

**DISABLED PEOPLE SOUTH AFRICA
NORTH WEST PROVINCE
1 APRIL 2009 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. INTRODUCTION

This report will cover the period from 1 April 2009 until 31 September 2009 and will include various areas including work done by done by the Assistant Administrator and CDW. This will highlight the success and the challenges that the organization has experienced during this period.

2. ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Staffing

During this period, provincial administrator have been offered 9 months contract with effective from 01 July 2009 to 31 March 2010.

The administrator has resigned before the contract ended.

The new administrator was appointed from 14 September to 31 October 2009.

The CDW's contract ends on the 31 October 2009. She report on the office every month.

2.2 Equipment and Assets

The laminators that were with the coordinators are in the office, the laptop is not working it need to be programmed, the computer is to slow to capture the programmes.

2.3 Governance

During this reporting we had 1 PEC that were paving the way to council meeting that were held on the 3 to 5 July 2009 at Birchwood hotel.

3. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The National Council, in their meeting held from 3-5 July 200 at Birchwood Hotel resolved that membership fees would be reduced from R140 to R20 per annum.

This decision was motivated by the fact that it appears that members are not able to afford the R140 per annum and therefore the organization are not able to get the potential members to join DPSA, especially those that are in the rural areas. Therefore DPSA are not able to keep their contractual agreement with funniest of maintaining a reasonable monthly increase in membership. The implication of this is that the funeral cover will now fall away as a benefit to members as from 1 August 2009.

The organization decided that the pro-rata amount of the membership fee already paid will be refunded to members.

The Provincial Chairperson, DYSA chairperson and the provincial administrator had the meeting that was addressing the above matter with all branches and most of the branches are not supporting the resolution because they not consulted before.

PEC had an interview about the changes of membership fee at the following radio stations:

- Mafikeng community radio station
- Motsweding FM
- Vaaltar community radio station
- Mafisa community radio station

That made the impact on the growth of membership as members are coming to the office to join and also calling the office for more information.

Ditsobotia is ready to be launched; the launching will take place on the 24 October 2009.

Mompati Ngakantsi and the administrator will be there to see that the delegation is going smoothly.

4. AWARENESS RAISING, ADVOCACY, LOBBYING AND NETWORKING

- We have placed disabled people in the public sector for learnership, trainings and permanent employment.
- **Skills Development:** 10 members from our members have been offered the carpentry training by Department of Sports Arts and Culture.
- Department of education of offering our members a training of portray they have visited there places in 4 district.
- **Employment:** 9 disabled people have been placed in various permanent posts at the Department of local government and housing.
- **Pre-Learnership:** 30 members from Mafikeng branch had training on level 2 Unit Standard Course on bookkeeping from Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

4.1 SELF REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

Advocacy and lobbying remain high in the priorities of DPSA as the only organization with clear programmes to open empowerment opportunities for all disabled people, free from discriminatory factors.

NAME	INSTITUTION
<i>VINCENT BOKIES</i>	<i>PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS, OSPD. SMME WORKING GROUPS</i>
<i>BOITUMELO KGOSIEMANG</i>	<i>TALETSO FET 7 OSPD</i>
<i>MAGOGODI MANGOPE</i>	<i>ARE AGENG AND SMME WORKING GROUPS</i>
<i>MARTHA KGOTLENG</i>	<i>SMME WORKING GROUPS</i>

During this reporting period 4 members attended the Civil Society Workshop in preparation for the Provincial Anti Corruption Summit to be held in October 2009 on the 10-11 September 2009 at Rustenburg Civic Centre.

5. FUNDRAISING

We have engaged with the public sector for support on the following proposals.

DEPARTMENT	PROPOSAL
<i>PUBLIC WORKS</i>	<i>SKILLS DEVELOPMENT</i>
<i>SPORTS ARTS & CULTURE</i>	
<i>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</i>	<i>HIV and AIDS</i>

The Provincial Administrator attended the briefing session on how to get funding within the Heritage Council.

Economic Trust

Casual Day: 3000 tickers have been ordered, and we ask people from the deferent departments of government to help us to sell at there departments, also some or our members.

6. DISABLED YOUTH SOUTH AFRICA (DYSA)

6.1 Disables women development program

A little success has been recorded

6.2 Disabled Children Action Group

Most of them visit the office for information, we recruit them take members, we have more than 4 new members, and some of them help us to sell the stickers, I intend to recruit more members as we arrange Christmas party for the children, the special meeting will be 01 November 2009.

7. HIV and AIDS

Workshop: During this reporting period 30 members across Dr Kenneth Kaunda district attended HIV and AIDS and disability workshop on the 19th June 2009 at Ikaheng Disability Centre (Matlosana)

Challenges

1. The vastness of the area makes it difficult to rural areas.
2. The office is situated at the premises of the Mafikeng municipality in the Mafikeng Museum it operates from one room, where all duties are performed; there is no privacy when attending certain members issues and it is difficult for holding work related meetings members have no where to wait.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the SG's desk and PEC members for their support and guidance in particular the Programmes Manager who were always assisting me to perform my duties.

Whilst we are able to record some success there were, however, some challenges that the organization had to deal with eg. managing relations between DPSA and the rest of the disability sector. The other area was our capacity to perform at an optimal level was constrained by the lack of funding resulting in our inability to retain volunteers for reduced workload on the current staff.