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FUHDING PROPOSAL

Proposal for support at the Liivha School in Venda, South Africa
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The Batlagae Trust was set up in July 1991 in response to the educational needs and integration of children and students returning from exile. The Trust became operational in October 1991 and has subsequently assisted over 600 returnee learners. The Trust is non-partisan, and supports all children and youth from exile irrespective of their political affiliation. The trustees represent the ANC, PAC and churches, with close liaison between the Trust and the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Reapatriation of Political Exiles (NCCR), being maintained through the respective executive structures.

The Trust is based and co-ordinated from Johannesburg but serves the needs of returnees nationally. The Trust's functions include:-

- e re-orientation, support and assistance of students
- a personal and academic counselling of returnee students
- t arranging bursaries aedeseheiarship-preprogrammesafor children, students and adults
- t making financial provision for these functions
- t ensuring that the necessary teaching and support personnel are in place and to provide the necessary orientation and support to these people to optimise their effectiveness
- in caring for the needs of returnee learners
- a dealing with specialised education needs of returnees such as curriculum adjustment
- a checking the credentials of institutions chosen by returnees or their parents

PBOGBESS TO DATE

The Trust has so far effectively, through links with the NCCR, processed work in a number of regions such as the Western and Eastern cape, the Orange free State and Natal. In addition a large number of applications have been processed through the Johannesburg office.

To date over 600 applications have been processed amounting to approximately 0,000.00, only part of the estimated RQ4000,000.01Z ch will be processed during 1992.

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As mentioned earlier, one of the important functions of the Batlagae Trust is to provide counselling' to facilitate the process of integration for returnee children. Many were born in exile and now face the traumatic experience of having to adjust to a new environment and learning situation with different social and curriculum demands.

To meet this need the Batlagae Trust provides or arranges counselling facilities and has had requests from some schools for additional support. One such school is Liivha in Theyedkin Venda. The school has so far enrolled 9 returnee children and has employed a teacher from the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College. As indicated in the letter dated 22/11/91 (attached) from Liivha School, they wish to appoint a teacher to give additional academic and psycho-social support to the pupils and students, particularly those from exile.

The Trust considers Liivha's request as worthy of support and would like to sponsor the salary the teacher they wish to appoint.

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Salary for teacher R26,000.00
Benefits R18,000.00
Bursaries for at least 3 students R10,000.00
Administration R 6,000.00

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