



Kulula Skills Centre Report

17 November 2003

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The following report reflects on the period August 2003 to 17 November 2003

PROGRAMME REPORT

Reintegration

One young woman was reintegrated to her home

One girl will be reintegrated during the December school holidays.

Three girls were referred to Lerato House due to being too young for Kulula.

Schooling

The focus of the 2003 programme with regards to the teens at the project was on enabling them to be in school.

A group of 11 children and one youth care worker attended school during 2003. Three of these children were referred to Lerato House in PTA to continue schooling as they were under the age of 15 years.

One child, Nomfundo, got a merit certificate for good academic progress during her Grade 9 year.

One girl, who joined the project during Sept 2003, might fail this year, trying to complete grade 10.

The Youth Care Worker, Nomzamo, wrote Grade 12 exams, and is awaiting her results now.

Next year it seems to be advisable to enrol 6 of the girls in school. Formal schooling at Kulula should however be phased out and replaced by the ABET programme at the end of 2004.

As transport to school is very expensive, it is advised that the girls should make use of bus services during 2004. It would cost R50 per child per week if they attend school daily. There is however a possibility of government funded transport.

Skills Training

Skills training were limited during this period, due to the fact that all the girls were in school and basic groundwork with regards to skills training had to be sorted out. The programme is however ready for implementation during 2004.

Training with regards to household chores; care taking of clothes, basic agriculture and cooking, was an ongoing process throughout the year.

Therapeutic and Development Services

A development assessment of each girl in the project was made and an individual development programme for each girl was compiled. Special attention was given to motivation and responsibility taking of the girls.

Agriculture-Farming Report

Although the basic caring for the farm was undertaken by the staff and girls, there is definite need for guidance and structure with regards to this. Vegetables for own use are grown.

A joint effort between Maria and Prieur will be undertaken with regards to upgrade the farm. The help of the University of Pretoria was asked for planning and utilizing of the ground. They still need to confirm in what way they will be involved.

Some damage done by the veldt fire still needs attention.

It is recommended that a once of team of workers be send in to help getting everything under control and doing basic maintenance.

Staffing

The Kulula project is staffed by:

COE of The House Group - Prieur du Plessis

Project Manager – Maria Venter

Senior Youth Care Worker – Pinky Monama

Youth Care Worker - Nomzamo Gaqelo

Youth Care Worker - Leota Vilakazi

Farm Worker - Alfred

Farm Worker - Philemon

Transport services are contracted out, and are a situation of big concern.

There is a definite need for additional staffing of one youth care worker/ social auxiliary worker at Kulula for 2004.

Finances

Financial statement of the period August - 17 Nov 2003, is attached

Prospects

Requests for financial assistance of the project, was sent to:

TUKS Jool

Afrox

McCarthy Volkswagen

2 Hotel groups in Pretoria that are interested in helping girls in prostitution

Turn the Tide

30 organizations were identified as possible donors and proposals will be sent out in November.

This includes application for programme funding from the Dept of Welfare and the CMR.

Networking

A sound relationship has been established with the following organizations during this period:

PCM (Pretoria Community Ministries)

Lerato House

CMR Cullinan

Dept of Welfare Bronkhorstspuit

Pretoria Child and Family Care Society

Pretoria Welfare services Forum

Arcadia community forum

SAPD Sunnyside

PEN NG Church

Arcadia National alliance for Street children

Home of Hope

Bethany Children's Home

Tswarie Upliftment Forum

Magaliesoord Rehabilitation Centre

Planning for November and December

The programme will continue for November.

During the December holidays, children from Intombi will join the girls at Kulula.

A holiday programme will be drawn up.