



NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

QUALITY OF LIFE, STATUS OF WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN & DISABLED

REPORT ON JOINT OVERSIGHT AT SCHWEIZER / RENEKE

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1. INTRODUCTION

The members of the Standing Committees on Quality of Life, Education, Sports Arts and Culture held joint oversight on the 18th September 2009 at 09h00 in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality in Mamusa – Scwheizer-Reneke.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the oversight was to discuss the mass participation programme in Sports and Recreation. The visit was for two Libraries in Schweizer-Reneke, Ipelegeng Stadium and Koketso Crisis Centre in Christiana.

Site Managers from six regions being Lekwa Teemane, Mamusa, Kagisano, Greater Taung, Molopo and Naledi were present in the meeting discussing the sports and recreation mass participation programme.

North West Provincial Legislature – Members Present

- 1) Hon. A Mothupi
- 2) Hon. I S Mfundisi
- 3) Hon. S P Motswenyane
- 4) Hon. N Mashori
- 5) Hon. J Franzsen

3. SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

Challenges

3.1 Service Point Managers

- Lack of resources like transport and skills for volunteers
- Community Development Officers contracted for one year with a stipend of R1400.00 is very little for the work that they do.
- Not enough training for Community Development Officers
- Most of sports codes are not active due to lack of sports facilities and community ignorance.

- Municipalities failed the department for not assisting with sporting venues.
- Other service points have a shortage of staff, they have only one permanent staff where others are volunteers with no pay.
- Federation uses money that is meant for assisting community, those funds are used for MIG developments where it doesn't belong. They failed to train coaches instead they use in coaching purposes that also brought their work into disrepute.
- There is a high rate of unemployment in the area.
- Local Teams do not have funds to affiliate in South African Football Association.
- Service point managers have got no powers to can process orders. They have to send orders and invoices to Mafikeng – Provincial Department for authorization, they felt that it's disadvantaging because it delays the process.
- The managers experienced lack of funds management by the provincial Chief Financial Officer.
- In Naledi the stadium is not in good standard and community grounds are not enough, to cater for the whole community.
- In Molopo most of the CDO's are involved in SAPS and it creates problems because when you need them they, are at work, you only get them sometimes during weekend.

3.2 Ipelegeng Library

- There are insufficient books
- No internet in the library
- They are not receiving news papers
- There is no enough space

3.3 Ipelegeng Stadium

- The place is not in good condition, and is not fenced.

3.4 Mamusa Public Library

- They do not receive news papers because the service provider has not been paid for some time.

4. QUALITY OF LIFE

4.1 Koketso Family Crisis Centre

The centre is halfway of Christiana and Schweizer-Reneke, it is a home to accommodate people with HIV/AIDS, old age, children both abandoned and orphans. The centre has a Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP).

The centre presently left with only nineteen (19) while others have been taken by their families due to the rumors that the centre is closing down.

4.1.1 Challenges

- The District Municipality stopped paying for electricity since June 2009.
- Social Workers removed children from the centre and no one has knowledge of their location.
- The centre has no funding
- There is no payment for volunteers for the period of seventeen and this caused some to leave their jobs.

4.1.2 Achievements

- Mamusa municipality paid electricity and bought food for the centre.
- Lekwa-Teemane also bought food for the centre.
- South African Breweries donated 2 fridges, 1 micro oven, cleaning materials, linens, garden materials and office equipment (computers).

4.1.2 Recommendations

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- The centre should be a subsidised facility, being run as a Non Government Organisation.
 - That the necessary maintenance be done and the supply of basic furniture and equipment be provided.
 - Consider the purchase of the facility in the name of the NGO, with the necessary "Cheques and Balances" to ensure sustainability of the centre.
 - Establish a "Local Management Committee" of volunteers to oversee the day to day operation of the centre. (Oversight by the NWPL not excluded).
 - The budget be reviewed, and within the present budget, any "un-funded" post be "funded".

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

It was recommended that:

- **Integration of people from rural areas is prioritized as they are more vulnerable but have potential to represent the country internationally.**
- **Clusters must not left other areas out**
- **Staff at the head office should be reduced and participate more at the ground level especially to develop rural communities.**
- **Big library be built to accommodate more people.**
- **Satellite must accommodate Ipelegeng and be linked to the main library.**
- **Transport availed to deliver books and newspapers to the libraries on time.**
 - **Report to be discussed at Portfolio Committee meeting and further to send the MEC for Sports Arts and Culture.**

- **Ipelegeng Stadium to be renovated.**
- **District Director for Sports and Recreation to provide a feedback report that will be disseminated to the service point managers.**
- **Service Point Managers to build a good relationship with business people for sponsorships.**
- **Service Point Managers (Sports and Recreation) to build a good relation with Mmabana Taung for smooth service delivery.**
- **MEC of Sports Arts and Culture to speed up the process of addressing matters of powers for Service Point Managers, decentralizing and upgrading of salaries for Community Development Officers.**
- **Koketso Family Crisis Centre be renovated and continue on what they are doing.**

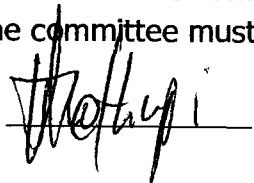
6 CONCLUSION

It is a matter of the Department of Sports Arts and Culture to draw a programme for visiting the service points in addressing their concerns. This must happen before the financial year because it also assist in identifying the needs of these service points in the regions.

This must happen in all regions of the province. Departments must not make promises and not fulfill them because this breaks the morals of our employees. Employees must be capacitated in terms of skills and resources to do their work properly.

It shows that from department of Health and Social Development, feedback has never reached Koketso Family Crisis Centre for what will happen to them in future. The committee must speed up the process of meeting the MEC.

Signature :



Date :

18/09/2009

Hon. A Mothupi

Chairperson: Quality of Life, Status of Women, Youth, Children & Disabled