



Vodacom's position on networks and the environment

Our largest environmental impact as a mobile network operator is from the construction and operation of our infrastructure such as base stations, data centres and network communication cables. Vodacom has a responsibility to ensure that this process is done in a manner that will not be harmful to the environment and communities. We are committed to ensuring that environmental, health and safety measures are integrated into our planning, implementation, deployment and maintenance of business operations by conducting the necessary environmental impact assessments. Our infrastructure development are subjected to environmental impact assessment requirements, which are then approved by local government and adhere to all regulatory requirements including any license requirement. The implementation of our policies and management plans ensures that our processes are compliant with environmental, health and safety standards and regulations.

Through our environmental management systems, procedures and processes, we are able to manage our site construction and infrastructure implementation a manner that will ensure waste minimisation, prevention of pollution, and management of our operating environment. Vodacom's Energy policy and procurement guidelines stipulates the sourcing of sustainable building materials and equipment, reduction of energy requirements, and in turn the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the operation of our networks.

Our field workers and contracts are also trained on project specifics relating to environmental requirements during site preconstruction and construction phases.

Our marine and terrestrial optic-fibre broadband implementations are subjected to independent environmental and local social impact assessments. We construct our infrastructure in a manner that visually does not disturb the biodiversity and aesthetics of our communities. In cases of community concerns regarding any of our infrastructure, the Technology business unit and Public Policy team ensures that these concerns are addressed in a manner that is satisfactory to the community.

In addition, Vodacom has voluntarily adopted environmental certification station. For instance, our Head Office is ISO 14001 certified. Our South African offices also maintain our Green Building Council status. We transparently report our performance on sustainability matters related to our networks any through our Sustainability Report and Carbon Disclosure Project.

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