

**DISABLED PEOPLE SOUTH AFRICA
LIMPOPO PROGRESS REPORT
1 APRIL – 30 SEPTMEBER 2009**

1. Introduction

This report will cover the period from 1 April until 30 September 2009, and will include various programme activities, workshops and meeting held in the Limpopo Province.

2. Organisational Development

2.1. Staffing

The minimum staff complement for Limpopo Province is the Project Manager, Finance office 7 peer educators and 2 interns.

2.2. Governance

During this reporting period two (2) PEC meetings were held in the province. The first one was held on the 5th June 2009 at Oasis Lodge to discuss the state of the finances of the province and to approve the financial report and the budget as the working document.

At that meeting the PEC was expected to come up with the fundraising plan. They were also expected to nominate the new Secretary General.

The second meeting was held on the 14th July 2009 with the Dept. of Health representatives in the province. The purpose of the meeting was to negotiate with the DoH regarding the letter to refund the R115,500. The PEC managed to negotiate with them and agreed to comply with the DoH recommendations of using a separate account for their grant.

3. Membership Development

Membership development in this province was progressing well before the council meeting. The changes concerning membership has affected the membership drastically. Members were very much disappointed about the cancellation of the funeral scheme. Most of the people thought that DPSA would leave those members who wish to carry on with the registration of R140 and continue with the funeral scheme. Most of the members did not renew their membership, they do not see the importance of being members anymore.

In July membership in the province was at 137 and now it has dropped to 101 members.

4. HIV & AIDS Programme

The HIV & Aids programme in the province is still continuing in the Capricorn District. The peer educators contract has ended in June 2009. The PEC members met with the DoH and agreed to comply with their recommendation of transferring the R115,500 into a new account. The new account was opened and the R115,500 from the DoH was transferred to the new account. The office is waiting for the cheque book, as evidence to submit to the DoH.

5. Disabled Youth South Africa(DYSA)

In Limpopo there were no activities organized for youth. The only activities that took place were organized by the Limpopo Youth Commission as follows:

- Three of our members i.e. Lucky Ntabane, Nortjie Chaba and Jim Rammala attended the youth camp at Vhembe District.
- Three of our members, i.e. Rahab Manamela, Davy Chuene and Andrew Maupje attended the Youth Summit on Policy Development.

- Three of our members i.e. Christable Zwane, Daphney Chabalala and Michael Mokone attended the 2009 Youth Parliament held at Tubatse Municipality at Sekhukhune District.
- On the 1st September, two of our members i.e. Sydney Maila and Nurse Ramaphoko participated in the Provincial Draft Youth and ICT Strategy Consultation workshop organized by the Limpopo Youth Commission.

6. Disabled Women Development Programme

- Four of our members, i.e. Matshidiso Xulu, Rejoice Rasefate, Christable Zwane and Paulina Maloba participated in the 2009 Provincial Women's Parliament in the Limpopo Legislature.
- Two of our members i.e. Gift Maluleke and Winnie Lephhalala participated in the National Women's Day Celebration in KZN.

7. Challenges

- The provincial office is still operating on a shoe string budget. The bail-out from the national office is keeping the provincial office running.
- DPSA key programmes are not implemented due to lack of funds.

8. Conclusion

During this reporting period even if we are having an operational plan, it has not been easy to follow it due to lack of funds, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank DPSA national for their generous support in making our provincial office functional.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nomvula Mhlari to be nominated to the Provincial Legislature and two other members i.e. Christina Mohale and John Ngobeni to national parliament.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate Advocate Malatji for being nominated to the Human Rights Commission as a Commissioner, he made us proud as the province.

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