

## September 2008 Delft and Mfuleni Community Projects Report

<b>Nelson Mandela Peace Park - The Hague, Delft</b>			
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
<p>Given the uncertainty that now appears to surround the N2 Gateway project, we need to give serious consideration to upgrading the food kitchen. This would include installing an extractor fan, refurbishing cupboards, purchasing a stainless steel table and painting the room. The offices in the same block should also be re-painted.</p> <p>Installation of the temporary mobile structure to accommodate pressing staff need, requires submission of plans to town planning. This is being attended to currently. We need to plan around communications - telephone and internet for the structure.</p> <p>The high volume 4-in-1 machine has assisted with photocopying and printing demands for staff and clients.</p> <p>Macrolan IT company will be assessing IT needs and set-up and will offer required on-going support where necessary</p> <p>Planning for a permanent health admin. Hub/centre at NMPP is underway – first meeting with the architect scheduled for mid-October.</p>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Issues &amp; Challenges</b>
<b>Computer centre</b> Learning centre	3 full time staff	71 learners registered for August/September courses. The increased registration included another group of 10 HCWs.  There were 5 drop outs from previous weekday course and 5 from Saturday am class. Majority (80%) completed successfully but 7/9 from 1 class are repeating.	The new facilitator was dismissed for inadequate performance at the end of the month. Lameesah Colbie will be taking over the facilitator's classes and work on a full-time basis. Five classes are still offered Mon-Thurs – including an evening class on each of these days; Fridays are open practice & support days; and, one Saturday am class is running. Macrolan should assess the feasibility of installing the NetSchool Support System, which could enhance facilitation of classes. The computer centre staff attended the 3-day Assessor Training course, which is a first step towards them qualifying to facilitate accredited courses. (They will also need to complete the Facilitator course and one member will need to do the Moderator's course). Time needs to be devoted during October/November towards planning for programmes that focus specifically on children and teenagers.
Business	Above staff	42 walk-in clients at	Business centre activity increased slightly. PCs in the centre were

Centre		business centre for the month	also used by learners for practice sessions and accessing the internet. Frequency of client usage could still be higher. Services are still mainly for printing, photocopying & typing/drafting documents. We are aiming to introduce binding and lamination services that could attract more clients and increase the scope of services and are in the process of pricing items from different suppliers.
<b>Food Kitchen Provision</b>	4 full-time staff & 1x volunteer	On average 342 clients, mainly from surrounding area, including people settling in new RDP houses and newly identified health patients.	The food kitchen is still under strain, despite slight drop in numbers of people receiving food. We are finalising a questionnaire to ascertain client profiles, which will also be used in Mfuleni. The profiles will assist us to bring more focus around children and families who need to be supported by the kitchen. Currently there are too many unemployed youth in the queue – who at times are trouble-makers. Ideally they must be phased out and linked into some employment opportunities. We need to check costs and budget against expanded need and check delivery system to patients. We will purchase a bakkie soon and appoint a driver to do deliveries in both Delft and Mfuleni. Given delays of N2 Gateway, kitchen should be upgraded.
<b>Food Garden</b>	2	Food kitchen recipients	Began first harvesting of turnips for the kitchen and will harvest beetroot and spinach in a week. The adjoining piece of land appears to be owned by the provincial department of housing. We need to approach the department to ascertain if the land could be used for extending the garden - or alternatively for building a crèche. One gardener needs closer monitoring as it appears that she has recently not been at work regularly. (An example of the role for a site manager!)
<b>GAS</b>	1x Project Manager; 1x Assistant; 13 x CWs, plus 10 CWs recently interviewed & to	The target of securing 70- 80 grant applications was reached in September, as the Jamboree last	The newly appointed CWs are doing well in their work and have been requested by SASSA to assist with a jamboree in Klipheuwel on 10 October. Although this falls outside of our community and is a once-off, it will give the new CWs more experience and confidence in their work. The 10 newly selected CWs will undergo orientation and training in

	be appointed.	month boosted applications tremendously.	mid-October and focus their work in Delft South. The installation of a temporary mobile unit at NMPP will assist the work of the staff as they currently do not have equipped offices and have been using a store-room at a local school.
<b>NMPP Relations</b>	All projects based at the Park & at the Hague Community Hall	All clients of different projects (no to be determined)	The City/MAT/ Community agreement is currently under revision. A workshop that will look at common vision is to be held at the end of October. The workshop will provide a basis for greater cooperation and integration of different service providers at NMPP and a revised contract with local government role-players, including social development which needs to come on board as a signatory partner in Delft and Mfuleni.
<b>Mfuleni Community Park - Mfuleni Extension 4</b>			
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
<p>Dry-wall partitioning of the room housing staff for the health, GAS &amp; computer training programmes is virtually complete. Furnishing of offices will need to happen during course of October.</p> <p>In a meeting held with Social Development on 3 October, where the ECD programme was discussed, it became apparent that we should motivate for an ECD centre at MCP but that this would in most likelihood need to be funded by MAT as Social Development has already allocated funding for Capex/building projects for 2009 – 2010.</p>			
The switchboard and telephone lines are currently working well - after lodging complaints with Telkom re call that were cutting out..			
The management of the centre as a facility – in terms of repairs & maintenance is still problematic as the City is not following up on and undertaking work on identified tasks. Cleaning of the facility is now regular, as a cleaner has been appointed on a permanent basis			
The park is utilised well by children after school. All play equipment (swings, slides, merry –go-rounds, etc) in the park is used, open space is used for soccer and the multi-purpose court is being used for netball. Most of these activities are self-organised and free play. These activities should be structured into the youth programme, when it gets off the ground.			
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<b>Food Garden</b>	5	Clients of the food kitchen (195) and the 5 gardeners.	<p>We are beginning to harvest turnips, spinach &amp; beetroots. All vegetables are growing well. The 25 fruit trees are also doing well – some got their first blossoms but it will be at least another 2 or 3 seasons before any fruit is borne.</p> <p>We are still keen to run a training course for 24 members of the community in backyard gardening and are submitting a proposal for this to SAB. We should also approach DSD and DoL. We are waiting a response to our submission to Rotary.</p>

			Our gardeners, are offering follow-up monitoring & support to households that received a further 240 trees from Food & Tress for Africa. This has been a very positive association with FTFA.
<b>Grant Access Project</b> (ARK partnership)	1x Coordinator (1x Administrator) 12 Community workers 1xCDW	81 community members with submitted grant applications.	CWs are still more than meeting their targets and are working as a cohesive and committed team. Unfortunately the most effective CW passed away at the beginning of the month. Gas ahs set up a stakeholders forum to advise on issues affecting the community. The forum provides a good networking space for issues within the community generally. The CPM & COO met further with the Ark Managers of the Gas programme to discuss the MAT/Ark partnership and ways in which the programme can be sustained after Ark withdraws from the programme in October 2010. While the nature of the partnership was clarified in certain ways, more planning around sustainability and hand-over needs to happen.
<b>Food Kitchen</b>	1x Coordinator 1x Assistant Volunteers when necessary (gardeners for instance assisting when there is cooking & catering to be done.)	On average 190 people p/day. During the month increased from 197 to 205 clients.	The number of people receiving food continues to increase every month. We have designed a questionnaire to gather information on the profiles of people receiving food and determine whether and with what frequency there is recipient turn-around so that we do not create a culture of utter dependency on the kitchen. (See NMPP) The kitchen could still do with a 100l pot and a 2-plate gas burner to manage the additional clients more effectively. Food is being delivered by Ma Emelia's orphanage again, as Victor Malimke cannot manage transport of food and school children as there is a clash of time. We hope to appoint a driver within the course of October/November. The kitchen continues to provide catering for staff & other meetings on a cost-centre basis. The kitchen catered for 180 staff of the health programme on 23 September for their team building event. While this gave the coordinator experience and confidence in fairly large-scale catering, it was a strain on her.
<b>Computer Centre</b>	1x Coordinator 1x Course Facilitator	47 learners completing for the second course	The Computer Centre is running 3 x classes of 12 enrolled learners each Monday – Friday, and a Saturday morning class for 11 registered learners. The learners are still predominantly

	1x part-time facilitator for Saturday class	cycle .	unemployed youth from the community. The majority of the learners are unemployed women in their early twenties, only a third of whom have a matric - the majority have grade 11. The Saturday class facilitator is highly computer literate and we are keen to see if he can make some input into additional programmes that we can offer to current learners and children. Planning re course for the latter will be scheduled during the course of October and November.
<b>Other Projects</b>	<p>Marjan and Siphokazi from the education team have produced a very valuable community profile report on Mfuleni that can inform and shape new projects that we introduce. They will be producing a similar report for Delft.</p> <p>The CPM attended a Vrygrond stakeholders meeting on 26 September, where the design of the community centre, services to be provided and management of the centre was discussed. Further involvement of MAT in this venture was very strongly expressed. A follow up meeting is scheduled for the end of October where the vision and management of for the centre will be explored further.</p>		
<b>Partnership Development</b>	<p>We are still in the process of revisiting our partnership agreements with local government for Delft and Mfuleni. Part of the process will entail workshops where we build common vision, clarified roles &amp; responsibilities and service level agreements. Workshops towards this end were scheduled for 8 and 15 October fro Delft and Mfuleni respectively but both have to be rescheduled as many people could not attend. for Mfuleni stakeholders is being planned for October.</p> <p>The COO has been playing a pivotal role in facilitating meetings with DSD (ECD division) and the S&amp;R Area Managers &amp; Directors and is building clearer understanding of programme delivery and potential infrastructural needs and development.</p>		
<b>Governance</b>	<p>Representation on the MCP Steering Committee needs to be broadened and a FCM for MCP needs to be established. This will disentangle governance and management of the centre. These issues will be addressed at the workshop that is to be rescheduled..</p>		

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