



Sustainability Index - Interview

date:

starting time:

interviewer:

Project details

1. project name &
full address

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Project members:
name & age

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7.	8.
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2. Are you members of Abalimi?
If yes, how many members are you?

yes	no
Number:	

What kind of membership do you have?
How much do you pay for the manure?

survival	R 240
subsistence	R 480
livelihood	1000-1600

3. How many garden members are
member of VUFA? (Vukuzenzele Urban Farmer Association)

Number:	
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4. Are you registered as an
Non Profit Organization?
Do you have a NPO number?

yes	no
NPO Number:	

physical

5. Do you have a written agreement
with the landowner for using the land?

yes	no
proof:	
copy:	
erf number:	

6. Where do you get your water from?

a) From a borehole

Do you have your own electricity box?

or

Do you use external electricity?

Do you have an agreement for using
this electricity?

yes	no
yes	no

yes	no
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yes	no
proof:	
copy:	

b) From an external

yes	no
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Do you have a written agreement for using that water?

yes	no
proof:	
copy:	

c) From the gardens tap

yes	no
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7. Is the garden within a fenced area?

yes	no
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Does it have an inner fence around the actual garden?

yes	no
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or

If it is not within a fenced area:

Does it have a fence around itself?

yes	no
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8. Is the garden surrounded by INDIGENOUS windbreaks?

yes	no
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Are there windbreaks between the plots?

yes	no
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Is the windbreak continuous around the garden?

yes	no
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section rating (max. 20):

production skills & practice

9. Did all of you do the Abalimi basic course?

yes	no
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If no, how many of you?

Number:	
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Did you get any other training?

yes	no
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What kind? When? From who?

10. When do you water your garden?

Why is it important to keep watering times?

11. How do you take care of your tools?

Do you clean them after use?

yes	no
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Where do you store them?

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Can you repair it when it is broken?

yes	no
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or

Do you have good solutions to get it fixed?

yes	no
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<p>12. Do you have any trench beds? Can you explain how to make a trench bed?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no					
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<p>16. Have you heard about companion planting? Do you practice it in your garden? What is it?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no	yes	no			
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<p>17. Can you tell me how to make tea/liquid manure or how tu use seagrow?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Do you make it and use it in your garden? How often do you use it?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> <tr> <td>proof:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	yes	no	proof:				
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<p>18. Do you know how to make a proper compost? _____</p> <p>_____</p>					
<p>Have you got a compost pile in your garden?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no		
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<p>Which examples do you know? _____</p> <p>How do you do it? _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no		
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<p>21. Are you able to identify pests? Do you know how to eliminate them?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How do you protect your crops naturally? _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no		
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<p>22. Are crops being planted and harvested continuously? If no, how much is in use?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no		
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<p>23. Do you have a drawn plan of your garden?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>yes</td> <td>no</td> </tr> </table>	yes	no		
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24. Do you have a working watersystem?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
a) primary watersystem = tap + hosepipe	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
or watering can	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

b) secondary watersystem = borehole + tank + pump + sprinkler	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

> OBSERVATIONAL QUESTION

25. Does the garden look neat and tidy?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
No rubbish lying around?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Cleanly weeded?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Clear plot layout?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

> OBSERVATIONAL QUESTION

26. Do you produce a variety of vegetables?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
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What do you produce? _____

> OBSERVATIONAL QUESTION

27. Do you produce herbal/ medicinal plants?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
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What kind? _____

What are they good for? _____

> OBSERVATIONAL QUESTION

28. produce quality in the garden _____

section rating (max. 100): _____

group organization

29. Do you as a group have meetings?

yes	no
proof:	

How often? _____

30. Do you have any written member agreement?

yes	no
proof:	
copy:	

31. When there are disagreements or conflicts, how do you resolve them?

What was your latest conflict about? _____

Are there conflicts which you can not resolve? _____

32. Do you have a written constitution?

yes	no
proof:	
copy:	

33. Have you participated in any horizontal exchange?

When was the last time? _____

How many members have been there? _____

Where was it? _____

yes	no
proof:	

section rating (max. 25):

organizational arrangements

34. Do you produce your own seedlings?

How much? (in percent) _____

What? _____

Do you know other places where to buy seedlings? _____

Where? _____

yes	no

yes	no
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<p>35. Are you producing and saving your own seeds? How much? Do you know other places where to buy seeds? Where? _____</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">yes</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">no</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2" style="height: 15px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">proof:</td><td> </td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">yes</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">no</td></tr> </table>	yes	no			proof:		yes	no
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<p>38. Who provided you with the container? _____ _____ _____</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">proof:</td><td> </td></tr> </table>	proof:							
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<p>39. <u>watersystem</u> if water from outside (e.g. school, church, creche): Are you paying for the water?</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">yes</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">no</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">proof:</td><td> </td></tr> </table> <p>if water from borehole: Are you paying electricity for the borehole pump?</p>	yes	no	proof:					
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40. windbreaks

if they do not have windbreaks:
Are you trying to get windbreaks?

yes	no
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if they have windbreaks:
Are you trying to get more?

yes	no
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41. fencing/inner fencing

if the garden is on school/creche/church land:
Have you applied for an inner fencing?

yes	no
proof:	

if the garden is on its own:
Did you apply for the fencing?

yes	no
proof:	

42. tools

Are your tools a donation?
Do you still need more?
Are you striving to get more?

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

section rating (max. 45):

sales & marketing

43. How do you sell your produce?

- to local community?
- to local shops?
- to HoH?
- by order?

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no
yes	no
proof:	

44. Do you produce for anyone by contract?
(e.g.HoH)
Who?

yes	no
proof:	

45. Do you do the picking list on your own?	yes	no	
46. Do you have a price list for the things you sell to the community?	yes	no	
	proof:		
> OBSERVATIONAL QUESTION			
47. produce assessment on Tuesday in packshed	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
section rating: (max. 25)			
<u>money management</u>			
48. Do you as a group have a bank account for the garden?	yes	no	
	proof:		
49. Do you as a group have savings in the bank?	yes	no	
	proof:		
50. Did you get any money management training? (e.g. Agriplanner)	yes	no	
Which? _____			
Do you make use of it?	yes	no	
<hr/> <hr/>			
51. Do you understand what a budget is?	yes	no	
Can you explain it? _____	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
How do you decide how to spend your money for the garden? _____	<hr/> <hr/>		
section rating (max. 20):			

self-evaluation and record keeping

52. Do you have any goals for your garden that you are trying to achieve?

yes	no
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What are your goals?

Are you monitoring them? How?

yes	no
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Who is working in your garden in 5 years?

How do you get new members?

53. What do you do with your produce?

- take it home
- sell it to the community
- sell it to HoH
- donate

yes	no
yes	no
yes	no
yes	no

54. Do you have a record of what has been planted on each plot?

(Abalimi Planting Record Sheet)

Did you get Abalimi's recording training?

yes	no
proof:	
yes	no

55. Do you have a record of when vegetables have been harvested?

(Abalimi Harvesting Record Sheet)

yes	no
proof:	

56. Do you have a record of what your garden has sold?

(Can be included in Abalimi Harvesting Record Sheet)

yes	no
proof:	

57. Do you keep a record of what you have donated?

(Can be included in Abalimi Harvesting Record Sheet)

yes	no
proof:	

58. Do you keep a record of your own consumption?

(Can be included in Abalimi Harvesting Record Sheet)

yes	no
proof:	

59. Inputs/ Expenditure

Do you keep a record of your inputs?
 Where you write down the money you spend?
 e.g. for seedlings, manure or other resources
 (Abalimi Input Sheet)

yes	no
proof:	

60. Income

Do you keep a record of your income?
 (e.g. your monthly HoH Payslips)

yes	no
proof:	

61. If you would have to rate your garden how many points out of 10 would you give yourself and your garden?

Where do you want to be in the future? _____

section rating (max. 45):

total points (max. 280):

time out:

extra comments:

physical	
production skills & practice	
group organization	
organizational arrangements	
sales & marketing	
money management	
self-evaluation and record keeping	
final rating	