

Project Update: February 2008

We are pleased to report that from 19th – 30th November and 10th – 15 December 2007, the project team organised and conducted 14 sensitisation meetings. The team held these meetings with local people living in the project area, government officials in all departments responsible for natural resources management, schools pupils, teachers and members of the Mpumalanga Mining Association.

The main aim of the visits was to sensitise local people, government officials and the Mpumalanga Mining Association about this bat project, its object and to solicit their support on the implementation of project activities as it is community driven.

In total, 1,083 people participated in these meetings and were sensitised about the project and its objective. Ninety-seven (97%) of the people who attended the meeting were happy with this project and openly informed the project team that they would support them in the implementation of project activities.



Left: Mr Phiri holding sensitization meeting with School Pupils of Mpumalanga region on bat project and its importance. Right: Dr. Jasse Butelezi holding a sensitization meeting with some Government Officials from Department of Environment.