

I hope you are Ok since our meeting on Monday. The following are the issues which we considered.

1. Programme challenges

Currently SASOL is facing problems in the project area principally due to competition of labour stemming from other development organizations. ADRA has instituted a food for work programme making feeder roads for 3 days a week and giving 25kg rice, 3kg beans and ½ Kilo Oil per person per month.

GAA (German Agro Action) is actually paying cash (Ksh. 2000-3000) for a project they carry out in the area covering 1-2 months. Further political campaigns for the forthcoming elections have a negative influence on the ongoing projects. The consequence of these actions is that participation in the sand dam programme which the community still sees as their most important development programme is low. Therefore the development is bound to be slower than expected.

It is important to note that SASOL philosophy like MCC focuses on real development and not handouts. Further GoK policy for developments invokes a strong participation from the community to enhance self development and reduce dependency which was created by many development actors in the 70's and 80's.

Options open to SASOL for the project are in the short run.

- (a) Stick to the philosophy of actual development and accept a slower rate of implementation of the project. We expect to achieve about 70% of this years programme.
- (b) Explore ways and means to give food for the sand dam sites when people work for lunch only. When we take option (a) We realize that the programme will take longer than planned and overhead will be slightly increased. This is obvious as we have the same personnel delivering less outputs. However in the long run the community payback is realized. The major option is to work towards an adherence for all the development actors for the participatory policies of GoK. It is our understanding that the NGO coordination Board is working on this issue currently.

2. Purchase of a vehicle

We would like to acquire a field vehicle as our current one is very old and getting uneconomical. Our thinking is to acquire a double cabin pick up. The current going prices for a good used vehicle is around Ksh. 2 million. Kindly check for us the modalities for acquisition and amonisation.

3. Transfer of funds

Our position on the funds is getting quite low and a transfer now would be fine.

4. Receipts

Its Ok that the receipts will be audited at the office an CFGB will receive the Audit report. Any format of the Audit would be fine.

Regards,

Sam.