
FOREWORD

The intention of this manual is to serve as a recipe or cookbook to guide those involved in putting the RHP into action. It is designed to complement the *National Implementation Assessment* NAEBP Report Series No.8 (Murray, 1999) and *Overview of the design process and guidelines for implementation* NAEBP Report Series No6 (Roux, 1997) by providing practical insights into implementing the RHP programme.

In so doing, it strives to bridge the gap between the theoretical components of the River Health Programme and the practical realities of getting a fully-fledged provincial River Health Programme up and running. Hence, it will (where possible) steer clear of the theoretical aspects of the programme and the scientific aspects of the biomonitoring indices as there is a large body of literature available for the user to consult on these topics.

As the RHP continues to grow in South Africa, so too will the wealth of insights and experiences in the practical implementation of the programme. Hence, it is believed that this first edition of the RHP implementation manual is the forerunner of future versions to complement the advancements of the RHP in South Africa. It is hoped that this manual will be of benefit to the many people out there who are planning to do or are doing River Health to develop their programme and reap the rewards of successful implementation.

