

rnocnss REPORT
FOR THE
SITUATION ANALYSIS

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report covers the period from 1 August to 10 October 1991. Not much is yet done because of various regional problems, the common problem being lack of proper representative NCCR regional structures. It has been very difficult for the Interim Committees and core groups to carry the task of building NCCR regional structure with its committees.

I will appreciate if the meeting could try to address this problem adequately. '

2. REGIONAL VISITS

2.1 Natal Midlands

Following the decision of the 27 July 1991 National Task Force meeting held in Durban that all the core groups of the Situation Analysis task force structures should try hard to launch a formal regional structure, the Natal Midlands Interim structure invited the two coordinators viz Pumla and Staff to a consultative meeting of all organisations working with children and Women Forum, ANC Women's League, SACP, Black SASH, Fudumele pre-school and SABSWA.

In the meeting the Coordinator for the situation analysis explained the necessary documents of the situation analysis Task Force viz. the conceptual framework, final workplan and also progress already made on the workplan. The project coordinator also gave a report on the origin and the present status of NCCR. She also explained the campaign's workplan.

On the basis of the deliberations of the meeting, an Interim Committee made of one representative from organisations attending the meeting was formed. The mandate of the Committee was to invite all organisations and individuals working with children in the region to a broad meeting for the launching of an NCCR regional structure. Secondly, it was mandated to execute for the meantime the tasks of the final workplan of the situation analysis.

2.2. Northern OFS

In this region, comrade Enoch Lesupi has been the only person keeping the situation analysis show running. The Coordinators advised the comrade to try hard to establish an interim structure in the region to help him carry the difficult task of organising a broad meeting for consultation and planning of the regional NCCR structure. 5.

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It was on the basis of our discussion that a meeting was arranged on the 7 August 1991. The national office was told that 60-100 people from different organisations in the regions are expected to attend the meeting.

Unfortunately, only five people turned up to the meeting. We discussed with the five people including comrade Enoch. We agreed that the five people should constitute themselves into an interim working group. A convener for the interim working group was elected. It was agreed that the mandate of the interim working group is to consult as broadly as possible with organisations dealing with children and women in arranging for a broad consultative meeting of all these organisations. The interim working group have informed the coordinators that they will have a broad meeting in November. A date is not yet confirmed.

2.3. Western Transvaal

On the 14 September 1991 the Western Transvaal Interim structure arranged a consultative meeting. The two coordinators viz Pumla and Staff were invited. The coordinators went with Peter Chege from UNICEF as he was inside the country. Organisations which attended were ANC, COSATU, PAC, ANC Women's League, ANC Youth League and Western Transvaal Council of Churches.

The two coordinators explained the two workplans for campaigns and situation analysis. Pumla briefed the meeting about the NCCR's aims and objectives, status report and campaigns. Staff explained the situation analysis objectives, the conceptual framework and the final workplan. Peter Chege explained the process of the translation of the Facts of Life.

It was agreed in the meeting that a broad meeting should be called. An interim structure was formed made of one representative from each organisation attending the meeting.

On the 21 September 1991, a broad meeting was called by the interim structure. Organisations which attended were Regional Committee Child's Rights, ANC, Kanana Civic Association, ANC Women's League, Lawyers for Human Rights, Kefentse pre-school, ANCYL, TPA Community Development, PAC, and Masakhane Community Projects.

aims and objectives of NCCR and its three projects and their workplans. A formal NCCR structure was formed with its different committee viz Campaigns Committee and the Situation Analysis ' Regional Task Force. Solly Bokaba was elected as the convenor of the situation Analysis Regional Task Force.

2.4 Northern Natal

The Northern Natal region held a broad consultative meeting on the 21 September 1991. Staff could not attend the meeting because she had other research commitments to do in the Eastern Transvaal. Pumla attended the meeting.

The meeting noted with concern that not all organisations working with children and women in the regions have been consulted and invited to the meeting. The regional convenor of the core group was mandated to coordinate the consultation process. It was also suggested that the region be subdivided into locals, zones and sub-regions.

At the end the meeting resolved to form an interim structure made of representative from organisation attending the meeting.

Secondly, that the interim structure should execute tasks of the situation analysis workplan. Thirdly, that the interim structure should suggest the date after broad consultation for the launch of an NCCR regional structure.

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The two coordinators were invited on 28 September 1991 to the Boarder region for a consultative meeting.

Unfortunately the consultative meeting did not materialise as the invited organisations did not send their representative. The two coordinators discussed at length the regional problems with the core groups. It was agreed that each person in the core group be given an area to start consulting and inviting organisation working with children and women to a broader meeting to introduce NCCR to them. The region was subdivided into four sub-region and each sub-region given to each member. We are awaiting progress report from the convenor of the core group.

. 2. 6 Eastern Cape

The Eastern Cape core group arranged a meeting on the 18 August 1991 and invited the two coordinators. Only organisations and individuals in the Port Elizabeth area were invited.

The two coordinators explained work for campaigns and situation analysis. A working committee was elected given the mandate to consult other organisations and individual working with children and women in the region. It was agreed that after the consultation process a broad meeting to launch the NCCR regional structure will be organised. The working committee was also mandated to submit to Staff the names of the resource persons by 30 August 1991.

The National Office is still awaiting progress report from the working committee. The committee has also not yet submitted the names of the resource person in the region.

2.7 Southern Transvaal

The Southern Transvaal Region have been in crisis since Ian left for the Eastern Transvaal.

Ian Moll the regional convenor of the situation analysis regional task force convened a meeting on the 24 July 1991. During this period I was not the coordinator but asked to attend the meeting to familiarise myself with the situation analysis work.

The meeting was attended by representatives from organisation and individuals dealing with children in the PWV area. Organisations attended were ANC, ANC Women's League, National Council for Mental Health, PEPPI, SUCA, The Children Foundation, OASSA, Wozobona and Street wise. In the meeting Ian Moll explained the conceptual framework and the workplan for the situation analysis. He also suggested that a regional co-convenor be elected to replace him during his absence. A working sub-group was elected and agreed to meet the following week at NCCR national office. Only two people turned up for the meeting with one apology from Driekie. The coordinator with the two people agreed that the coordinator should call another broad meeting of people who attended the last meeting so that a co-convenor could be elected. The coordinator tried to convene two meetings which did not materialise.

At the second attempt the five people who attended the meeting agreed to constitute an interim structure to discuss the deadlines on the situation analysis workplan and submit the names of the resource persons to the coordinator. When this meeting took place it was the last week of August and the coordinator was going to be away for the whole month of September. It was due to the absence of the coordinator from the office that the small interim structure was not given the expected support.

However, without that support they convened a meeting on the 1 October 1991. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for the calling of a broad regional task force meeting. In that meeting the committee reported that the NCCR Board has discussed the PWV progress and agreed that not enough have been done to consult organisations in the region.

After some deliberations, the meeting agreed to restructure the region and not only the situation analysis regional task force. It also agreed that all the tasks concerning the workplan be suspended until a regional NCCR structure is formed. A meeting was held with the regional executive committee to discuss the regional task force decision. The meeting agreed to call a broad meeting of organisations in the PWV regions. The date for the broad meeting is not yet communicated to the Coordinators.

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3. STATUS REPORT OF REGIONS NOT YET VISITED .

Regions which the coordinator has not yet visited have not submitted their progress report when the coordinator was preparing the national status report. I suggested that the meeting ask the situation analysis convenors to report on progress in the meeting. These regions are Eastern Transvaal, Western Cape, Southern Natal, Transkei and Southern OFS. The coordinator has requested these regions to fax their reports to the national office. Maybe because of the short notice given it was difficult to respond as requested.

4. PROGRES PORT ON H S N WOR

4.1 Resource Persons

Almost all the regions have submitted_ the list of resource persons to the coordinator although most of the lists were incomplete except the Western Cape and Northern Natal lists. The Natal Midlands submitted its second list of names and telephones on the 11 October 1991. In the list the resource persons for Sports and Recreation, Disability and Child and the Law are not included. Boarder region has submitted names of four resource persons on 3 September. They are still struggling to get the remaining six. On 2 October 1991 the Eastern Transvaal submitted the names and addresses of their resource persons. On the 16 October 1991 the Western Transvaal submitted their list with names and addresses except for the environment sector. The abovementioned regions are the one who have submitted complete or half complete lists of names and addresses of the resource persons.

. The incomplete lists are making it difficult for the coordinator to compile a list of resource persons with names and contact address or telephone to sent it to the sectoral researchers to speed the process of collection of data in the different regions.

4.2 Sectoral Researchers

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On 2 September 1991 the Coordinator wrote a letter to all sectoral researchers explaining their briefs and requesting them to send in their projected budgets for carrying out the briefs. So far I have receipts budgets from Health and Nutrition, Social Welfare, Education, Family Life and Economics Status and Disability.

The sectoral researcher working in the women sector has not accepted our commissioning because of time factor and the inavailability of the resource persons from the regions. I have asked regions to suggest another name for this sector. The National Olympic Committee of South Africa has turned down our request. The NSC was approached and accepted the offer. I have faxed the brief to Sheroll as sectoral researcher and still awaiting her budget. Regarding the Environment, on the 27 July 1991 meeting Japhta Lekgetho was suggested as the sectoral researcher. The coordinator met with Japhta. From our discussion it was clear that he does not have the research skills. It will be very difficult for him to carry out the brief. 'Therefore the Group for' Environment Monitoring' was approached. I have faxed a brief to them and still awaiting a reply. So far the Coordinator has not received any budget from the Child and the Law sectoral researchers. After the Coordinator has received the budget from the abovementioned sectoral researchers, she consulted other members of the National Task Force about the way forward as it was very difficult for me to approve the budgets without any guidelines from the National Task Force.

The Coordinator also sent this budget to Chris Davids as the technical person for situation analysis. During the consultation process, the coordinator was advised to approve the budgets from Child Health Unit, Education and Family Life and Economic Status. The remaining budgets will be discussed in our national meeting.

5. OJECTE U GE F0 A N NALYS

UNICEF has approved the projected budget for the situation analysis. National Task Force members will be provided with the budget in the meeting.

The Coordinator has also requested funds for situation analysis phase I. UNICEF has already sent the funds to NCCR. You will also be provided with the letter from UNICEF stating the amount for phase I of the situation analysis deposited into the NCCR account. They have also sent money for the Coordinator's salary from August to December 1991.

CONCLUSION

From the report it is clear that not enough is done to achieve the objectives of the final workplan. The problem being the lack of proper regional NCCR structures in most of the regions. After realising this problem, the, coordinator reported it to the Working Committee. . -i.w

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It was in the Working Committee meeting that the two coordinators were mandated to draw guidelines for establishing the draft guidelines. They will be presented in the National Meeting for rectification and adoption.

Maybe if the interim structures could use these guidelines for establishing an NCCR structure, progress could also be seen in carrying out tasks on our final workplan.

I would appreciate it if the meeting could discuss the dissatisfaction of some members of the National Task Force with regard to the selection of the Sectoral Researchers. Secondly, the meeting should work out the guideline for dealing with Sectoral Researcher's budgets.