

With the advice and assistance of the local Black University (UNIZUL) Centre for Social Research and Documentation, which is also being funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and University of Calgary - a specially designed toilet complex for rural purposes was erected. If the durability and practicality of this proves to be good, we will erect more of these in 1989.

A Developmental plan was launched in the Black area (Reserve No. 4) with the objective of improving the quality of life of residents. It focuses on the following areas:

Agriculture

13 Community vegetable gardens and 7 individual family gardens were established by end of 1988. Plus-minus 40 inhabitants group together in one community garden.

Health Technology

The health food cooking project consisting of 45 women was launched during 1988. The services of qualified Health Advisers and Home Economics Instructor from KwaZulu Department of Health and Department of Agriculture were acquired to run the project.

The University of Zululand installed four community V.I.P. toilets, three water wells at points where Reserve No. 4 residents inhabitants meet for communal events. These toilets and wells also act as demonstration structures for residents who may wish to have them installed in private dwellings.

The clinics in Reserve No. 4 run by RBM in conjunction with KwaZulu Department of Health also render Health facilities and advice to the community of Reserve No. 4 as well as schools.

Mini Industries

A site for factory units was successfully negotiated with Inkosi (the Chief) and the necessary documentation has been signed between Inkosi and KwaZulu Finance Corporation for funding the project.

Town Planning

The Inkosi (Chief) and Councillors were shown a rural town planning already developed at Manguzi (near Mozambique border). As a result of follow-up meetings, an agreement was reached between Inkosi and the Company to help develop roads and services.

Community Involvement

The development and effective running of committees of local people concerned with Education, Health, Agriculture, water supply etc. The Education sub-committee consisting of representatives from local Parent Teacher Associations and RBM is holding regular structured meetings.

During 1988 Phase I was completed of a new Technical High School in Esikhawini Township. Ultimately, this will cater for 850 students and offer specialist schooling in Diesel and Motor Mechanics. Electrical work; Electronics; Metal Work and Technical Drawing. This is entirely funded by RBM. The first intake of pupils will be in January 1989.

A night school for employees is run, in conjunction with other local Companies, offering classes at Std. 6; Std. 8; Std.10 and N1 and N2 levels. 86 Of our employees took part during 1988.

A non formal technically orientated educational programme (PROTEC) was offered to local Black students talented in Maths and Science. A Board has been established, together with other Companies to run this, but to date it had still been largely financed by RBM. Plans to link this programme during 1988 with the PLATO, computer aided instruction programme, which RBM has donated to the University of Zululand at a cost of R250 000, have been delayed due to installation problems but this will occur during 1989.