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THE ANC LIBRARY PROJECT

I A brief outline of the present situation

According to a plan made and accepted at Mazimbu in January 1986 the Mazimbu Library will be developed into a Central Library for ANC library services. It will serve the Mazimbu schools and community, assist the Vocational Training Center Library at Dakawa and, at a later stage, help also other ANC libraries according to their needs. It will also house an archives section of all the ANC material.

Besides the Mazimbu Library there are small ANC libraries at Dakawa, Viana(Angola) and Lusaka. All of them are in need of trained personnel, more books and other library material, stationery and furniture. The Mazimbu Library is now assisting the Dakawa VTC Library in a modest way, but lack of personnel and funds have so far hindered a more efficient cooperation. There are plans to build a bigger library at Dakawa to serve the whole community there, but it seems to be a still fairly far away project. A small library has been established at Viana, but at the moment there is no professional personnel to further develop it. The Lusaka library is connected with the headquarters of ANC and is mainly functioning as a reference library for the officials of the Lusaka office.

At the moment the Mazimbu Library is headed by a Finnish volunteer librarian, but an ANC librarian is expected to return from Hungary in July. Two ANC students are studying Library Science abroad. One of them is in Finland, one in Britain, and their studies will take 3-5 more years. Five students are attending the Library Assistants' Certificate Course in Dar es Salaam, and will complete their studies in October 1987. More students, however, should be sent for studies to partly satisfy the manpower requirements of the ANC libraries, but especially to meet the vast demands in the future South Africa.

Presently the Mazimbu Library receives support from a number of sources. For instance Unesco, the Dutch Anti-Apartheid Movement, Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Swedish Africa Groups,

Australian Trade Unions and the Finnish Library Association have or are in the process of donating books, AV material, stationery and providing personnel and training facilities. However, it is a time-consuming task to look for and administer donations from various sources for all the library projects, and, therefore, it would make the library administration easier and more efficient if funds would come from a few major donors only.

II A suggestion for the assistance from FINNIDA

1. General

It would speed up the development of the ANC library services and make the administration smoother if FINNIDA took over financing the main projects. The funds would come from FINNIDA but the Library Association, which has by now gained experience in library development cooperation in general and with the ANC specifically, would look after the administration and implementing the projects.

The project could be started in 1988 in a fairly modest way, concentrating on strengthening the Mazimbu Library, developing the Dakawa VTC Library and sending students for training. Later on the project can be extended to develop the Viana Library and training more students.

2. Details of the project

- a) The Project Leader would be based at Mazimbu, with a task of assisting the running of the Mazimbu Library together with an ANC librarian, and getting acquainted with the situation at Dakawa, Viana and Lusaka, and making suggestions for further development of the library services. The leader can start in the beginning of 1988.
- b) The Project Secretary would be based in Helsinki. The Finnish Library Association is prepared to employ a half-time secretary with special duties of dealing with international affairs, and the salary could be funded by FINNIDA. The Secretary can start in the beginning of 1988. During the course of the year she would make one trip to Mazimbu and Dakawa to familiarize herself with the project and to consult with the

project leader.

- c) The library projects include a number of professional tasks; such as classification, organizing AV and archives sections, computer services, etc, for which the use of short-term subject consultants would be ideal. Providing the projects are well prepared by the librarians who are familiar with the objectives of the libraries and the organization as well as the local circumstances, the use of consultants for specific, well-supervised tasks would be more economic and productive than employing volunteers on a long-term basis. A provision for the use of 2 subject consultants each year should be made.
- d) Provision for books and other library material, stationery, furniture and transport for all the libraries should be made. All the material will be acquired where it is easiest available.
- e) Training of ANC personnel should be an important part of the project.
 - During 1988 FINIDA could take over training the ANC student in Finland who up to now has been sponsored jointly by the Finnish Library Association and the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. His studies will take another 5 years, leading to a Master's Degree in Library Science.
 - Two students could be sent for Library Assistants' Certificate Course in Dar es Salaam. The course starts in July and lasts 18 months leading to the Certificate in Library Studies. Two more students could be sent for the same course in 1989.
 - Preparations should be made in 1988 to send three students for degree studies in Library Science in Britain. The studies start in April with practical training in libraries, and theoretical studies at the University in September. The studies will take three years leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science. Two more students should be sent for the same studies in Britain in 1990.

- f) Preparations for the development of the Viana Library should be made in 1988. The Project leader would visit Viana and make a detailed suggestion for the project. In 1989 a volunteer librarian would start working there, and a provision for books and other library material, stationery and furniture as well as transport should be made available.

III A rough estimate of the expenses

1988

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The Project Leader

Salary	100 000
Travel (Helsinki, Viana, Lusaka, London)	50 000
Insurances, medicine	2 000
Transport expenses: petrol, spare parts	18 000

170 000

The Project Secretary

Salary	39 000
Travel	10 000
Daily allowance	4 000
Insurances, medicine	1 000

54 000

2 Subject consultants

Salary	16 000
Travel	20 000
Daily allowances (1 month each)	15 000
Insurances, medicine	3 000

54 000

Administrative expenses

5 000

Book and other library material
acquisitions: Mazimu and Dakawa

50 000

Stationery, equipment, furniture,

Mazimbu and Dakawa

50 000

Training

A student in Finland	36 000
Two students in Tanzania	40 000

76 000

Total

459 000

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1989

The Project Leader 180 000

The Project Secretary 55 000

2 Subject Consultants 55 000

Book acquisitions: Mazimbu and Dakawa 55 000

Stationery and furniture: Mazimbu and Dakawa 40 000

Training:

One student in Finland 40 000 "

Three students in Britain 150 000

Two old students in Tanzania 50 000

Two new students in Tanzania 40 000

290 000

The Viana Library

Librarian: salary 100 000

Travel 10 000

Insurances, medicine 3 000

Car 70 000

Petrol & spares 20 000

Books and magazines 100 000

Furniture 50 000

Stationery 50 000

403 000

Total 1 078 000

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