

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERIM NATIONAL
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1990.

CHAIRPERSON: Sr Bernard Ncube

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

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APOLOGIES: Mrs Albertina Sisulu and Orange Free State.

AGENDA:

1. Opening and welcome - Sr Bernard
 2. Regional Reports
 3. Briefing and discussion
 - (a) The constitution of the N.C.C.R
 - (b) Legal Status of N.C.C.R _
 - h" (0) Relationship with UNICEF and I.C.T
 4. Discussion
 5. Proposal on the operationalisation of the project
 6. Discussion
 7. Way forward
 - (a) Projects
 - (b) Structures and committees
 - (c) Situation analysis
 8. Summary and closure
 1. OPENING AND WELCOME
- Sister Bernard welcomed the regional convenors to the first meeting of the N.C.C.R.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Regions were given an opportunity to give short reports on matters that were not included in the summary of regional reports. The following major points which needed to be discussed by the meeting arose from regional reports:

1. Ownership of the project.
2. Finance.
3. Documentation.
4. Co-ordination, relationship and facilitation.
5. Programme of action.

DISCUSSION:

It is a fact that this project has been initiated by the ANC but it does not belong to any political grouping. It is non-sectarian. It was agreed that a pamphlet expressing this sentiment should be written and made available to all participants.

This is 21 service facility which will serve all the children of South Africa. The project should involve everybody' working with children including government linked structures.

The Board of Trustees is the policy making body. Representation in the project - The regional convenors were appointed in Gaborone where this process began. The first meeting of regional convenors is the second phase of this process. The regional convenors to take up the question of the Gaborone proposals and discuss it in their respective regions.

BRIEFING ON THE N.C.C.R CONSTITUTION! LEGAL STATUS OF N.C.C.R AND RELATIONSHIP WITH UNICEF AND I.C.T:

Regarding the draft constitution tabled before the meeting, a discussion ensued. It was agreed that the constitution should have provision for amendments. Constitutional proposals on paragraphs 7 and 9 to be submitted by regions within two weeks.

N. C. C. R to maximize participation from grassroots. Every region to influence work, direction and full participation.

The way to National Co-ordinating Committee is through regions. N.C.C.R is non-sectarian, people in regions should use their own discretion and consult where they are not sure. The regional Co-ordinating Committee is a forum where the voice from different towns, rural areas and locals is heard. The Regional Forum is a broad forum that will bring all organisations together. In Gaborone, it was agreed to use ANC regions for the purpose of reaching out.

N.C.C.R is not a project of UNICEF but will be sponsored and supported by them. The facilitating agency in our case is I.C.T which also serves as our headquarters for the time being.

The meeting agreed that the National Working Group should be composed of members from the National Co-ordinating Committee and the Board. Also the working group should be accountable to the National Co-ordinating Committee and the Board.

It was agreed that we need to seek funds from other sources. There is need to also identify representatives from unrepresented regions. To identify contact persons in other regions we need to use SAYCO and ANC(WL) regional structures.

PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE PROJECT

After the N.C.C.R Project Implementation Proposal was presented, the meeting agreed that project 111 should be: Support to N.G.O's working for children in South Africa and to initiate new projects identified under Project 11 (Situation Analysis). People of the Situation Analysis to be guided by this document, and researchers to be urged to take into account objects of Project 1. It was also agreed that in Project 11, children should be dealt with separately from women. . '

SITUATION ANALYSIS

Mathole led the discussion on the situation analysis. Two people were appointed in Gaborone to convene the Situation Analysis Task Force. The Task Force should be accountable to the National Co-ordinating Committee. Convenors in co-operation and consultation with the regions to propose names of people to be in the Task. Force. Each region to have researchers, and the research itself to be community based and also train people to do research, and regions need to identify people to be trained.

The N.C.C.R to work in co-operation with the CDS. There must be a proper study design and CD8 to provide a channel.

7. FUND-RAISING

As far as fund-raising is concerned Dr Barney Mackay and the project co-ordinator are to liaise on projects in the regions. The question of U.S Aid to be taken up by National Office, it is policy matter.

All proposals to be done through the National Office. All structures to submit projected budgets including workshops, to be compiled by National Office to the funders. A decision was also taken that regions should be encouraged to mobilise resources and account for local sources used for small things e.g. workshop etc. Bodies involved in N.C.C.R to make joint efforts under the banner of N.C.C.R

8. UDF-ANC CLARIFICATION

Since most of the regions raised the fact that there was confusion at regional level about the ownership of this project, it was then resolved that clarification in the form of a letter should be sent by the National Office to all regions for their information.

9. OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Some delegates have used their personal funds to get to the meeting, it was however, resolved that these delegates will have to be reimbursed in the near future even if it means getting a loan.

10. HARARE RESOLUTIONS

The National Office to send these resolutions to regions at their earliest convenience.

The meeting closed at 16h20.