

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: Sutherland Unemployment Forum

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): Establishment of Hiking Routes in Sutherland in the Hantam – Tanqua – Roggeveld Priority Area

Implementation Partners for This Project:

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): July 1, 2005 – May 31, 2007

Date of Report (month/year):

II. OPENING REMARKS

Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.

This was a very good learning experience for us as project implementers as well, because this is the first time that we have been involve in a project of this nature. We have miss deadlines and we acknowledge that, and we have learnt from the mistakes we made in that regard, however we are sure that these trails will not only offer something alternative to do in Sutherland, but will play a vital role in educating our people about the beauty of nature.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

To increase awareness of the succulent Karoo Hotspot

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

No

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

By taking local school groups on the hikes, and educating them about the nature. A Couple of tourists were also taken on the hikes, because it is guided hikes only, as that present us the ideal opportunity to raise the awareness. At the moment we have informal guides that are from the community that is taking people on these hikes.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

Yes we did, for a very long time we couldn't find somebody familiar with the designing and construction of hiking trails to come and work in Sutherland due to the cold weather conditions. However due to our good working relationship with the then project developer me Daphney Hartney, she was able to assist us in seeking the right individual.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

Please ensure that any project that would be implemented in any municipal area is adopted in the integrated development plan of that municipality. The reason for me saying this is because our hiking trails forms part of the integrated development plan it could now be maintained, and ensure that the trails will exist even though there is no more skep funding left.

Another lesson learnt is that because we are in the Karoo and the people with these kinds of skills are based in bigger cities, you need to ensure that whenever they come for this kind of work there is a manner in place to ensure skills transfer. Dr Schutz not only trained a municipal employee on the maintenance of these hiking trails, he provided him with a manual as well as a reference point

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

- ✚ Maintenance on the trails
- ✚ Continuous marketing of the trails
- ✚ Educating learners of the local area

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes

***Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)

- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend that before any funds are been distributed for any project the Skep project coordinator must obtain proof from the relevant local authority that the particular project that is applying for funds, is indeed adopted in the integrated development plan. That would ensure sustainability for these kinds of initiatives; because it will ultimately mean that the project would continue even though there is no more funding available.

VI. INFORMATION SHARING

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. One way we do this is by making programmatic project documents available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and by marketing these in our newsletter and other communications.

These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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