



Quarterly Report

October-December 2006

Organisational matters

- The local chief, who is a retired headmaster, has joined the management committee. This is an important step in having greater involvement of the local community at management level.
- We have recruited a second social worker to assist with the OVC work.
- Our new Orphan Coordinator has recruited 24 Family Support Team members to visit orphan families in the Mzinyeni area. They are receiving basic training and starting to function.
- We have a second school support worker who is starting to run clubs for orphans in another 5 primary schools.
- Our training centre is now finished and we have started to use it for training. We will also aim to market it for external use as a way of generating income for our project.

External influences

We had a large delegation visit from Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA).

We hope that this will increase publicity and credibility for our project.

ANSA sponsored the sinking of a borehole at our centre, so we believe that we will not suffer from water shortages again.

We are struggling to recruit a nurse as no one wants to work in such a remote area.

We have secured a large grant from Comic Relief for the next 5 years which will allow us to expand our work and be more financially secure.

Project Progress

School Support:

- 85 children were taken on excursion to Crocodile and Snake Park in St. Lucia where they were exposed to life experience they never had before.
- 480 morvite porridge and fruits were given at clubs.
- 112 club meetings in eight schools.
- 2 more local camps were held with children

- 21 children needed uniform towards the end of the year, because they were in a very desperate situation when Hlengiwe discovered them in October.
- Family visits were done to 20 families where counseling was done and consultation with guardians.
- 30 children went on holiday to Richmond "Dare to Dream" over Christmas.
- Memory Box work was carried out with 12 children intensively.

Paralegal and Social Security:

- 64 intakes involving 88 children
- 27 clients assisted with birth certificate
- 37 children waiting to go to court.
- 7 court Inquiries
- 8 ID applications
- 16 Death Certificates accessed
- 7 elderly abused/ neglected counseled
- 4 carers workshops
- 2 orphans counseled

Outreach program

- Six Family Support teams (6 members per team) have been set up and given basic training in Children's rights.
- 60 monthly were distributed including emergency food parcels. Sponsored families have been able to get other basic household needs like, pots toys, shoes etc. 8 households have benefited from such.
- We have given 42 households mattresses to sleep on as most have been sleep on grass mat. We were looking at those that are not in good health.
- Eight families have been removed from food parcel as they are receiving grant and one has got a job with local supermarket.
- Two houses from the building project have been finished and funding to build 3 households two roomed houses has been secured.

Home Based Care:

- Collective support group workshop was held and other stake holders were invited and shared information. About 400 people attended from 10 different support groups.
- Visits to the sick by the nurses, chaplain and community caregivers have continued.

Quality Improvement

The medical staff did an intensive patient audit with each caregiver team. Inappropriate patients were discharged. Now each caregiver has a maximum of 30 patients to care for and is expected to see all their bedridden patients at least once a week. Nurse visits will be targeted at new patients and those who are the sickest. Patients who have improved on ARVs will now be seen in support groups.

A database for the OVC work is being developed along the lines of the HBC database. Timesheets were developed and piloted in November.

A financial system has also been developed to allow easier monitoring of our funds by all the budget holders.

Staff & Volunteer Training

20 volunteer caregivers were trained in 10 days Home Based Care.

Thokozani Gumede was trained as a trainer for a Trauma Counselling course.

Ma Mthembu, the nurse, has continued her Palliative Care Training.

Thoko Mdaka, the social worker is continuing to study for a Masters in Social Work.

3 caregivers completed their training in Ancillary Health Care.

Overall assessment

The organization is continuing to develop and expand its work. Management and administrative systems are functioning well. The ground staff are struggling with transport to reach clients which reduces their efficiency. Some need to get driving licenses and there will be a need to expand our fleet of vehicles. There is an urgent need to recruit another nurse to assist in supervising the greater number of caregivers.

Statistics:

Home Based Care:

Indicator	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006
Visits made	2690	1978	2025
Number of patients	1166	875	912
Visits per patient	2.3	2.3	2.2
% HIV+ or suspected	97 %	100 %	98 %
% bed-bound	9 %	14 %	14 %
% on ARVs	46 %	52 %	56 %
% with TB	15 %	15 %	14 %

OVC database will start in the next quarter.

Action Plan for next quarter

Plan	Indicator
Recruit another nurse	Nurse in post
DQI officer starts to function	M&E programme in progress
Run 10 HIV counseling for 20 caregivers	Training completed
OVC database functioning	Reports produced
Develop strategic plan for the Year	Plan written
Set up fundraising committee	Fundraising plan written
Expand number of Family Support Teams	Number of teams functioning