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REPORT ON CHILDREN

At present there are 14 girls at Kulula and one woman with a baby. 9 are in school, and 6 in skills training. One girl was admitted and placed into another shelter closer to her family.

SCHOOLING

As schooling is very expensive due to transport costs, other options are being looked at. Negotiations are in process with Proteam School in order to become a satellite campus as part of a community programme. Another option is to train an ABET teacher to give basic education. School education is a vital part of the programme where the children show academic abilities. A big concern is that the vehicle being used to transport the children is very old and in need of repairs.

SKILLS TRAINING

The focus of the skills training up to now this year was on bead dolls, gardening and basic meal preparation. The skills training programme needs the input of someone who can do quality control and teach more handcraft skills.

It is recommended that someone in the area of Kulula be appointed for this purpose. Riana Hatting, a lady who functioned as project manager two years ago, made her self available for this purpose. She is at present running a skills centre for women in the nearby town of Rayton. She can be available for 2 days per week to be at Kulula.

The contract with Bead Bugs with regards to bead dolls has not been confirmed. There are 100 dolls ready for sale.

FARMING

The effective management of the farm is still a problem as we could not appoint a farm manager up to this point in time. With only 2 farm workers, three youth care workers and six girls in skills training, the farm work become unmanageable. Prieur already came twice this year with a working team to do basic maintenance and to make the workload more manageable. There is a possibility that we may be registered as a community development project of the Department of Agriculture. A meeting has been set up for 24 February 2004.

REGISTRATION and FUNDING BY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

A meeting was arranged with the representative (Mmpho) of the Department of Social Services of Bronkhorstspuit for 16 February 2004, but was postponed by her to 17 February 2004.

FIRE DAMAGE

A fire broke out in one of the wooden cottages on 15 February 2004. It seems to be an accident caused by a candle. The following was destroyed: 3 double bunkers, 6 mattresses, 6 x bedding, school clothes and books of 5 girls, all clothing and toiletries of 5 girls, 2 lockers.

Sabotage is a possibility. The police are investigating. This has an immediate effect on the running costs of Kulula.

PTA DROP-INN

7 girls in the PTA area were referred to the social worker of TH. Three of the girls were placed in rehabilitation for drug addiction and 5 were admitted to the Kulula project.

STANDING COMMITTEE

A meeting was held on 9 February 2004. People interested in serving on the committee were invited to an information session on the project. A follow-up meeting was arranged for early March 2004.

STAFFING

Nomzamo was transferred to Intombi Shelter. There are only 3 youth care workers at Kulula at present. If someone is appointed to the vacant post, it is recommended that the person must be in possession of a drivers licence and must have GR 12.