

TITLE OF THE PROJECT: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BQBSARIES
FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
RETURNBE CHILDREN

REQUESTING AGENT: THE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING
COMMITTEE FOR THE REPATRIATION OF
SOUTH AFRICAN EXILES (NCCR)

- This Committee consists of
representative from the South
African Council of Churches
(SACC), the South African
Catholic Bishop's Conference
(SACBC) the World Conference on
Religion and Peace (WCRP) and
representatives from the
Liberation Movements (ANC , PAC ,
and AZAPO). i

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The expectations of political and economic stability and
social restructuring contemplated by analysts in the post
February 2nd 1990 euphoria have by no means been
vindicated. In spite of the removal from the statute books
of some racist legislation, apartheid and the white
minority government remains firmly in place.

The current negative economic growth rate and collapse of
the black education system in the face of the government's
reluctance to make fundamental changes has meant that the
repatriation and reintegration of exiles and ex-political
prisoners has become the responsibility of the mass
democratic movement, which is itself seriously constrained
by a lack of resources.

Bursaries for educational assistance of returning exiles,
and their families have been identified as one form for
responding to the imperative need to provide a material
base designed to facilitate stable social and economic
integration to "normal" civilian life.

The programmes developed by the National Co-ordinating
Committee for Repatriation (NCCR) and its 'various task
forces have aimed at long-term solutions, particularly in
the area of training. They have taken cognisance of the
Liberation Movements' other pressing pressures and the
wealth of experience gained by the growing non-governmental
community-based structures.

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The Involvement of UNHCR:

The UNHCR have after more than 1 year of discussions, been able to negotiate an agreement with the Government of the Republic of South Africa, for their involvement in the Repatriation of South Africans to their homeland. The programme of the UNHCR will budget for the immediate transport of exiles from the host country to the final destination point; instalment and immediate needs, administration costs and a small amount for re-integration. The UNHCR is expecting the education and training of exiles and returnee children, to be catered for by the South African Government. the UNHCR hopes to become operational in November/December 1991.

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Various figures are quoted as the total of expected returning exiles. The NCCR has budgeted for 40,000 returnees. The UNHCR will budget for 30,000 returnees. To date, a total of close to 6,000 exiles have returned. Of these many, are children. Our figures for returnee children as at the 31/08/91, are as follows:

Natal	- 135
Northern Transvaal	- 9
Eastern Cape	- 84
Bloemfontein	- 33
Grahamstown	- 1
Transkei	- 50
Kimberley	- 5
Western Cape	- 79
Eastern Transvaal	- 16
PWV Region	- 330
Border	- 60
TOTAL	802

Those who have returned in advance of the thirty or forty thousand are faced with daunting problems in their re-integration into society.

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Children are unable to integrate into DET schools near their homes as many do not have a vernacular language as their mother tongue. They are thus forced to travel distances to English Language Schools. Those people who have returned to the rural areas may need to place their children in boarding schools. Schools in South Africa require pupils to wear a schools uniform, often including the necessity of purchasing a blazer.

The cost effectiveness of attempting to evaluate family income and the comparative cost of various schools was considered. It was felt that the administration of a set amount was more appropriate.

BENEFICIARIES

This proposal is for funding to meet the immediate needs of returnee Pre-school, Primary and Secondary school pupils for a period of one year.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The funds will be administered by the NCCR through its 11 regional structures.

- For record and follow-up purposes a separate registration form for each child will be completed.
- The bursary will be issued on a bi-annual basis, and will be dependant on whether the child is in school or not.

- the grant will be available to all children of returning exiles.

BUDGET

5.1 The emergency bursary to each Secondary school pupil will consist of the following:

Schools fees - 400.00

Uniforms - 300.00

Books and Stationery - 500.00

Transport - 600.00

Pocket Money - 200.00

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The Bursary for Primagx school pupils is estimated at R1,500 as follows:

Schools fees . - 400.00

Uniforms - 200.00

Books and Stationery - 200.00

Transport - 600.00

Pocket Money - 100.00

The Pre-Schools Grant of R2,000 will cover creche or pre-school fees for unemployed mothers who have found employment, or who wish to be trained for employment.

At present figures, it is estimated that a total of 6,000 children under the age of 18 years will return by the end of the programme.

Admin costs - 2 %

Secondary Scholars - 3,000 x 2,000 - 6,000,000

Primary Scholars - 2,000 x 1,500 - 3,000,000

Pre-School grants - 1,000 x 2,000 - 2,000,000

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Plus Admin Costs 220,000

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