

IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPT A RIVER PROJECT

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Objectives

ADOPT-A-RIVER PROJECTS

- The “Adopt-a-River” project initiative aims to create awareness among South Africans of the need to care for our scarce water resources and to actively participate in the protection and management of our water resources;
- Based on community participation, training, partnerships, and focused action plans



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TARGET GROUP

This project is aimed at improving the lives of women (with or without disability) including young women. The beneficiaries should be from poor rural background, should be from female headed households of the identified vicinity or location. The composition should be from the following categories:

- 100% women:
- 20% women with disabilities
- 60% from youth category.
- 40% women outside youth category

The women will be identified by the regional and local coordinator(from municipality) as they have knowledge of the communities within the areas where the projects will be implemented.



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Roles and Responsibilities

National coordinator – responsible support Region in the implementation of the project

Regional coordinator responsible for stakeholder mobilization and implementation of the project

Local coordinator – selection of women beneficiaries and oversee project at local level

- Water Board – responsible for payment of women beneficiaries, manage project report progress bi weekly to the Regional Coordinator



TRAINING

Once the women to implement the project have been identified, they should be trained before commencement of the clean-up. Training should include:

- Water safety
- The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Separation of different waste streams.

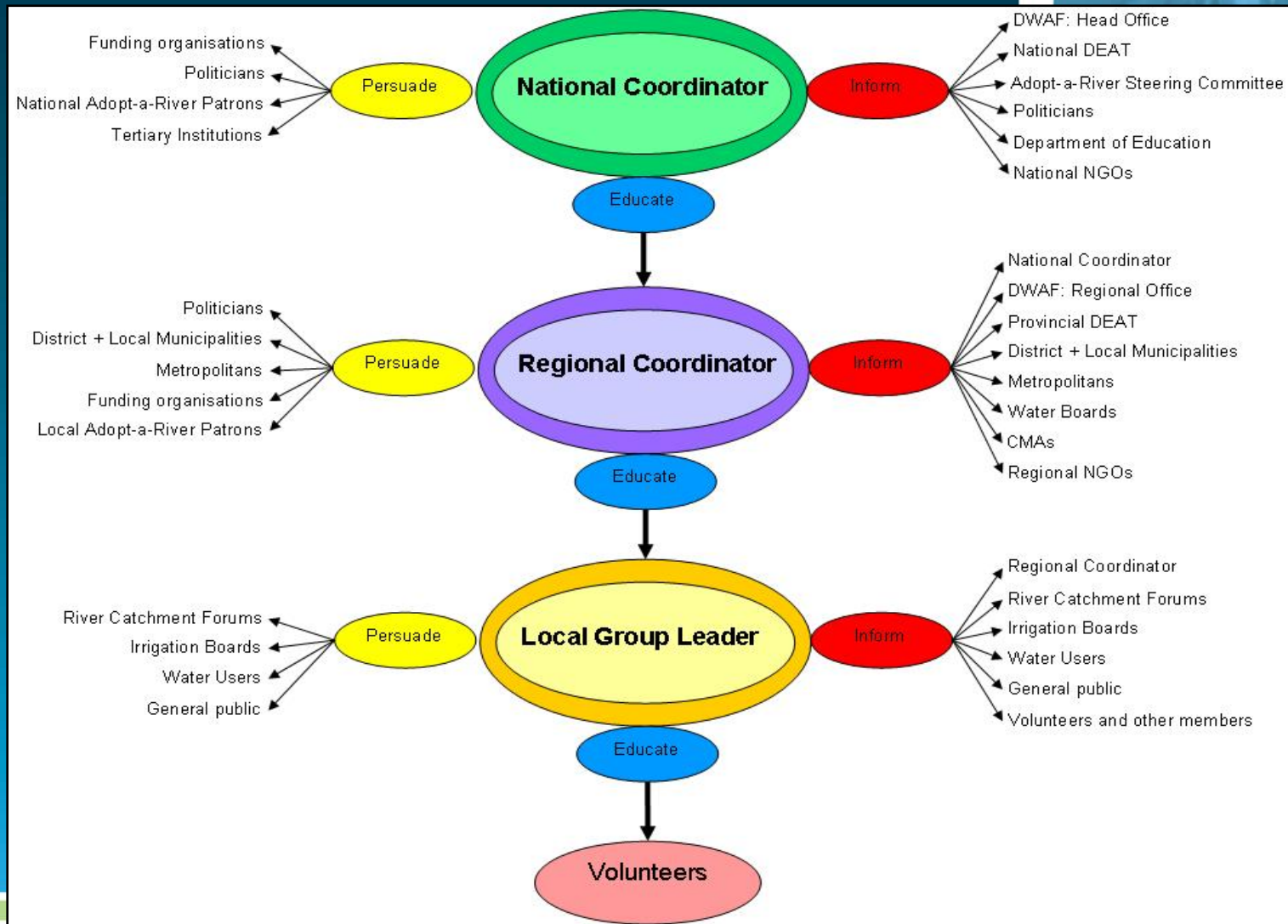
In addition, should a regional/local coordinator want to implement a community monitoring programme, the training manual on Volunteer Monitoring should be used (on CD ROM).



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Governance model - AoR



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Supporting guidelines for Adopt-a-River

A series of manuals have been developed – on CD-ROM. Include:

- Implementation manual
- Communication structures
- Coordinators manual
- Institutional aspects
- Monitoring models
- Stakeholders database
- Training material and training needs
- Volunteer water monitoring manual
- Water quality situation assessment
- Recommendations



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CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS - AoR

New concept – need to do awareness raising and training

Short timeframe for implementation of the flagship projects

Insufficient budget allocation resulting in the reduction of the number of women participants, initially it was 100 per river now reduced to 80 women

The spirit of volunteerism maybe affected in future as these special projects have payment of stipend



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RIVERS IDENTIFIED

| Name of river | Province | Water Board |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Buffalo River | Eastern Cape | Amatola Water |
| Isipingo | KwaZulu Natal | Umgeni Water |
| Levubu River | Limpopo | Lepelle Water |

| Activities already happening | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Umsunduzi | Kwazulu Natal |
| Umtata River | Eastern Cape |
| Eerste River | Western Cape |



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Rivers Continued

- First three rivers earmarked for the launches during women's month
- **Umtata river** at the implementation face, MOA signed OR Tambo DM
- Awaiting municipality to put agreed structures for implementation of project in place
- **Eerste river** – no activity since the launch in March 2010. First stakeholder meeting held 24 May 2010 and second one to be held on 15 July 2010



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Rivers cont.

- Umsunduzi river: Similar project implemented by Duzu/Umgeni Conservancy Trust (DUCT)
- Region decided not to duplicate projects
- DWA Adopt a River project resources to focus on Isipingo River



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BUDGET

Recommended that a portion of the donor funding to the Department for the River Health programme, should be used for these flagship projects. An amount of R11 300 000 has been allocated to the Department, to be divided by 10 (9 regions and national office).

Payment of wages

It is envisaged that these women will clean the rivers for 6 months starting from August 2010. They should work three days per week, 12 days per month and 72 days per 6 months.

Directorate: Gender and Disability?



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Phase 2

- Once the flagship projects have been implemented, AoR can be rolled out across the country where anyone can participate
- All AoR projects can be started with the manuals as provided, with national coordinator giving guidance



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