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Introduction

Tshwaranang Resource Centre is responsible for the socio-economic ministry in the Northern Region of the Diocese now called "Ukhahlamba." In the quest to reach out to all corners of the North, we have started replicating some of our programmes in Sterkspruit which faces a huge developmental challenge.

Accommodation

Accommodation remains a challenge for the Centre. The space which includes the kitchen has been partitioned in order to provide an office for four staff members and protection of equipment and files containing confidential information kept by the centre. Although this arrangement has provided some privacy, the issue of counseling which requires privacy has not been solved. In order to conform to this requirement the office of the co-ordinator has to be used. We will continue to explore ways of overcoming this challenge.

HIV/AIDS Programme

Although the Medical Research Council and the Centre for Aids Development recently reported a National decline in HIV prevalence, the depressing part of the report is the concern raised about the 5% increase in HIV prevalence in the Eastern Cape and 10.1% in Kwa-Zulu Natal. The Eastern Cape Government attributed the increase to the high number of people repatriated and/or relocating from other provinces. The bottom line is that the HIV prevalence has in fact increased by 5%. The situation enjoins us to step up our intervention programmes.

Training

The Recently reported increase in HIV prevalence highlights the need to strengthen the capacity of our community volunteer in and around matters of HIV/AIDS and home nursing.

During the period reported on fifteen volunteers from Sinthemba Community Organization, Ezibeleni received training on HIV/AIDS and Home nursing. Although the number of trainees appears to be small, they will be able to teach family members how to provide care and support to their infected family members. The people of Ezibeleni would benefit from the services of these volunteers. We are thankful to the American Embassy for sponsoring the services of an external trainer.



Information Day Cum Candle Light Memorial Service

Because of limited funds available our HIV/AIDS information day and Candle Light Memorial services were combined. Lesseyton Village was chosen as the venue for this year's service. The theme for the day was "together we are the solution. Act now" Rev. Sam Mabaxa delivered a moving speech. He urged people to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS. About 160 people including children from a local school attended the service. Seven people disclose their status. Representatives from the Council of Churches, Department of Social, Development and Lukhanji Municipal Mayoral Committee were in attendance.



Health kits

In response to our plea for first Aid kits, the American Embassy generously donated funds for the purchase of 10 first Aid kits. Our care workers will now comply with required health standards and their exposure to potential infections averted. We are however still in need of more first AID kits as the number of clients increases on a daily basis.



Statistics on Home Based Care

Total no of Patients HCB/Palliative	1026
No. New Patient received HBC/Palliative	101
No. of Positive Patient received HBC	104
No. of Positive Patient on ARV treatment	91
No. of Positive Patient screen for TB	60
No. of Patient on Pill count	139
No. of Patient on ARV	77
No. of Patient referred for ARV Treatment	21
No. of Patient referred for VCT	19
No. of Patient suffered from	
➤ Cardiac	81
➤ Epilepsy	74
➤ Cancer	86
➤ Acute Arthritis	102
➤ Asthma	71

Deaths : 23

Counseling: Females: 112 Males: 77

Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Programme

Our programme is designed to continue assisting orphans and vulnerable children to meet their urgent needs in the areas of education, health and nutrition. During this period this division provided education around prevention and treatment and support services to orphans and vulnerable children of Lonwabo primary School, Whittlesea. Fifty one (51) children participated and 11 members of the institutional level system team which comprised of people from Departments of Education, Correctional Services, Social Development and Health.



Donations

The principal of Christ the King Primary School, Queenstown donated winter hats and gloves to 31 vulnerable children of Lonwabo Primary School, Whittlesea. The hats and gloves were handed over to the children during the education talk mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The donation was well timed as we are experiencing low temperatures.. The Anglican Women's fellowship from St. Barnabas also served the children with soup and bread. We wish to thank Lydia and the Anglican Women Fellowship members for their respective contributions.



Tshwaranang Donation

From our shoe string budget we donated Soup, Jam and Peanut butter to the needy children of Minah Soga Primary School which services poverty stricken areas of Ezibeleini Township, Queenstown. The Principal, Mrs. Ndaliso, received the foodstuff on behalf of the school. We welcome any kind of donation for the indigent children registered with this school.



OVC STATISTICS**Wards 22-25 Gender Desegregation of Beneficiaries**

	Male	Female	Total
Total number of new OVC households the OVC caregivers has recruited in this month	28	60	88
Total number of OVC households the OVC caregiver is working with this month	16	26	42
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Total number of new OVC the OVC caregivers has recruited this month	0	0	0
Total number of OVC visited by the OVC caregiver this month	87	313	400
Total number of OVC visited by the caregiver at least twice a month	47	94	141
Total number of OVC visited once or not visited at all this month	180	197	377
Total number of OVC under your care that have dropped out of the program due to death and other reasons this month (de-registration form filled in?)			6

Wards: 18 – 21 Gender Desegregation of Beneficiaries

Report Item Ward 18-21	Males	Female	Total
Total number of new OVC households the OVC caregiver has recruited in this month	3	6	9
Total number of OVC households the OVC caregiver is working with this month	194	202	392
Total number of OVC the caregiver has recruited this month	11	18	29
Total number of OVC the OVC caregiver has this month	269	289	558
Total number of OVC visited by the Caregiver at	345	472	817
Total number of OVC visited once or not visited at all this month	0	0	0
Reasons why some OVC visited were not visited at least twice this month:			
Total number of OVC under your care that have dropped out of the program due to death and other reasons this month (de-registration form filled in?)	6	12	18

Paralegal Programme

The goal of this division is to make everyone in our communities aware of their rights with special focus on children. It plays a leading and supportive role in ensuring that people's rights are not transgressed.

During the period under review 76 cases was reported and 30 thereof were for School Fee Exemptions. Some of the applicants were from "no fee" schools. This means that some school masters still have difficulty in interpreting the SA school ACT, 1996.

Paralegal statistics

Cases	No:
School Fees Exemption	30
Foster Care	8
Emotional Abuse	3
Maintenance	7
Bursary opportunity	3
UIF Pension Benefit	4
Amended of Birth Registration	2
Child Support Grant	2
Disability Grant	13
Emotional Abuse	3
Population Registration	1
Total	76

Social Assistance

Poverty and HIV has made our people to suffer. It has taken away the joy of our youth and children. Nicholus Ngemntu lost his work in Cape Town and returned to his home town, Queenstown hoping to get support of his relatives whilst applying for a Disability grant. Unfortunately he did not receive the anticipated support. He was referred to us by our care worker. We approached SASSA on his behalf for Social Relief of the Distress assistance, but his application would only be considered in July or August 2009. He had nothing to eat and we had to provide him with groceries worth R140. We have a number of helpless people whom we would want to support but resources are scarce. We are open to any kind of donation.

Drug Abuse

This Programme is still suspended pending the appointment of a suitable person.

Vegetable Gardens

It is common knowledge that households are the basic unit of society where food security begins. However the current recession has severely affected their capacity with the result that one in twenty children is affected by malnutrition. The situation has given a steep rise to the levels of poverty and malnutrition.



This division believes that households, churches and schools gardens are the answer to this critical situation. We organized and encouraged individual households, schools and church organizations to begin with vegetable gardens. Our efforts have begun to bear fruit. The Mothers Union of St. Peter Ezibeleni joined St. Barnabas Anglican Women Fellowship in this venture and has shown a great potential in producing quality crop. The photograph alongside this report bears witness to the view expressed above. Both groups provide destitute children with fresh vegetables thereby mitigating their plight. Fifty two (52) children from Sada Township and 25 from Ezibeleni benefit from these gardens.



Our partnership with Minah T. Soga Primary school is growing day by day. This school has demonstrated the ability of constantly producing high quality crop which is used by the

school's soup kitchen team. Once again we wish to thank Holy Trinity parishioners for their steadfast support for this Programme.

Computer Programme

In line with our mandate of bringing development in the North, we have opened a satellite training centre in Sterkspruit. Thirty learners have completed their training. The demand for training is so high that we are considering acquiring the services of a second facilitator.

We hold a strong view that a reading nation is an informed and knowledgeable society that can contribute positively to the economic transformation of our rural towns. We intend the current programme by introducing basic graphic design and visual communication with special focus on developing posters, brochures, Flyers, Pamphlets logo designs etc. The intension is to have our youth acquiring and necessary skills required in labour fields. This will also enable them to avoid isolation and enjoy improved quality of life.

Library Services

Because we hold a strong view that library and information service has become part and parcel of socio-economic development programme, we approached PetroSA to provide funds for the renovation and equipment of the St. Michael's Library facility. PetroSA generously provided funds for the project. We are now busy collecting information and documentation that would be required by the Trust Board.



This facility, when ready would not only service the people of St. Michael but also those from the 10 surrounding locations. It will also provide an office for the rector. We wish to express our sincere thanks to PetroSA for this wonderful donation.

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