

DISABLED PEOPLE SOUTH AFRICA MPUMALANGA

PDC PROGRESS REPORT 1 APRIL – 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

1 Introduction

This report will cover operational activities from April 2009 to September 2009 and also what transpired during the reporting period.

2 Organisational Development

2.1 Staffing

In Mpumalanga we have three office staff members: Emily Ntuli (PDC) Thembi Sibeko (Field Officer) and Johanna Mahlangu (Provincial Administrator)

2.2 Equipment and Assets

We have two vehicles (Isuzu bakies) used by the Field Officer and the PDC. We also have one laptop, five desktops, one multipurpose photocopy machine which we are renting with Nashua, one data projector and we also have office furniture, which is listed on the assets register.

2.3 Image/Branding

The province continue to brand the organisation through programmes in community radios, we are participating in five community radio stations in the province where we have a slot every week to talk about disability issues, updating members about changes and information for referrals. Through the national office we now have DPSA brochures which we distribute when we have campaigns.

2.4 Governance

We had one PEC meeting in June 2009 and the main aim was to discuss the following issues: Election of SG, the Provincial report and the outstanding CBR audited statement. Members had to arrive on the day of the meeting and we could not finish the agenda because of time constrains and limited funds.

3 Membership Development

In Mpumalanga we have 256 members in good standing. The process is very slow due to the cancelation of the R5 000 benefit and the fact that disabled people themselves are no longer sure whether to

continue as members of DPSA or not because of the changes we went through since the beginning of membership programme .

4 Economic Empowerment

The Provincial chairperson and other disabled members attended a workshop on formation of cooperatives conducted by the Department of Economic Development and Planning

5 Self Representation

On the 06 August 2009 DPSA Mpumalanga had meetings with the following MECs: MEC for Human Settlement and the following items were discussed:

- *Self representation
- *Employment
- *Procurement
- *Learner ship and internship
- *Access to Housing
- *Area Partnership building

Way forward: It was resolved that the official in the transversal unit must work closely with DPSA on disability issues. The provincial chairperson is attending plenary meetings for identifying disabled people who need houses so that during the disability month the MEC can hand over houses to disabled people.

On the 04 August 2009 DPSA Mpumalanga leadership had a meeting with The Premier Mr D.D Mabuza. After the National Deputy Chair made DPSA presentation, the Premier requested more information about total number of disabled people who:

Need employment

Need bursaries

Disabled people who have companies

People who need houses

The premier also requested information of disabled children who are out of school.

On the 28 August 2009 we attended a meeting at OSDP and the purpose was to form DPO forum so that when we approach government departments we would do that with one voice. The meeting was facilitated by Mr Nkambule from the office of the premier. Issues discussed were as follows: Disability radio slot, we agreed that DPOs will send plans to OSDP so that we can all participate on the slot. We also agreed that OSDP should send contact details of DPOs to all departments because they turn to think that Council for the Blind and

DEAFSA are affiliates of DPSA and that is one of the reasons why they are not invited in activities conducted by the provincial government.

On the 8 July 2009 DPSA had a meeting with Ehlanzeni District Municipal Manager M H Mbatha and the official in the transversal section of the Municipality. Issues discussed were: Employment, Procurement, Economic empowerment, Accessibility, District Intergraded Plan, Negative attitudes of officials.

The Municipal Manager requested DPSA to submit CVs , Companies, database of disabled youth .

6 Community Based Rehabilitation

CBR activities were suspended at end March 2009 due to lack of funding.

7 Disabled Women's' Development Programme [DWDP]

No activities during the reporting period

8 Disabled Youth South Africa [DYSA]

No activities took place due to lack of funding.

9 Fund Development

We have also participated in the Casual Day Project for 2009. We have ordered: 2000 stickers sold 1372 and returned 628 stickers.

We also ordered 13 t/shirts and 13 caps

The total amount we have as DPSA is R 5 488.00

10 Conclusion

During the reporting period we had to suspend CBR activities from the 01 April due to lack of funding and also due to the delay in submitting an audited financial statement to DOH.