

ANNEXURE 12: QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

*NB: The questions posed are shown in **bold**. The responses are tabulated below each question.*

Responses to English questionnaire

To be updated

Question 1

How much do you rely on natural resources for your livelihood?

	#	%
Not at all	5	15%
Some	8	24%
A lot	20	61%

Additional responses submitted

- Industrial Development
- Mining Sector
- Sugar Cane Farming
- Timber Industry
- Tourism and Recreation
- Mondi – main raw material is renewable plantation fibre
- Employed by Provincial Conservation organisation – entirely dependant
- I depend on the relative peace and quiet, the open spaces, water and clean air for my well-being
- Richards Bay offers little in the way of cultural activities, but offers open spaces
- Clean air, water and healthy fauna
- Good quality water resources
- Clean air
- Green open spaces enhance the freshness of the air. Polluted air will be used by trees and vegetation
- A lot of my work is based on land use evaluation for the Environmental Impact Assessments. The rest is on rehabilitation of rural and agricultural development, including the propagation of indigenous decorative and medicinal plants.
- A lot of my recreational activities centre around birding and dendrology.
- Poor air quality affects asthma, odours such as those emitted by some industries not only continue to discomfort in terms of smell but also sleep patterns are also affected.
- I do a lot of fishing and the fish caught is used for my own consumption
- I really rely on natural resources for my living, for the future of my kids in terms of air quality and for recreation purposes: clean water and beautiful lakes etc.
- It is important to preserve our natural resources such as our wetlands and natural bush habitat as Mzingazi Lake is dependant on underground water which is the source of drinking water for the entire population of City of uMhlatuze and beyond.
- Beaches and National Game Reserves
- Angling, water for drinking, washing, swimming pool, etc.
- The Port's mere existence is reliant on natural resources (good water and air quality). Proximity of the Port in respect of hinterland resources is close to ideal. Direct and indirectly related commercial businesses have evolved in the greater Richards Bay area since the Port was built.
- We like to go to the Hluhluwe Nature Reserve a lot and we visit places like St Lucia and Cape Vidal. We also like to braai at the beach.
- I have worked in the Port since 1984 and have witnessed the total degradation in many area that should have been protected. Expansion around RBCT and Island View Storage have been of great concern to me.
- Recreational fishing.
- Require water to sustain my vegetables/fruits in my garden which I use on a daily basis.

- We are fully dependent on all of them, e.g. air that we breathe, water, animal species, plant life, etc.
- Water for everyday use.
- Being involved in outdoor activities is very important to me as well as to the family structure to ensure children are involved in physical activities and thus appreciate the natural beauty of our surroundings.
- Working as an Agent in the Port so export of natural resources are important as my job relies on it.
- Bell Equipment relies on mainly processed natural resources such as steel, rubber and oil in the manufacturing process. Although these natural resources are not mined or found / processed in Richards Bay, in some was destruction of our local environment would impact on our business in the long term.
- Who could do without the sea, the sun, the land mass and the fresh air? A bit of a silly question

Summary

It is clear that the majority of the people who participated in this questionnaire seem to rely significantly on natural resources for their livelihood. Some of the occupations mentioned were: agriculture, timber, mining and conservation. Another important factor is the Lake Mzingazi provides drinking water for the City of uMhlatuze and is a resource that must be protected at all costs.

People also place a high value on natural resources for their lifestyle, whether it be for recreational purposes (such as fishing, birding and dendrology), enjoyment of the wildlife and landscape, as well as direct sustenance – catching fish for food.

Question 2

Which natural resources are important to you and what would you like to see preserved / maintained? (eg: open spaces, air quality, areas around the port and IDZ, flora and fauna areas / breeding grounds etc)

Responses

- A balance of all aspects ensuring sustainability of the resources
- Open spaces between housing and industry
- Open areas in Port and IDZ
- Aquatic areas (Streams, pans, wetlands)
- Grasslands and forests
- Water resources – reduce water consumption, provide buffer zones, reduce groundwater pollution through sanitation supply
- Air Quality – reduce air pollution from existing and planned industry
- Identify land for port and industrial expansion through SDF, LUMS & EMF
- Preserve open spaces for ecological linkages
- Open spaces and air quality are very important
- Water quality in the local rivers and harbour is very important
- Open spaces, air quality, flora and fauna areas, breeding grounds are very important
- Open spaces are relatively common in RCB and it is considered essential that a significant portion of these should be preserved. I was involved with the MOSS report compiled by John Laing in the 1990's and this identified areas to be conserved. The City has compiled an Environmental Services Management Plan that identifies areas to be conserved and managed. (See Map attached). The City must keep to this plan and conserve open spaces. The area has lost huge tracts of ecologically important and aquatic habitats, wetlands, mesic habitats etc with the development of the harbour and the city, most of what remains should now be conserved.
- Open spaces is one facility Richards Bay offers. The bad crime situation will be overcome and hence this must not be used as an excuse to destroy green areas.
- Air quality is not negotiable; it must be maintained at a good quality. It is not NICE TO HAVE! The heavy industries in the area have resulted in air quality being rather poor, hence any new industries must only be established if they will not add to the air quality problem. Placing them outside the immediate uMhlatuze area will assist.
- If one preserves open spaces, surely one will also preserve breeding areas, flora and fauna.

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- The city should grow into a mega-city should the port obtain container terminals and this development will then spread into the surrounding areas which means that the green areas can be preserved. I.e: the development does not have to be concentrated into a tiny area.
 - The polluting industrial development in East Germany, parts of Russia, etc have shown how important it is to manage the environment and develop intelligently.
 - Water Quality
 - Cleaner Air – the toxic particles in the air are really bad. Notice the plants near Foskor (dead).
 - Flora and Fauna – people living in green belt areas should be moved to formal living areas.
 - Safe open spaces
 - Air quality – Industries to be regulated
 - Indigenous flora and fauna to be maintained
 - Open access to natural areas
 - Air quality
 - No littering / pollution of the environment and water
 - Open spaces are the lungs of the city
 - Breeding grounds – encourage the ecosystem
 - Flora and fauna – increase the ecological heritage
 - Open spaces
 - Flora and fauna areas
 - Breeding grounds
 - Wetlands conservation is a must in terms of water resources
 - Improving air quality standards and setting overall industrial emissions cap, including those blown out to sea to limit anthropogenic influences on sea bio diversity.
 - Protecting of environmentally sensitive areas by ensuring that such areas are not isolated by development. As the isolation of the area ultimately leads to the development of the area.
 - Marine life should be protected against pollution
 - Natural vegetation should be protected
 - Dune rehabilitation should be undertaken
 - Air quality
 - Trees: air is needed as a source of living, if we have polluted air we will be destroying a healthy environment for ourselves and future generations and that is not sustainable development. I would like to see trees being preserved because Richards Bay as an industrial area with a number of companies who emit particular matter, some of the particulate matter gets caught on a tree before it reaches the residential areas.
 - I do a lot of fishing, the fish caught is for my own consumption
 - Air quality is important to monitor/comply with threshold limits as determined by the act for good quality of health.
 - The area around the port should be properly controlled with regards to pollution going into the sea and wetlands, to the natural flora and fauna and bird life. A good example of this is the Foskor gypsum dam which will probably be in the way for future expansions of the port.
 - The balance of nature will ensure that all ecological systems are in stable equilibrium and ensure a better future for all.
 - Alkantstrand and Greenbelts.
 - Open spaces, access to fishing areas and recreation i.e. beaches, air quality and there is a perceived high occurrence of illness in Richards Bay, sinus, cancer, etc.
 - Availability of potable water is essential for sustainable livelihood. Clean unpolluted air for a healthy and safe work and living environment. Preservation of Eco-sensitive areas in the immediate vicinity of the Port.
 - We should preserve the nature reserves and we should maintain healthy air to breath. We should reserve our fauna and flora because we need as much trees and plants as we can to preserve the oxygen levels in our air. Our mangroves must be preserved because it sustains a lot of resources that we need. We need to see that the air that employees breath in are clean and I think it is therefore vital that open space storage should be stopped because fine particles harm the lungs and sinuses of those breathing it everyday. Some of the storage areas are very near to the office buildings and I think it is dangerous in the long run to take this into your lungs everyday. We should also preserve our water supply. We should plan ahead and more should be done faster to help the people in our country to all have access to fresh water and within a short

distance of the source. It is unacceptable that there are still people that have to travel long distances to fetch water and it usually befalls the women to do the fetching. I have seen women in their 70's having to push a wheelbarrow to get water to her dwelling. Unacceptable!

- Areas around the Port and IDZ Flora and fauna, breeding grounds, huge areas of pollution and disturbance. Encroaching into the dune forest, ripping out vegetation, construction of huge commercial camp virtually on the beach and much more.
- Open space to allow people to visit the waters edge, Naval Island, Pelican Island, etc. establishment of factories should only be on the North East to South West direction away from residential areas' i.e. RBCT dust is blown to Meerensee, FOSKOR smells to Aboretum, etc. The NE to SW direction crossing residential should be kept open. Thulathlasela pan should be filled up, it is polluted and should be an industrial area.
- Flora and fauna areas most definitely! A natural environment is good for health. Air quality needs to improve. It causes too much sickness.
- Everything that God created.
- All of them must be preserved, but the most important to me are air quality and flora and fauna.
- Good quality air, open spaces and flora and fauna.
- Open spaces – preserve these for future generations. Air quality – I am sick and tired of having to spend thousands of my hard earned cash on sinus tablets.
- From a business point of view, the harbour could be an import export point for Bell Equipment and therefore the harbour and it's surrounds should be preserved in a responsible manner.
- Air quality is a critical factor and affects not only people / other living organisms that exist here, but also affects our business ability to attract people to our organisation here in Richards Bay.
- Pleasant natural surroundings, bush and open areas, beaches and parks are also important de-stressing places to have for local residents and visitors alike.
- Birders are attracted to our area due to the abundance of birdlife so nothing should be such that it would impact on these feathered friends of ours.
- Open spaces, air quality, flora and fauna are all very important in one's livelihood and these must be retained especially around an industrial Port such as Richards Bay.
- The balance of nature will ensure that all ecological systems are in stable equilibrium and ensure a better future for all.

Summary

It is evident that people wish to preserve existing "green areas" and open spaces which act as buffer zones between residents and industrial zones. The general response indicates how important clean air is for health and wellbeing for the inhabitants of Richards Bay. It is also imperative that the flora, fauna and ecological heritage is preserved, as the biodiversity of the area has dwindled considerably and is under constant threat of being eradicated. People are concerned about pollutants affecting the water and the environment as there are people who enjoy the wildlife and birdlife as well as people who catch fish for consumption.

Question 3

How important is the development of Richards Bay Port and the IDZ to you?

	#	%
Not at all	1	3%
Some	4	12%
A lot	28	85%

Additional responses submitted

- Richards Bay Must have a world class infrastructure to remain competitive as an industrial hub
- It will give a major injection to the Richards Bay and KZN economy.
- Major catalyst and very important infrastructure. It must happen ASAP
- Need economic development for SA and job creation locally
- IDZ can be planned to minimize environmental impacts
- It is very important to give growth to the economy of Richards Bay and it will enhance career development for our future generations

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- It will create much needed jobs
 - Development often leads to economic opportunities
 - Development also leads to a large rates base therefore in theory my rates should decrease
 - It will create sustainable and decent jobs. Environmental issues will be considered so that accumulative affects can and will be easily understood.
 - Would not like development to damage the environment
 - Prior to the planting of eucalyptus and sugar plantations the Fernwood Soil Form Maputa Series Soils supported pristine Lala Palm Savannah, interspersed with extensive wetlands and climax riverine forest. It is important that where possible, these conditions be re established.
 - The more improved and the greater the Port capacity, the more industries will be attracted
 - It would be in Richards Bay best interests to increase Economical growth
 - The port and to a lesser extent the IDZ, are important as catalysts to economic growth in the area. Without the port, Richards Bay would be a quiet village today. The port should grow hugely and this will result in the city ultimately achieving mega status. The IDZ will assist, but it is not the driver. This driver will be the deepwater port attracting the container terminals (and other terminals) handling all of the KZN and most of the Gauteng containers when Durban has reached its maximum development.
 - This is important in terms of increasing the economy and wealth of the area in which I live, but I don't rely on it for my personal business.
 - The economic growth of the town is dependant on the growth and development and its facilities.
 - The Port is also an important facility that could service import and export from the greater Gauteng area. A container terminal and passenger terminal is essential to pick up the overflow from Durban Harbour etc.
 - The future of all residents of Richards Bay depends on future progress in our area.
 - Economic Growth, Employment, Sustainability, International Trade.
 - Livelihood and for the development of the country as a whole, especially job creation. We should be adding value to commodities and try to export less raw material.
 - Responsible development is critical for the area. A balance must be struck between eco-tourism and industrial development. Failure to do that will eventually result in irreversible damage. It is not too late to correct mistakes that may already have been made.
 - One should be very careful when it comes to development. There are pros and cons. We need development because it is good for the economy and it provides much needed jobs but we don't need it at all costs. We should get a healthy balance. Development should be done in areas where the impact on the environment is limited. Crucial areas like mangroves and forests and nature reserves should be avoided at all costs.
 - The economical benefits for the successful development of RSA can only happen at the current ports of entry / exit. Without developments, NO jobs, no exports, no imports. Rather develop the existing Ports than to destroy other new areas. The Port planning for Richards Bay is well managed and all interests are accommodated. Port planning achieved a good balance between all aspects.
 - I work in the Port along with thousands of others. The environment needs to be free from external substances because there is a lot of illness caused by it. A clean, attractive environment is a healthy environment.
 - To turn it into a First World City.
 - This will assist in improving the quality of life, however, not at the expense of environment. Basically, we need to strike the balance.
 - Job creation.
 - Industry cannot remain stagnant, therefore development of Richards Bay Port is a necessity. However the environmental impact must be closely looked at and development must expand outwards away from place of residence.
 - It creates future job opportunities and supplies work to us as agents as exports will increase.
 - Bell will come to rely on the port as an important export channel in the future. We will require an efficient container handling facility, RORO and break bulk equipped, with ancillary infrastructure, suitable roads for easy ingress and egress of heavy road transport. Of course water and adequate power is a given.

- Obviously development is very important which creates much needed jobs and the economy cannot expand without development. The IDZ is a joke. For fourteen years we have been led to believe that the IDZ will be the biggest thing that has happened to Richards Bay.
- The development of the Port and the IDZ will encourage international export competitiveness through tax and duty-free incentives, world class infrastructure (including SA's largest/busiest deep-water port), and competitive input costs (specifically electricity and water).

Summary

The development of the Port and IDZ is of great importance to the people of Richards Bay. One of the most significant issues to arise from this study is that people are very eager to see an increase in jobs to sustain the community and to grow the economy. It was also noted that people feel quite strongly that the harbour/port could be established in such a way that would raise the status of Richards Bay and make it a major role player in terms of trade and shipping. What is equally important however is that the port and IDZ is developed in a responsible manner, in other words, environmental impacts must be minimal.

Question 4

The aspects listed below are considered important and may have to be "traded off" against each other. Please rate each these aspects in order of importance for you. Place a tick in the box that shows the rating you give to that aspect.

Responses

Aspect	Very important		Important		Not important	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Low rate increases	10	30%	19	58%	3	9%
More industry	9	27%	20	61%	4	12%
More open space	7	21%	21	64%	5	15%
More jobs	22	67%	11	33%	1	3%
Access to water bodies	23	70%	8	24%	2	6%
Reduced pollution	29	88%	4	12%		0%

n= 33

Summary

In order of importance:

5. Access to water bodies and reduced pollution are rated as of the highest importance
6. More jobs and more industry are important
7. Keeping rates low is important
8. Maintaining / creating open spaces has importance

Question 5

Any other comments / concerns?

- The loss of biodiversity in the area is of great concern, due to various developments. Richards Bay can't continually offer "trade-off", as the area is RAPIDLY running out of areas to "trade-off".
- Richards Bay itself is reaching spatial capacity. Further residential and commercial development will probably be immediately west of Empangeni, centred around the proposed Waterstone Development.
- Open spaces as far as former apartheid buffer zones are of limited importance but riparian and wetland zones are important. Also increasing the urban density does not necessarily imply that the urban foot print needs to be increased
- As a Councillor at Richards Bay, it has always been my concern that the road infrastructure National, Provincial and local, does not coincide with the Port Development plans. In fact it is totally inadequate for the traffic demand. Historically in and out loads to the Port area has damaged and

broken up local roads. The suggestion is that loads to the Port area has damaged and broken up local roads. The suggestion is that a special roads levy should be introduced through Port for abnormal load trucks.

- The whole issue about service delivery in a small craft harbour and the responsibility like refuse removal and traffic control should be addressed. Closer co-operation between the City of uMhlathuze (Councillors and officials), the Chamber of Business and the IDZ board should be promoted. In fact a structured committee representing members of these bodies should be formed to fast track development.
- Increase in heavy industry also reduces power surely, I'm not condemning increased industrialization however Richards Bay is extremely windy, therefore wind turbine farms is a valid and feasible means of sustaining development by supplementing the grid.
- Groundwater pollution and recharge is of concern as Richards Bay is notorious for its high water table and poor soil.
- With the development, existing recreational activities should be protected, as well as the areas where they are practised.
- I don't believe we need more open space, but those which is left and worthy of conservation and necessary to maintain a "sense of place", should be conserved. Access to water bodies should be readily available to ratepayers and all of these important waterfront properties must not be allowed to be intensely developed by private developers and the public excluded because the developer is catering for the exclusive use by a few moneyed individuals. A balance needs to be kept.
- Access to Lake Mzingazi has to be well managed as it should be a conserved area and the water quality not compromised as it is part of the local water source.
- More industry will allow further growth and development. However, only suitable non-polluting industries can be accepted otherwise air quality will deteriorate further, and chase all the skilled persons away.
- If the large cities such as London and New York can keep their open spaces for their residents and visitors, why can't we?
- The EMF should be taking the bigger South Africa picture rather than a snapshot of the Richards Bay area, and how that fits in with the future position of South Africa. South Africa can only develop in infrastructure has been provided to do that and South Africa can only grow if we can enter the economical arena successfully. Developing Richards Bay should take into consideration, the potential of Maputo. The future of South Africa depends on the decisions or recommendations we take now, and our children will benefit from it.
- At the moment there is too much dust pollution around the Port areas as the shift of dusty bulk cargoes from DBT to MPT has not been correctly considered. This is surely having a negative impact on the health of workers within the Port area.

Summary

1. The people of Richards Bay have much concern about the spatial capacity for development in the area as the space is very limited. They do not want to see important wetland/riparian and conservation areas traded off for more industrial development, these spaces are very precious and valuable to the public.
2. The locals have expressed the desire that access to water bodies (eg: Lake Mzingazi) remains open to the public and not just moneyed individuals. Also that these water bodies are well managed and conserved to ensure their longevity and maintaining a clean water table.
3. There is still unease regarding the polluted state of the groundwater table and clean air in Richards Bay. Initiatives to clean these up would clearly be welcomed.
4. People are concerned that the waterfront will be developed privately and they will not have access.
5. The suggestion was also made that the development of wind turbine farms could be highly beneficial in assisting with the large consumption of power used by industry in Richards Bay, as it is a very windy zone.
6. There is concern regarding the road infrastructure in and out of the port and that it is insufficient and that measures need to be introduced to sort out these problems and damage to the roads.
7. The suggestion for closer co-operation between City of uMhlathuze, Chamber of Business and the IDZ board was made in order to manage the harbour, traffic and refuse removal situation.

Responses to isiZulu questionnaire

The questions posed are shown in bold. The responses are tabulated below each question. Several questionnaires reflected identical responses. This is a reflection of the collective approach to providing information rather than an attempt to "load" the analysis of the responses. An individual additional response is recorded only once, even though it may be repeated several times. It should also be noted that in several cases editing has been limited to improving clarity in an attempt to preserve the tone of a response and the way of thinking it conveys.

Question 1

How much do you rely on natural resources for your livelihood?

	#
Not at all	
Some	
A lot	258

Additional responses submitted

- Vegetables are healthy food. By eating vegetables and fruits we may live a healthier life.
- We highly depend on natural resources; we even sell vegetables and fruits to generate income and make a living.
- We highly depend on these vegetables because if you have a family garden of vegetables or fruits, you are able to make a living out of that and you may benefit from living a healthier life. This is also beneficial to the sick within the community.
- We very much depend on agricultural projects because we are able to work especially using our hands.
- The majority of our community is poor therefore we highly depend on agricultural food for living. This form of living is cheaper than buying food from supermarkets. It saves money.
- Vegetables are very important to every human being. This is because I can make a living out of vegetables. This enables me to feed my family.
- There is a high rate of unemployment in the area therefore we highly depend on agricultural food for living. Other forms of making money for some individuals in the community are sculpturing, hunting and creating mats for selling. Because of the high unemployment rate, we depend on this type of food for living; we may even start a business off this type of food and generate income.

Summary

Most respondents revealed a high dependence on natural resources for their livelihood. The majority of individuals within the community are unemployed and depend on agricultural resources. They report the importance their access to natural resources to provide healthy food for everyone, including the sick in the area. This access is also important for income generation as some individuals may sell the food they grow while others start dream of starting businesses selling agricultural produce.

Question 2

Which natural resources are important to you and what would you like to see preserved / maintained?(eg: open spaces, air quality, areas around the port and IDZ, flora and fauna areas / breeding grounds etc)

Responses

- Open spaces in our community are very important, critically important in that they allow children to have more spaces to play and exercise. Good quality air to give us energy to live. Spaces preserved as garden spaces are a priority too as we depend on them to get healthier food without paying for it.
- There are certain areas which are of great importance to us within the community; these are areas like iCubhu which we use for drinking water and growing vegetables. We would not like this area disturbed.

- We would like the community to be provided with space to practice agriculture or planting of vegetables and also be provided seeds in order that the poor individuals may also benefit and can make a living. We would be grateful if we can have a place near a water resource. That would be an advantage as a lot of water would be saved.
- The most important vegetables are those that are very helpful to people and that enable them to live a healthier life.
- Our favourite and important agricultural products are vegetables such as: sweet potatoes; madumbes; cabbages; spinach; green peppers; beans; mealies; nuts; onions; potatoes; carrots; tomatoes; lettuces; brinjal; butternuts; peas and fruits. We even depend on these agricultural foods to send our children to school and higher education facilities (University). The abovementioned agricultural foods would require very fertile ground.
- The following are also important to us:
 - Type of grass that is used to make Zulu mats and brooms
 - Palm trees – for the creation of Zulu brooms
 - Fish – that we are able to eat and are also able to sell them to make a living
 - Fruits for eating and selling
 - Planting of trees – these are also useful to us
 - Avocados – for food and selling
 - Tree planting – we can make furniture out of that
 - Gum tree planting - we can make money out of that.
- We would also like to see our roads being upgraded so that taxis may use routes leading to our homes. We would also like to see social facilities such as clinics being developed and to see housing development in the area to cater for community people. These facilities at present get overcrowded as a result we become victims of criminals in the area because we leave very late to go home from these facilities.
- We would like to see areas preserved for agricultural activities. The majority in the community are unemployed and would be grateful being involved in agricultural activities.

Summary

The responses reveal specific issues which are of critical importance to the respondents and their desire for them to be addressed and opportunities developed. The agricultural products mentioned and the desire to cultivate these can be regarded as a wish list. However the specificity of the list seems to indicate not only a clear idea of their nutritional value but also some experience in their cultivation.

The social amenities mentioned, which at first appear to be outside the scope of an EMF, also indicate a clear conception of the integrated nature of any consideration of sustainability. For example road upgrades are not just an added convenience but also facilitate trade and access to employment.

The request for the preservation of land for agricultural purposes is in sharp contrast to the perceived job creation benefits of any industrial development in the study area.

Question 3

How important is the development of Richards Bay Port and the IDZ to you?

	#
Not at all	
Some	
A lot	252

Additional responses submitted

- The development is very important to us especially since the majority of our youth are unemployed. Should there be no development the result could be detrimental as it could lead to our youth practicing deviant/criminal activities.
- The development is very important because the community has many needs.

- It's very important because the development of the Mhlathuze River will lead to the development of the area as a whole.
- We appreciate the development. We need the development of social facilities within the area and other things to benefit community people. It is critical as some people are so disadvantaged that they do not have shelter. We would also like to see housing development in the area to cater for community people.
- It is very important and as a result we would be able to make a living. Crime levels would also decrease as a result.
- It is very important because people's needs and expectations will be met. It will also allow job creation for people within the area.
- It is very important for job creation / employment opportunities in the community thus fostering local economic growth and people living better lives.
- The Mhlathuze River is very important as it provides us with water. The development of the community is very important. The request is for assistance in providing us with seeds to plant and other things that may benefit the community.
- A large percentage of people are unemployed and depend on wood sculpting, hunting and creating mats for selling as a means of living. The development may offer employment opportunities thus reducing a large percentage of poverty in the area. The development would also enable people to have water and electricity. The development also has the potential to reduce the crime rate in the community.
- We are grateful for the development. Some families in the community are disadvantaged by having to provide for children who have no guardians. Such development might assist those disadvantaged individuals to have a better living.
- We appreciate the development and we take the proposal seriously because community people are good at working with their hands. We would be grateful to see our area being developed.
- The development is very important. These following are important to us as the community:
 - Clean water supply
 - Road upgrades
 - Creating of social facilities such as clinics
 - Security - Crime reducing in the community.
- We appreciate the development. We do not have a clinic in our area at Mkhobosa, we have dirt roads, and we do not have proper tarred roads in this area. We do not have proper transportation facilities and taxis do not use dirt roads, as a result we have to travel long distances to get transport because roads are not in a good condition to drive on. We do not have community halls. We experience problems when it is raining and have to hold meetings under the tree.

Summary

The responses appear to indicate a desperate desire for a clear path out of poverty and its consequences. The apparent contradiction between the desires for crop cultivation opportunities and formal employment is resolved if the opportunities for cultivation are seen as bottom-line safety net type responses ("I can stave off starvation if I can cultivate a food crop") while formal employment is seen as a longer term means of ensuring family security ("If I have steady full-time employment as a result of increased job creation my family won't starve").

The responses also indicate that there is some confusion over the purpose and status of the consultation. Although the role and function of the EMF was carefully explained to the leadership who were responsible for the distribution of the questionnaire it is clear that many respondents believed that future development was imminent.

Question 4

The aspects listed below are considered important and may have to be "traded off" against each other. Please rate each these aspects in order of importance for you. Place a tick in the box that shows the rating you give to that aspect.

Responses

Aspect	Very important	%	Important	%	Not important	%
Low rate increases	135	52%	29	11%	58	22%
More industry	214	83%	46	18%	3	1%
More open space	201	78%	48	19%	12	5%
More jobs	224	87%	47	18%	6	2%
Access to water bodies	207	80%	29	11%	8	3%
Reduced pollution	138	53%	43	17%	51	20%

n=258

Summary

The table indicates that "More jobs" and its corollary "More industry" are considered important by 87% and 83% respectively. However the trade-off is not as clear as 80% regard access to water bodies and 78% regard more open spaces as important, strengthening the conclusion reached in the summary of responses to Question 3. The willingness to accept higher pollution levels (20% regard "Reduced pollution" as not important) appears to indicate a "jobs at (almost) any price" attitude.

Question 5

Any other comments / concerns?

Respondents raised the need for housing developments, citing the lack of affordable housing stock as the reason for overcrowding and renting of accommodation, which is often in a very poor state.

The issue of a dire need for employment opportunities was repeatedly raised. Employment is seen as the key to support for families (often extended) and providing educational opportunities for children

CONCLUSIONS

In considering the outcomes reported above it become clear that the overwhelming concern expressed by residents if the area is that any future development should:

- Provide employment opportunities; but
- Not compromise access to natural resources.

In our professional opinion the aspect of access to natural resources is crucial as it reflects the baseline of a family unit's sustainable livelihood strategy. Any position contribution to the family unit's livelihood beyond this would be actively pursued. Hence the dual concern of preserving open space and access to water bodies alongside the job-seeking imperative.

Responses to Agriculture questionnaire

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