



Ingwavuma Orphan Care

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1.1 Changes in the last quarter.

School Support Programme : The programme is growing in terms of setting more gardens in schools which generate income for OVC in schools. 2 more have been set up in Nsongweni Primary and Sambane Primary schools respectively. Another school support officer (Hlengiwe Mathenjwa) has been appointed to run further clubs in other five schools in the area (funded by a different funder). Khululiwe Nhlenyama has also been appointed (ANSA support) as a Memory Box worker to work with small groups of OVCs in another 3 schools.

Dare to Dream in Pinetown is inviting children to join them for Christmas Camp from the 21st to 27th December 2006 in Richmond. Children will be entertained with gifts, games, music, moral support and food. We are to provide transport and caregivers who will accompany the 30 children. This will be the second year in succession that this happen.

We have been donated with many school shorts which are significantly large for school going age. We decided to have dress maker who is assisting in fixing them and also does any other sewing related things for orphans for a small fee.

Outreach Work: We are introducing new data collection forms for the OVC team that will assist in collection of data and creating a reliable data base. This will improve our data collection system and keep all our interventions in the community recorded.

An appointment of an Orphan Care Coordinator (Mr Morren Mthembu) has been finalized as we anticipate that he will be involved with mobilizing the community to establish child care forums or family support teams who will be working directly with orphan families in terms of domestic support. He will working with these teams to assess family needs and referring them to respective.

Home Based Care: Carers have recently been reduced by employing two carers into the OVC team as school support and Orphan coordinator respectively. Training of 20 more home based carers is planned for October 2006 in the new centre.

1.2 Challenges

Home Based Care: We are still struggling to fill the nursing position besides having advertised through a number of prominent media. Unfortunately no qualified applications are coming in. We are planning to see if any nurses in the vicinity would like to work for us on shifts or during their holidays.

School Support: Children who are receiving grants get the impression that they have money thus tend to demand from their guardians. Some educators escalate this by questioning kids whom they know to be receiving grants and not wearing uniform. This creates tension in families especially child headed households.

Abusive cases of learners in the households are big concern.

Setting up food gardens in schools where the soul buddy club are run added more visits hence seven schools had to be visited.

Social Security: The local welfare office has informed us that we can no longer use their reference numbers for our files as it has been in the past and that it is not right for them to countersign our reports from the social worker before the magistrate could issue the court order. We are therefore not clear in terms of who should countersign as we are not a welfare organization with a social work supervisor.

We are nevertheless liaising with regional department of social development to clarify the issue.

Sexually abused children by their biological fathers.

Orphans in Foster care not attending school after receiving grants.

Misuse of Grants by Orphans and Foster Parents

Danilla, who was one of our volunteer from Switzerland left us and left gap in distributing food parcels and updating of data for the families. Celani has also not finished his training with home affairs.

2. Progress

School Support:

- Mafuleka's children neglected and lost their father through death and VIP visit to deliver a food parcel
- 2 school gardens were setup at Sambane and Nsongweni Primary school



- The family was re-united with their mother and grand mother that they haven't seen for 4 years.
- School gardens generated income and fed OVC who did not have anything to eat at home

- 20 Morvites were distributed in 5 schools per week over a period of 3 months
- Family counseling to 2 families by the social worker.
- Sports day with 100 children from the five schools was held and various sporting activities carried out with refreshments.

Paralegal and Social Security:

- 88 homes visited
- 40 clients assisted with birth certificates
- 16 launched cases
- 33 children waiting to go to court.
- 8 court Inquiries
- 21 Foster Care Grants applications
- 8 ID applications
- 30 Death Certificates accessed
- 3 sexually abused children counseled
- 7 elderly abused/ neglected counseled
- 4 carers workshops
- 9 orphans counseled
- 1 family reunification
- 1 memory camp held

- OVC were given something to eat at home in the morning before going to school.
- Social worker made a budget for the elderly and bought a mattress for the elderly. Her family was given, food, hand clothes, a re usable toilet and draw sheets and nappies

Families and households are strengthened.

Food Security sustained for households.

Outreach program

- 45 monthly food parcels distributed
- 4 additional sponsors added to the existing 11 sponsored families for food parcels and making a total of 60 families receiving food every month.
- **Cornerstone project** has afforded us to repair homes that are not in good conditions for shelter. 12 homes were repaired by a volunteer group from the UK.

Home Based Care

We are in some state of uncertainty about our statistics as the Department of Health and Global Fund have now brought out new definitions for us to work by. E.g. we are not meant to count patients and visits done by untrained volunteers or our volunteer nurse from the UK. All new patients are meant to be admitted by a health care professional so we cannot count patients until the nurse has visited and assessed them. With only one nurse it is hard to comply with these rules.

Dr Dean has passed the dispensing exam and we are now preparing to get a dispensing licence. We have our own prescription forms and clinical guidelines on use of drugs. We have also developed new medical records for recording the work done with all our patients.

We have developed our manual for training new home based carers and set up policies to run the training centre. We have already been approached by Zululand Municipality to train some of their home based carers.

Statistics:

	July	August	Sept.
Number of patients visited	1427	1340	1057
% HIV positive	84	86	96
% on TB treatment	14	12	14
% Bed ridden	3	9	10
Number of Deaths	1	2	1
% on ARV's	33	35	39
Cost per patient	R 83	R 87	R114

2.2 What helped the Project to make good progress?

1. Good working relationship among staff members.
2. Commitment and devotion from staff members and local stakeholders.

3. Good coordination of efforts and sharing resources with other partners. E.g. psychological services, home for children, library services etc
4. Continuous support from outside visitors.
5. Successful fundraising to allow us to expand our work slightly.
6. Setting up policies and procedures to guide our work and orientating all staff in these.

2.3 Problems holding the Project back from achieving the results

- Unavailability of the magistrate to conduct Children's Court Inquiries.
- Lack of children's homes and places of safety within Ingwavuma Region or close by.
- Difficulties in managing the backlog due to lack of Social Workers
- Child headed families without carers and someone to foster them in order to access Foster Care Grants
- Lack of documents for late parents
- Parents who were buried in neighboring countries children left without documents
- Neglected children by their biological and foster parents
- Neglect of the elderly
- Unavailability of old age homes within Ingwavuma Region or close by.
- Lack of cooperation from teachers.
- Inability to recruit more professional nurses

2.4 Planned activities not fully completed in this report

Employment of Data Quality Controller was not finalized due to inadequate applications received. We also did not get application for nurse and social worker positions.

School Support Officer has not yet started with her program.

The building project that repairs and built homes for orphan is lacking manpower as Wiseman is the only builder available.

3 Project Beneficiaries

- 100 school children from five schools and 40 from other two schools that run food gardens have benefited in terms of generating income and food security.
- 3 families have been built houses.
- 5 families have had their homes repaired- fitting roofs, windows and doors, plastering walls.
- 1300 home based care patients (200 covered by ANSA funded staff)

4 Overall assessment of the project

- The project is going well. We are now getting better reports from all staff and able to quantify the work done. The OVC database will be set up in the next quarter and allow us to track our work in even more detail.
- Our new financial systems, with several budget holders is working well. Junior management staff are now gaining more insight into how budgeting and project management works as they are responsible for their own spending.
- We are gearing up for significant expansion over the next 12 months as funding from Comic Relief and PEPFAR comes on board. The AIDS epidemic is worsening and so this expansion is desperately needed just to keep up with the problems the community is facing.

5 Priorities for the next quarter

Outreach and social security

- Establish family support teams and train them.
- Facilitate coordination within the OVC team in bringing holistic intervention in the community.
- Improve data collection and capturing.
- Increase number of families receiving foster grants.
- Employ another social worker

Home Based Care

- Train our home based care volunteers.
- Employ an additional nurse.