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ANC-LIBRARY PROJECT FINAL REPORT, 1.7.1988 - 31.12.1990

The Finnish Library Association is sending enclosed the final report of ANC Library Project in five copies for the period of 1st July 1988 until 31st December, 1990.

Yours sincerely,

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REPORT OF THE ANC LIBRARY PROJECT 1st July 1988 - 31st December 1990

1. GENERAL

The Finnish Library Association first started to assist the ANC in 1985. The Association was asked by the ANC to arrange library services for all the ANC exiles. Special attention deserved Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College (Somafco) at Mazimbu, Tanzania, which was cosidered to be the most important educational centre of the ANC.

The Mazimbu library was to be developed into a Central library for ANC library services. It was to serve the Mazimbu schools and community, assist the Vocational Training Centre library at Dakawa and help other ANC libraries. It was also to accommodate an archive section for all the ANC material.

The Mazimbu library was opened in 1986. At first all the books and library material were received as donations. From the 1st of July 1988 the funding of the project was arranged by Finnida, and the Finnish Library Association acted as a consultant. The funding of the project by Finnida made it possible to administer the collections more fluently than before when most of the library materials were received as donations. The main attention was paid to the material to support school studies, but the need for recreational material was also realised. Special attention was paid to South African material.

The Finnida sponsorship made it also possible to smoothly improve new forms of activities, such as the audio-visual section - music and video. It was also possible to familiarize the staff with modern computer technology using the microcomputer of the project.

Dakawa Development Centre was established in 1980. The nucleus of the area consists of the Vocational Training Centre and the Educational Orientation Centre. The library was opened at the VTC in 1985 in an ordinary classroom. The library was to serve the staff and students of the VTC as well as the community.

The funds for the Viana Library, located at Viana Centre, Angola, were transferred to developing the library services at Dakawa.

During the project volunteer librarians have been working for the project. The first volunteer librarian started in 1985 at Mazimbu.

3) the plan for the Viana library will be completed, the librarian will have started working, books will have been ordered and some have been processed,

4) the state of the training programme of the library personnel will stand as follows:

- in 1898 one student will have gained a certificate in library studies,

- in 1990 one student will have gained a certificate in library studies,

- in 1990 one student will have completed six months of his/her studies for a 18 month course for a certificate in library studies,

- in 1990 four students will have completed one and a half years of their three and a half year course leading to a

bachelor's degree in library science,

- in 1990 one student will have completed three years of his five year course leading to a master's degree in library science,

- on the job training for those going for studies and those having returned from their courses has been established and is continuing.

3. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PROJECT

3.1. MAZIMBU LIBRARY

During the project period the Mazimbu Library was developed into a functioning library. The processed book collection was nearly doubled from 11207 (June 1988) to 19677 (Dec. 1990). The main development, however, was that it was now possible to buy books that were really needed at Mazimbu.

Besides the growth of the book collection the audio-visual section of the library was developed during this time. The video section served both the schools and the community through regular video shows in the culture hall of the library and by a programme of lending the video cassettes to the schools and other units of the community. The total number of video cassettes rose from 222 (June 1988) to 955 (Dec. 1990).

The music section was established during the project period. Equipment for the listening corridor was received from CIES (Italy) in 1989 and the corridor was opened in July 1990. This enabled the pupils of the schools and the members of the community to come to the library to listen to music. Records, cassettes and CD-discs were received in 1989 and 1990. Total number stands as follows (Dec. 1990):

cassettes: 202 records: 219 CD discs: 115

The library also received periodicals and newspapers from Tanzania, South Africa and overseas. The number of ordered titles stood at 151 in 1990. After the political changes in South Africa the main emphasis was laid on South African newspapers and periodicals.

Connections with South African anti-apartheid librarians were formed by the staff of the library.

The archive section was opened in 1990. The section was meant to serve all the ANC exiles.

3.2. LIBRARY SERVICES AT DAKAWA

According to the 1984 development plans Dakawa was to be developed into a community of 5000 inhabitants. In these plans a library for the community was included. During the project period a community library was planned by the project architect Esa Paaso. The plans were completed at the end of 1990. However, political changes inside South Africa have caused some essential changes to the original development plans. It looks like Dakawa will not be developed as a rehabilitation centre but as an educational centre the nucleus of which is the Vocational Training Centre. So the number of the inhabitants will not be so big that the planned community library should be constructed.

At the moment the Vocational Training Centre Library serves both the staff and the students of the VTC and, because of the lack of the community library, also the community. The library has a processed book collection, a functioning lending system, a reference section and a periodical section.

In March 1990 a new library was opened at the Educational Orientation Centre, where new students from South Africa first arrive. The new library has a processed book collection, a lending system, a reference section and a periodical section. It also serves the school by arranging video shows for educational and recreational purposes.

The number of books at Dakawa libraries was more than tripled: from 1160 (Dec. 1988) to 3584 (Dec. 1990). The number of subscribed periodicals increased from 6 (1988) to 89 (1990).

3.3. VIANA

There were also plans for a new library at the Viana Centre, Angola. Since the ANC did not develop the Centre, the funds for the Viana Library were transferred to developing the library services at Dakawa.

3.4. THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

An essential part of the project has been the training programme. The idea of the this programme has been to train manpower who is capable of taking over a number of professional tasks in the future democratic South Africa. The training programme therefore has included library studies on all levels.

After the gradual political changes in South Africa the educational part of the project has been seen as the most important part of the project. Therefore the number of students has been higher than was planned in the project document.

The list of the students is as follows:

Students in Finland:

MA-Degree

Steve Bodibe From July 1988.

Audio-visual course

Bongani Buthelezi
Oct.-Dec. 1989.

Students in Tanzania:

For a Certificate Post Mugabe

July 1988 - Dec. 1989

Thembela Mzamo

July 1988 - Dec. 1989

Briggs Phelelo

From Jan. 1990

Solomon Kgasi

From Oct. 1990

Bonile Magxaki

From Oct. 1990

Zolile Mvumelo

From Oct. 1990

Landile Ndayi

From Oct. 1990

William Ngubeni

From Oct. 1990

Mveleli Sifuba

From Oct. 1990

For a Diploma

Peggy Deyi

From July 1989

Students in England:

Ba - course

Felicity Nxumalo

From Sept. 1989

Robert Mthembu

Sept. 1989 - Dec. 1990

Mfananje Luthuli

From Oct. 1990 -

Archives course

Ike Maamoe

Sept. 1989 - Dec. 1990

Nonkululeko Woko

From Sept. 1989 -

Student in Zimbabwe:

For a Diploma

Gugulethu Tunyiswa

From Dec. 1989 -

4. DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The ANC Library Project document defined the development objectives of the project as follows:

- 1) development of ANC members to make them to fully participate in the struggle for free, democratic and non-racial society in South Africa,
- 2) support of the educational system of the ANC at all levels,
- growth of self-confidence and pride among refugees in their own culture, and the willingness and ability to produce their own products both in cultural and scientific fields,
- 4) participation in the efforts of the ANC to train manpower who will be capable of taking over a number of professional tasks in the future South Africa.

The library project has been an essential part of the educational system of the ANC. Library services have been arranged for every educational institute of the ANC in Tanzania.

The libraries have worked under the Education Department of the ANC. The practical leading organ has been the Library Committee, which has had eight meetings during the project period.

5. PERSONNEL

The personnel of the project consists of volunteers and members of the ANC. The project coordinator, volunteer librarians and subject consultants have been working in Tanzania. The project architect Esa Paaso visited Dakawa in August 1990.

The list of the personnel is as follows:

Project coordinator:

Marjatta Lahti

1.7.1988 - 31.12.1990

(up to 30.10.1990 at Mazimbu)

Volunteer librarian at Dakawa:

Pentti Vattulainen

From Sept. 1989

Volunteer librarian at Mazimbu:

Kristiina Asp

From June 1990

Project Secretary based in Helsinki:

Marjatta Saijets

1.7.1988 - 30.4.1990

Kristiina Oleng

From June 1990

Secretary General of the Finnish Library Association:

Tuula Haavisto

Subject consultant at Mazimbu:

Pentti Vattulainen 15.9.-11.10.1988

Sirkku Seppänen

15.11. - 15.12.1989

Project Architect:

Esa Paaso

ANC Librarian: Nonkululeko Woko

July 1988 - Sept. 1989

Trained Library Assistants at Mazimbu:

Peggy Deyi

July 1988 - July 1989

Felicity Nkosi

July 1988 - Sept. 1989

Mandisa Ngxale

July 1988 - Dec. 1988

Mantombi Sadike

July 1988 - Dec. 1989

Thembela Mzamo

From Jan. 1990

Post Mugabe

From Jan. 1990

Trained Library Assistant at Dakawa:

Arthur Mkhize

July 1988 - Sept. 1989

Trainee archivist at Mazimbu:

Ike Maamoe

July 1988 - Sept. 1989