

DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN
TSHWARANANG RESOURCE CENTRE
QUARTERLY REPORT 1 OCTOBER -31 DECEMBER 2008

Human Resources

The primary responsibility of staff is to implement the organization's Programme in accordance with its mission and strategic plan. In the absence of key personnel this responsibility cannot be accomplished. Our Aids division has been without an Aids official for some time and consequently the paralegal had to look after this division as well. Needless to mention that this situation placed an extra burden on her. I am however pleased to report that we have successfully recruited Sibongile Mbuya to head this division. She joined us on the 15 December 2008

Staff Development

The success of an organization is dependent on, amongst other things, skilled personnel. We are therefore committed to improving the skills of our staff. Two staff members completed the facilitators training and submitted their portfolio of education for final assessment. We are confident that they will succeed. We wish to thank H.O.P.E.Africa for financing this training.

The paralegal officer, Zoleka Stemela also attended a victim empowerment course offered by the University of South Africa. She successfully completed the course and obtained 75% on the final examination. She will now deal efficiently with victims of abuse and violent crime. Once again we wish to express our sincere gratitude to Masimanyane Woman Support Centre for providing funds for Zoleka's training. We also wish to congratulate Zoleka on her achievement.

In line with policy of developing staff, we intend sending the HIV/Aids officer to study HIV/Aids Management Course with the Queenstown branch of MSC College but budgetary constraints do not permit us. We are therefore looking for someone who would sponsor her studies.. The course currently costs about R8935.00

Financial Management

The organization still needs the services of a part time bookkeeper. This function is still performed by the coordinator of the Centre. This extra burden has an impact on his overall organizational functioning. Financial Statements for 2007 have been approved by the Annual General Meeting and copies thereof would be sent to donors.

Report on Programmes

HIV/AIDS

Education on HIV/Aids

Although there is a high level of awareness about HIV/Ads, awareness is not the same as knowledge and understanding. Many people do not understand how HIV is transmitted between people or what HIV infection does to our immune systems. It is against this backdrop that we try to reach every corner of the communities and educate members on these aspects.

LETSEPA AND HARVETIME CONSTRUCTIONS

During the period under review we conducted 3day workshops for the employees of these companies. The workshops focused on the following:



- Understanding HIV/Aids
- How HIV/Aids is transmitted
- You can prevent transmission
- How you detect you have HIV/Aids
- How to treat HIV/Aids
- HIV/Aids in workplace
- Promotion of condoms
- Healthy Diet

Participants came from deep rural areas. It became clear throughout the course that the issues talked about were new to them. We expect them to spread the information gained and teach fellow community members.

The workshops also touched on drug abuse which has been inextricably linked to the spread of HIV/Aids. The following topics were covered:

- Introduction to drug/substance abuse
- Effects of drugs on ones health and
- How alcohol leads to:
 - Domestic violence
 - Social problems
 - Financial problems

Resource Mobilization

The partnership agreement with the American Embassy was signed on 10 December 2008 in the King William's Town. The small grant is in support of our HIV/Aids and Orphans and Vulnerable children Programmes. We wish to express our thanks to the Embassy for this wonderful support.



AIDS DAY CELEBRATION

The celebrations were held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Sada, Whittlesea. The celebrations were taken to Sada because HIV/Aids is prevalent in that community. About 150 people attended and mostly adults. Amongst those who attended were the following community and governmental representatives:

- Pastor Mngxaso
- - Ministers Fraternal
- Sister S. Ngoma
- - Department of Health
- Mrs. V. Mqela
- - Sada NGO Council

The newly appointed HIV/Aids officers, Sibongile Mbuya, delivered an inspiring and courageous speech on leadership and unity and stop Aids.

**STATISTIC ON HOME BASED CARE**

Total No. of patients HBC / Palliative	874
No. of New Patients receiving HBC / Palliative	48
No. of Positive Patients receiving HBC	87
No. f Positive Patients on ARV Treatment	51
No. of Positive Patients screen for TB	54
No. of Patients on Pill Count	135
No. of Patients on ARV	45
No. of TB Patients referred for ARV Treatment	12
No. of Patients referred VCT	20
No. of Patients suffering from:	
➤ Cardiac	78
➤ Epilepsy	92
➤ Cancer	82
➤ Acute Arthritis	91
➤ Asthma	79

DEATHS: 9

COUNSELLING Females: 67 Males: 38

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROGRAMME

Households with Orphans and Vulnerable Children have become poorer precisely because of increased dependency ratio. As a consequence hereof these households cannot meet children's basic necessities. As a faith based organization we have a responsible of persuading individuals and organizations and institutions to donate whatever they have to assist these children.

Donation

Chris Hani Disaster Management Division donated clothing to Orphans and Vulnerable children. We wish to thank this division of the Chris Hani District Municipality for this thoughtful donation.

St. Barnabas Anglican Church AWF

The Anglican Women Fellowship of St Barnabas Sada greed to look after 29 Orphans and Vulnerable children identified by the Centre. The members of this Organization volunteered to cook and serve soup for these children three days per week.

The St Barnabas garden project undertook to provide vegetables and Tshwaranang had to provide the soup powder. The collaboration of the garden project, Tshwaranang and AWF has made it possible to feed these children up to the second week of December 2008.



Funding for this purchase of soup and bread has dried up. We are now looking for donations to continue this programme.

OVC STATISTICS

It is common knowledge that HIV/Aids has deepened the levels of poverty and increased the number of children Orphaned and rendered vulnerable by the epidemic. The statistics hereunder reflect the extent of children in need of care in only eight wards in the Lukhanji Municipality:

Orphans and Vulnerable Children Statistic**Report Item****Ward 22-25****Gender Desegregation of Beneficiaries**

	Male	Female	Total
Total number of new OVC households the OVC caregivers has recruited in this month	24	40	64
Total number of OVC households the OVC caregiver is working with this month	12	16	28
Total number of new OVC the OVC caregivers has recruited this month			
Total number of OVC visited by the OVC caregiver this month	313	80	393
Total number of OVC visited by the caregiver at least twice a month	39	29	68
Total number of OVC visited once or not visited at all this month	180	141	321
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?)			4

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			2
Total number of OVC households the OVC caregiver is working with this month	186	187	373
Total number of OVC the caregiver has recruited this month	3	8	11
Total number of OVC the OVC caregiver has this month	260	240	500
Total number of OVC visited by the Caregiver at	319	450	769
Total number of OVC visited once or not visited at all this month	–	–	–
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?)	4	7	11

GARDEN PROJECT

Because the families cannot adequately provide for the basic needs of their children, the Church and community are the next safety net for the essential support. As a faith based organization we have a moral duty to strengthen the capacity of these families to care and support orphaned and other children made vulnerable by HIV/Aids. This division introduced vegetable gardens with the view to address the challenges faced by these children.

The St. Barnabas garden project donated vegetables for soup kitchen run by the St. Barnabas Anglican Woman Fellowship Guild. Twenty nine children benefit from this initiative. These children were also given vegetables to take home.



As mentioned in the previous report that it is not easy to get community members to start these gardens, however there are those who see the need. The photograph hereunder is one of the few who heeded our calls.

PARALEGAL

The paralegal division is committed to educating community members on the law and rights. It plays leading and supportive role in ensuring that people's right are not infringed upon.

During this period the following cases were handled:

Nature of the case	No. of case
School fees exemption	19
Amendment of birth registration	5
Population registration	6
Social Relief of distress	10
Forester care grant	8
Emotional abuse	4
Unfair dismissal	6
Consumer law	4
Maintenance	8
UIF Pension Benefit	5
	6
Civil Dispute	3
Disability grant	11
Child Support grant	15

**Information Day
Lessyton/Ndlovukazi**

In line with the objectives of teaching the community on law and rights, we invited the following departments to talk on various topics:

**Departments****Topics**

SASSA	Explain the activities falling under their jurisdiction as opposed to those offered social developments
Education	School fees Exemptions
Child Protection Unit	Violent crime against children
Public Protector	Services rendered by the office of the public protector
Africare/Injongo Yethu	HIV/AIDS in general
Child Welfare	Child in need of care and forester care
Social Department	Role of social Development in Home Based care Development

Domestic Violence

We conducted a two days workshop at Mzomhle School, Sterkstroom for Orphaned and Vulnerable on domestic violence. Forty five children attended the sessions.

Drug & alcohol abuse awareness

October-November report

Peer educator: Noma-afrika Magodongo

Date	Name of institution	Place	Activity done	Number of people
08-10-2008	Sterkstroom school	Sterkstroom	Awareness on drugs (Gr4)	28
09-10-2008	Sterkstroom school	Sterkstroom	Awareness on drugs (Gr4)	20
10-10-2008	Local Aids council meeting about the action plan			
13-10-2008	Home based care centre	Sterkstroom	Awareness on drugs (support group)	15
14-10-2008	Masakhe clinic	Sterkstroom	Substance abuse leading to domestic violence	32
16-10-2008	Masakhe clinic	Sterkstroom	Substance abuse leading to domestic violence	35
21-10-2008	Masakhe P.S	Sterkstroom	Domestic violence (Gr6)	29
22-10-2008	Masakhe P.S	Sterkstroom	Domestic violence (Gr5)	31
23-10-2008	Masakhe P.S	Sterkstroom	Substance abuse causing sexual abuse	30
28-11-2008	Letshepa building construction	Willovale	Drug & Alcohol abuse awareness	25
03-11-2008	Masakhe clinic	Sterkstroom	How to support your child when he/she is on substance abuse	29
04-11-2008	Old-aged-home	Sterkstroom	Dangers of alcohol abuse	20
06-11-2008	Old-aged-home	Sterkstroom	How to notice your children when on substance abuse	
20-11-2008	Old-aged-home	Sterkstroom	Skills on how to communicate with your teenager whose on drugs	19

Door to Door Campaign

Our peer educator participated in the HIV/Aids, Drug abuse and Social issues door to door campaign. The campaign was organized by the Chris Hani District Municipality with whom we are in partnership.

The campaign revealed the following:

- High rate of drug and alcohol abuse
- High unemployment rate
- Teenage pregnancy
- Lack of knowledge regarding the social services rendered by state departments.

Our peer educator was in the drug abuse group. Their awareness campaign reached out to about 100 persons.

Challenges

The peer educator needs to attend advanced training on this subject but budgetary constraints do not permit.

Future Plans

To get volunteers who would be doing other areas falling under our jurisdiction.

Computer Programme

Computer literacy is an essential skill in today's world and Tshwaranang Resource Centre services. It's a fundamental right. This division committed to help various computer literacy skills gaps by providing better access to technology

Training

During the period under review 30 learners completed their training

Graduation

The graduation ceremony was held on the 11 December 2008. Out of 150 learners who completed the training only 65 attended the graduation ceremony and the rest graduated in absentia.

Reverent Masoka delivered the key note address. In his address he touched on the importance of closing the skills gaps that plague the previously disadvantaged communities.

The Statistics hereunder reflects the Youth and adults who completed the course during the year under review:

- Female Youth -48
- Male Youth -15
- Adults Female -72
- Adults Male -15

Sterkspruit Project



The computer training project in Sterkspruit is almost complete and hope to begin training in February 2009. Thanks to our friends who have contributed to this project

Library Services

Because library facilities are non existent in rural areas, the Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, whilst bishop of Grahamstown, initiated the establishment of a library in Sterkspruit.

St Michaels and All Angels renovated an old building and built up shelves to house the books. We donated books and requested more donations through the Division news level. The response has been wonderful and the under mentioned people donated reading and academic books:

- Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
- Archbishop of Cape Town
- Clive Newman
- College of transfigurations
- Rev Monica Hobongwana
- St Albans Cathcart
- Hope Africa
- Cape Town
- Hillandale Mnestg
- Grahamstown



The library was officially opened by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba on the 14 December 2008. We wish to thank the Archbishop for squeezing us into his tight schedule. We also wish to thank those individuals and institutions that have donated books. We are still open to donations of academic books.