

TSHWARANANG RESOURCE CENTRE

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2009

Introduction

The birth of Ukhahlamba Diocese has resulted in Tshwaranang Centre being the sole development arm of the diocese. This development commanded us to extend our work to cover the Northern part of the Diocese which experiences similar developmental challenges as Queenstown and surrounding areas. However we have not been able to introduce some of the programmes run by the Queenstown centre precisely because of shortage of human capital coupled up with financial constraints. Despite these challenges, significant progress has been made in terms of computer skills development.

Accommodation

The Diocese has acquired new offices and would be vacating the two offices they occupied. We hope to get back these offices so that activities like counseling could be done professionally. We would also be able to run additional computer classes and provide proper accommodation for different programmes.

Resource Mobilization

The limited number of key donors has commanded us to engage a broader range of emerging donors. This strategy yielded good results in that Bishop's Simeon Trust has made a valuable donation towards our programmes. We are grateful to the Trust for this valuable donation. It is also gratifying to report that Africare extended its contract with us up to the end of the year. These small grants enable us to provide services to orphans and vulnerable in eight Lukhanji Municipal wards. Besides providing services to the children in need of care, it has also catered for payment of small stipends to 22 care workers. We hope that africare would further extend its support for the programme.

South African Partners has agreed to second their group facilitator to us for a period of six months effectively from January 2010. The facilitator will educate newly infected persons and enable them to manage their HIV status and thereby reduce the death rate of newly infected persons.

Personnel Development

We are committed to providing education and training to our staff so as to achieve increased productivity and a higher level of employee engagement and commitment to the organization and its mission. During the period under review six staff members attended seminars on the following:

- ⊗ Behavioral change (2)
- ⊗ Teenage fathers (2)
- ⊗ Leadership and Management (1)
- ⊗ Project Management (1)

The HIV/AIDS co-ordinator has performed well in her studies towards diploma in HIV/AIDS Management. She obtained an average of 77% in the final examinations but would be completing in May 2010. We wish to congratulate her on her performance.

HIV/AIDS Programme

The impact of HIV/AIDS has been felt in almost every corner of our towns. Although the levels of ignorance have been reported to have improved, in terms of the second national HIV/AIDS 2009 survey, the number of newly infected people dying has increased. Therefore we have to continuously conduct training of community volunteers who in turn would train family members on HIV/AIDS in details.

During the period under review 15 community volunteers from Walala Wasala community organization, received training on Home Based Care. A further 15 workers from Lion Building Construction were trained on HIV/AIDS and Health and safety standards. The participants came from the deep rural areas. We hope that they will spread the information gained and teach fellow workers.



Education on HIV/AIDS

In line with the education policy of the government that learners should be provided with accurate information about HIV/AIDS as well as issues relating to sexuality, our HIV/AIDS division led the AIDS Day Celebrations proceedings of Lonwabo Primary School, Whittlesea. We believe that sex education before sexual debut is the key to lowering the rate of sexually transmitted diseases hence our focus on primary schools.



This annual commemoration is also aimed at increasing awareness among learners and community members. The ceremony was attended by about two hundred (200) learners including community members and teachers. Our sister organisation , New Start, which specializes in voluntary Counseling and Testing was in attendance. Fifty one (51) people tested.

World AIDS Day Celebration

Our world AIDS day celebration was held at Machibini administrative area and in collaboration with Isolomzi community Organisation. This commemoration service also served as a good platform to bring people's attention to the challenges and consequences of the pandemic in order to create change. About 150 elderly people attended the



service. The head of our HIV/AIDS division delivered the key note address. Her message revolved around responsibility and understanding of human rights. The Machibini traditional leadership graced the service.

Statistics on Home Based Care

Total no of Patients HCB/Palliative	1010
No. New Patient received HCB/Palliative	71
No. of Positive Patient received HCB	104
No. of Positive Patient on ARV treatment	91
No. of Positive Patient screen for TB	74
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. if Patient suffered from	
➤ Cardiac	81
➤ Epilepsy	74
➤ Cancer	86
➤ Acute Arthritis	102
➤ Asthma	71

Deaths: males 28 females 9; Counseling: females 38 males 13; VCT: 51

Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The relationship between HIV and poverty is like a two-edged sword. Each contributes to the other, thereby worsening the situation of orphans and vulnerable children. The economic downturn has also contributed to the incapacity of extended families to adequately provide for these children.

Because we believe that the children are the brightest beacon of hope of our country, orphans and vulnerable children must be given the opportunity of living a normal childhood. Therefore each and every one of us has to become increasingly involved in providing the necessary back-up.

The most common need that is often not adequately met by extended families is food and clothing. The Anglican Women's Fellowship of St. Barnabas, Sada, heeded our call and donated clothing to 24 children of Lonwabo Primary School, Whittlesea. Our thanks to the Anglican Women's Fellowship for their continuous support for these needy children.



Soup Kitchen

The Centre still supports the soup kitchens at Sada and Ezibeleni. Both projects are still functioning well and service 246 indigent Children. Once again we wish to express our thanks to the Anglican Women's Fellowship members and the principal of Minah T Soga for their support for these projects. Funds are drying up under this item and we now looking for donations in kind to sustain this project.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children 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
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	313	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

Beneficiaries

Gender Desegregation of Wards: 18 - 21

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	-	-	-
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

Food Security Programme

The garden projects have suffered a set back during this reporting period. The rainfall variations coupled up with extreme temperatures largely contributed to the damage of 70% of the crop. However it is not all doom and gloom as the St. Peter's project, which cultivated late in December would yield good crop. The damaged sustained by the two projects has affected 246 children who could have received fresh vegetables



during Christmas. We are however optimistic, based on weather predictions, that we will have good soft rains towards the end of January and hope to start cultivating again.

Paralegal

Although the new dispensation has enshrined the bill of rights in the constitution, our people continue suffering abuses at the hands of state officials and the general community membership.

This division is committed to educating communities on Human Rights and also plays a supportive role in ensuring that people freely enjoy their rights. Children and women are the most vulnerable groups to these abuses and it therefore becomes imperative to pay a special attention to them.



Information Session

During this period, the head of the division held a human rights information session at Minah T. Soga primary school. The information session centered around human trafficking which is steadily becoming prevalent in the North Eastern Cape. Given the pending World Cup, we believe this session was a pre-emptive step and more children will have to be taken through this lesson.

Other Case Work

During this reporting period 85 cases were reported and 31 thereof handled with success. All outstanding cases will be followed up in January 2010

Statistics of Case Handled

Nature of the case	No. of case
School fees exemption	8
Amendment of birth registration	3
Population registration	4
Social Relief of distress	15
Foster care grant	10
Emotional abuse	5
Unfair dismissal	2
Consumer Law	3
Maintenance	9
UIF Pension Benefit	5
Disability grant	6
Child Support grant	15
Total	85

Computer Programme

This programme seeks to provide employment based training aimed at young people wishing to gain employment and computer skills. It is also in direct response to employers citing the need for greater job readiness.

Training

During the period under review twenty nine learners completed training and one learner dropped out. It must however be reported that one hundred and thirty six (136) learners completed training during the 2009 financial year. We would want to enroll more learners but accommodation remains the major obstacle. However we hope to acquire more space next year when the Diocesan Administration moves to its new offices.

Sterkspruit Satellite Centre

The satellite centre is also doing good work. During this reporting period thirty learners completed training. Although they stated in May they were able to train ninety (90) learners for the year. This means that none of the enrolled learners dropped out. The demand for training is very high and unfortunately the centre can only train hundred and fifty (150) learners per annum. Once again accommodation is the challenge. We intend extending the current computer room to accommodate additional eight computers so that more learners can be enrolled. We are looking for partners to sponsor this extension.

Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies were held on 9 and 15 December 2009. Both ceremonies were well attended. Rev. S. Mabaxa addressed both ceremonies. In his address he touched on the importance of closing the skills gaps that plagued the previously disadvantaged Communities.

The statistics hereunder reflects the youth and adults who completed training during the year under review:



Queenstown Centre

@ Female Youth	64
@ Male Youth	9
@ Female Adults	52
@ Male Adults	11

Sterkspruit Centre

Female Youth	35
Male Youth	10
Female Adults	33
Male Adults	12

Library Services Programme

The renovations at Sterkspruit have not yet started. The Senqu Municipality has not yet approved the building plans. We hope that this will be done next year.

Z. Ntlale
Director

Tel: 0458383261 Fax: 0458382874 E-mail zolile.ntlale@lantic.net