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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:
TOTAL BUDGET OF THE ORGANISATION - R175 552
HOW MUCH IS THE ORGANISATION ASKING FOR FROM WUS(I) - R75 000
YEAR FOR WHICH THE FUNDS ARE REQUESTED - 1992
1. WHAT WILL THE AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM WUS BE USED FOR? - Meet
running costs.
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BUDGET INFORMATION:

1. SALARIES AND STAFF BENEFITS

2 Full-time employees G R48 899 p.a. each : R 84 598

2 13th cheques G R3 584 each : 7 048

Medical aid e R1 500 x 2 : 3 000

UIF e R258 x 2 : 516

TOTAL : R 95 162

2. IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

Rent : R 3 B70

Electricity : 900

Office expenses : 989

Stationery : a 318

Fax and photocopying : E 760

Sundry/resources : 400

Communications - phone, postage etc : 7 200

Travel/transport : 760

Maintenance costs/depreciation : 12 995

Audit : 3 500

Bank charges : 500

Legal fees : 132

Insurance : 1 056

TOTAL : R 37 380

3..bROGRAMME COSTS

Printing and production : R 43 010

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : R175 552

4. CAPITAL COSTS

(2.9. equipment, vehicles, documentation)

IOther FUNDING SOURCES

Interfund

Canadian Embassy

Local journal sales e R15 000 a year

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

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X To enable people to understand how apartheid policies affect people's health and health care.

X To produce material for education and discussion on health and health care for South Africa.

X To provide a forum for exchanging progressive ideas on health.

X To provide ideas for the role that health workers can play in promoting a healthy society.

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TARGET GROUP:

Men and women working in health/ community-related fields.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

Critical Health is a publication dealing with the social and political aspects of health and health care in South Africa. It is run by an editorial collective which undertakes participatory research, writing and production of the publication to address the economic social and political inequalities that pervade the health care system in South Africa. It also takes direction from other progressive organisations working towards the restructuring of the health services. Members of its editorial collective work on a voluntary basis and are also members of progressive health and community organisations.

STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

The editorial content is decided by a collective made up of members of progressive health movements. Many of the articles published arise from discussions within those organisations and all articles are fully reviewed by those organisations before they are published.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

See above

PROJECT ACTIVITY FOR THE LAST YEAR:

The first edition for 1991 was published fairly late in June because the new co-ordinator had to be trained in desk top publishing skills. writers were also slow in sending in their contributions.

But the issue, which concentrated on women's health issues, was one of the biggest published so far. It covered maternal mortality, abortion, occupational health, AIDS, international analyses of women's health as well as reports on rural women and lesbian health issues.

The edition also included a resource list on women's organisations, a list of women's publications and list of articles on women's issues in other publications.

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There were also a number of innovations for the edition:

X it was the first to have a spine

it was divided into sections for easier reading

X the cover was laminated. This service was provided free by the reproduction house to test response. If continued, it will make production more expensive, but should increase marketability.

The second issue, concentrating on the national health service, came out in August. This covered a wide variety of local and international issues in the field.

The third edition planned for the year is on the First National Joint Conference on Health held in Cape Town in July. Critical Health was asked by the organisations attending to compile and edit the proceedings for this special issue.

The fourth edition will concentrate on welfare issue.

Meetings continue to be held with a number of health, progressive political and media organisations. Of particular concern has been the funding cuts faced by progressive publications and there have been discussions about sharing administrative staff, office space, equipment, reproduction and printing costs to cut down on costs.

A number of Critical Health articles have been adapted for Leatning Nation, an educational supplement to a mass-based Johannesburg newspaper.

Critical Health now has a print run of 2 000 copies, most of which are distributed through progressive health worker and community organisations with subscriptions taking up the balance.
,PRDJECT FUTURE PLANS:

A readership survey is planned to determine:

how readers feel about the journal

X the distribution of readers spatially and their socio-economic profile

X how this information can be used to improve the journal and reach new readers.

Medico International, one of Critical Health's funders, has indicated that it would be willing to fund a survey of this kind. With moves to unify progressive health organisations underway, meetings will be held with the new body. It could help increase the distribution of the journal.

Discussions will continue with other progressive media on how to save on running costs. V'WWWN