APPENDIX C: QUESTIONNAIRE

A. What do adults in Shithelani Village know about electricity?

- When was electricity installed at your village?
- Did you know about electricity before it was actually installed at your village?
- You did not go to a particular school to learn about electricity. Did you?
- Where did you learn about electricity?
- What is the name of the electricity provider at your village?
- Did the electricity provider teach you anything about electricity? If yes or no, explain.
- What is it that the electricity provider taught you?
- How did the electricity provider teach you about electricity?
- Did they give a chance to ask questions about electricity?
- Did you find what the electricity providers teach you about electricity useful? In what way.
- Did you get books from electricity provider teaching you about the use of electricity?
- How did you feel when you use electricity for the first time? Why?
- Do you have prepaid meters or do you receive monthly statement showing how much electricity has been used?
- Approximately how much electricity do you use monthly? Do you buy the same amount of electricity every month?
- What do you use electricity for?
- How often do you use electricity for cooking, light, playing TV, radio, heaters and ironing?
- Did electricity bring some changes to your life than when it was before electricity was installed?
- Do you have electricity committee at your village? What does it do?
- Does the committee call meetings regularly to teach about new developments in using electricity?
• Do many people participate in those meetings?
• As you participate in electricity meetings, do people taking part show respect or do they trust each other.
• Have you learned anything new from other people in the meetings about using electricity apart from what you have been taught by electricity provider?
• Do you have people in your village who steal electricity cables or bridge electricity?
• I have observed lot of people who have electricity in their homes going to the bush, chopping down trees for fuel wood. Do you also do the same? Why?
• There is an arbour day, that is, the day on which most people throughout the world plant trees. Do you also plant trees on this day? If yes or no, explain why.
• Nowadays you will hear many people complaining of global warming (rising of the earth's temperature). What do you think might be the causes of this?
• Don't you think that using electricity can protect the natural environment?
• Which one between fuel wood and electricity is safer to use? Why?
• After what you have learned about electricity from electricity provider, did you stop chopping down trees for fuel wood? Why?
• What do you think are the reasons which make people to continue chopping down trees for fuel wood?
• What lesson have you learned from the conversation that I had with you today, and what is it that you can teach others about efficient use of electricity in order to protect the natural environment?

B. How did they acquire this knowledge?
• Did you know about electricity before it was actually installed at your village?
• Where did you learn about electricity?
• Who taught you about electricity?
• How did you learn about electricity?
• Did you get books from electricity provider teaching you about the use of electricity?

C. Did ESKOM provide education prior to installation of electricity in your village, and if so, what kind of education?

(I)
• What is the name of the electricity provider at your village?
• Did the electricity provider teach you anything about electricity? If yes or no, explain.
• What is it that the electricity provider taught you?
• How did the electricity provider teach you about electricity?

(II)
• When was electricity installed at Shitlhelani Village?
• Did you teach the community at Shitlhelani about electricity?
• What it is that you taught them?
• How did you teach this community about electricity?

D. To what extent has, what they have learned about electricity changed the ways in which they have interacted with the environment and their environmental practices?

• After what you have learned about electricity from electricity provider, did you stop chopping down trees for fuel wood? Why?
• What do you think are the reasons which make people to continue chopping down trees for fuel wood?
• What lesson have you learned from the conversation that I had with you today, and what is it that you can teach others about efficient use of electricity in order to protect the environment?