipality and Greater Taung Local Municipality during the implementation of this project
- Department of Labour (NW)
  - Supporting training interventions
- Department of Public Works (NW)
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- Department of Transport (NW)
  - Provision of fencing at each beneficiary household to ensure the protection of the rainwater tanks
- Dr Segomotsi Ruth Mompoti District Municipality

- Support to Greater Taung Local Municipality and oversight of local level project implementation
- Support to DWAF with matters of project governance during implementation
- Greater Taung Local Municipality
  - Create an environment that is conducive to the successful implementation of the project
  - Ensure participation of Ward Councillors and Community Development Workers
  - Ensure collaboration with DWAF and its Implementation Agent during project implementation
  - Encourage beneficiary households to maintain sustainable household livelihoods practices through Community Development Workers
- Traditional Authority (name – Torrence to provide)
  - Create an environment that is conducive to the successful implementation of the project
  - Close collaboration with DWAF and its Implementing Agent
- South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
  - Provide support to local government structures
  - Information sharing in relation to similar integrated approaches to project implementation
- Civil Society Organisations
  - Provide support to local NGOs and CBOs regarding the objectives of the project
  - Provide insight into the selection of beneficiary households
- Cross cutting responsibilities
  - This implementation protocol furthermore recognizes the responsibility of all participating stakeholder institutions to uphold the developmental tenets in relation to Gender, Youth, Disability, HIV/AIDS and poverty alleviation.
- Primary responsibilities of beneficiary households
  - This implementation protocol acknowledges that the primary responsibility for the sustainability of this intervention after the

successful implementation of this project, lies with each of the beneficiary household who have to ensure:

- The maintenance of the rain water harvesting system
- The safe operation of the rain water harvesting system
- The appropriate use of the collected water
- Ongoing food security activities

### **Outcomes of the Implementation Protocol**

- Food insecure households have engaged in food production activities
- Skills transfer to beneficiary participants in building construction (20 persons) and food production (75 households)
- Knowledge transfer in beneficiary communities on household livelihoods strategies, health & hygiene education, HIV/AIDS awareness and nutrition education
- Construction of 60 rainwater harvesting tanks
- Ongoing use of rainwater harvesting tanks for household food production
- Participating institutions have benefited from this collaboration
- A model for integrated development has been achieved that can be replicated in similar scenarios
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### **Dispute resolution**

In matters specific to this implementation protocol:

- Where a dispute arises the parties should attempt to resolve the matter between them by themselves
- In the event of failure to resolve the matter the Office of the Premier of the Northwest Province will seek to mediate in the matter through a process of consultation and discussion
- Where the matter has not been resolved through mediation, the matter will be brought to a plenary session of the participating institution where a consensus decision will be sought to resolve the matter.

**Oversight and duration**

This Implementation protocol will be overseen by the Province of the Premier of the Northwest Province?? and will be effective for the period 01 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

**Signatory**

I/We hereby commit to adhere to the provisions of this Implementation Protocol

Institution:.....

Name:..... Capacity:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....