

The Resident Representative
UNDP
Box 30218
Nairobi.

Dear Sir,

RE: SASOL Foundation Mbusyani Sub-Surface Dam Project: Application to
Global Environment Facility

Enclosed please find our application for funds to implement the Mbusyani
Sub-surface Dam Project.

This project eligibility is based on enabling the Mbusyani community to maintain the productive capacity and biological diversity of their environment. It will address the specific environmental problem of loss of water and thus production from a catchment. Since women are the drawers of water in this harsh semi-arid environment, construction of sub-surface dams will substantially reduce the more than ten kilometres they currently walk to get water. It will draw on the tradition of **mivuko** as sources of water whilst improving the hygiene of the water and thus directly impacting on the general health. It similarly will have an impact on the soil environment for studies in arid and semi-arid lands shows that lack of ground water leads to non-productive soils. Perhaps the most important impact is expected on the productive capacity of the land which will result from releasing labour from drawing water and adopting soil and water conservation technologies.

Sasol Foundation has been involved with this community in a schools approach to development. Our joint programmes have been on training school children in arida nd semi-arid land farming whilst feeding them, providing better school buildings, providing water for schools use and providing health care to school children. In our view, improvement of the community's physical environment, especially improvements which lead to higher production, is critical in the long term. This project seeks to fulfil this need.

We are grateful for any assistance we can get from you.

Yours sincerely,
SASOL Foundation.

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Chairman