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IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN
2E2 REGION BY THE BATTLAGAE TRUST

1. Project Objectives:

The UNHCR. has embarked upon the voluntary repatriation of South African exiles and their families into their country of origin. Of the (13,000) expected returnees 65% will return to the PWV region. There is therefore a need to administer an educational assistance programme for those who are of the school - going age. In view of the large numbers in PWV, the Battlagae Trust is requested to administer the programme separately from the rest of the assistance programme to returning exiles in this region, as a way of ensuring the realisation . of appropriate results.

2- The Beneficiaries are children and students from varied language and cultural backgrounds given their varied countries of asylum. In addition they will have been exposed to different educational systems. There is therefore a need for them to be assisted not only in placement into institutions, but also counselling as well as monetary i.e. school fees.

3. The aim of the assistance is to facilitate the immediate resumption of education for all the children of the returning exiles and their Smooth reintergration into the South African enviroment within the Current programme. 'L

4. The Nature of the assistance will consist of school fees payment the exact amount of which is stipulated in the UNHCR - NCCR agreement - being:

31400.00 fees for one primary school year per child,
R1600-00 fees for one secondaxy school year per pupil.

This is a one time assistance which should therefore be carefully planned for by both the implementing agency and the individual beneficiaries. The applicants should have a letter of referral originating only from NCCR.

5. The counselling process will be consolidated within the NgCR/PWV counselling system ensuring a well coordinated assistance in the relevant field.

6. The implemmentation of the project will be along the lines stipulated in UNHCR procedures as already agreed upon with NCCR. The financial controls will be exercised through the recruitment of one Financial Assistant who will administer the UNHCR funds separately and undertake the approved reporting mechanisms.

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7. The criteria for assistance shall be based upon the fact of being a returning exile regardless of political affiliations.

8. The budget proposals from the Battlagae Trust will be submitted to NCCR for review and approval and similiarly the reporting.

9. As a prerequisite for its involvement in the implementation of this assistance, the Battlagae Trust should relocate its offices to the Khotso House to ensure its nonrpartisan image and for effective coordination with the NCCR/PWV establishment.

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