

# **PRESENTATION**

## **VIEWS FROM THE FIELD PITSIDISULEJANG AND MATHOPESTAD**

### **COUNCILLOR MOKGOPE**

- He was very excited and looking forward to benefits of the research.
- First International visitors to the area of Pitsidisulejang .
- School children and Educators were excited.
- Optimistic that the 40 years of Transport challenges may come to an end.
- He wants the winning design to be piloted in the areas but worry about affordability.

## **KGOSI MAOTWE(CHIEF)**

- He is happy that his deep rural village was identified.
- Happy and was disturbed that the international visitors experienced the transport frustration on their first trip to the village. Two of the buses returned due to bad road condition).
- He wants the project to be piloted in the village.
- He is not sure as to how the project will alleviate poverty in the area.
- Happy that indigenous knowledge was taken serious.

## **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE DIANA DITLHALE**

- Getting recognition as an interpreter from Educated people, Professors etc was unbelievable.
- She hopes her participation will ensure that the needs of elderly people and women will be taken serious.
- Community members thought the international visitors come to introduce some job opportunities for them.

# CONTINUATION

- An eye opener to high School learners who now want to pursue designing as a career.
- Educators are inundated with questions on which subjects to follow for one to pursue designing as a career.
- Community members are looking forward to piloting of the winning prototype in their village

# COUNCILLOR SEMATU

- He felt that the invasion by the designers was a giant step in their rural communities though he is still not sure how the project is going to improve peoples lives.
- The councilors appreciate the fact that they were part of the process from the beginning up till the end.
- The whole process was well organized and the spirit was very high among the designers, community representatives for both villages and the District Municipality officials.
- The councilor's major concern was whether the Mathopestad community will afford whatever mode of non- motorized transport the designers will come up with.

## **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TSETSI MONTSHO**

- She was excited to be elected as the representative of her community.
- Only the minority among the Mathopestad community had concerned about financial remunerations for their participation in the project.
- They viewed the invasion of designers as parts of poverty alleviation project were their expertise will be rewarded but others were happy to render services for free as part of their commitment to their community.
- The learners who were visited at their respective schools were excited to have had discussions with the designers and they were all looking forward to see them in future and they were looking forward to test the prototype that will be provided to them.
- She felt part of the group as she was always consulted and her inputs were acknowledged by the entire group.
- She is of the opinion that the project will improve her community in respect of transportation as it is one of the major problems in their area.

## **KGOSI MATHOPE**

- The tribal chief, applauded the designers visit as he felt that the main aim of their visit was to improve his subject's transportation problems.
- He appreciated the fact that even rural people are been considered for development as it seemed that most attention was given to urban areas.
- The chief was also excited that the tribal authority was informed on time about the designers visit therefore it did not come as a surprise to them as they were all looking forward to the invasion.
- The chief also pledge support to the pending visits and will make sure that in his absence, relevant tribal representative will be tasked to welcome and assist the designers during their stay in Mathopestad.

# **BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

- A great privilege that our District was identified for research purposes.
- Identification of villages was done in a consultative manner.
- Affected Community members were given an opportunity to participate in getting solutions to their transport challenges.
- We hope that our facilitation at Local Municipalities level and Villages level contributed to the warm reception that was reported after the visits.

- It be noted that for the two villages, excitement was high and expectation created.
- Local (District) service providers should be contracted to transport visitors.
- Bojanala Platinum District Municipality pledges its support to the project.

# **BPDM RECOMMENDATIONS**

- That SABS request the National and the Provincial Departments of Transport to pilot the preferred product in Pitsidisulejang and Mathopestad, giving priority to Pitsidisulejang.
- That where possible Local artisans be empowered and trained to produce and in future repair the approved design (Poverty alleviation).
- That information on the approved design be communicated with the District Municipality before February 2006 to allow for possible Co-funding of the pilot project.