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I am now working for the Batlagae Trust which was established by the NCCR. The Trust aims to integrate educationally all repatriated learners.

We hope that the City of Rotterdam will be able to provide all or some of the money requested for our bursary programme.

I shall be in Amsterdam on April 1st 1992 and will be happy to meet with you to elaborate further on our request.

With regards to yourself and Christiaan van Krimpen.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director

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Ms W Groenewald
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Dear Ms Groenewald

Herewith please find a funding proposal for bursaries for
returnee exiles in South Africa.

The Batlagae Trust has been set up to administer such bursaries.

We have however been unable to meet the needs of all returnee
learners due to an initial underestimation of both cost and
demand for bursaries.

This has left us with a: significant shortfall and over 400
outstanding applications for 1992.

We are appealing to you to try to assist us with this very urgent
matter.

Yours sincerely

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PROJECT PROPOSAL: Educational bursaries for returnee
exiles

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Dept. of External Affairs,
Rotterdam, Netherlands

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Batlagae Trust

AMOUNT: R1,000,000.00

DATE: 12/03/92

Trustees: Micllaël Corke (Chairman) John Samuel Barbara Watson William Semi Neil McGurk
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FUNDING PROPOSAL

BURSARY PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATED SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS EAQKQBQHHD

The Batlagae Trust was set up in July 1991, in response to the educational needs and integration of children and students returning from exile. Whilst other agencies existed in South Africa, it was estimated that none of these had the experience or capacity to deal with the specific needs of repatriated learners.

The support given is non-partisan and tries to meet the needs of all returning scholars and students. The Trust is made up of representatives of the ANC, PAC and churches and works in close co-operation with the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of Political Exiles (NCCR).

The initiative is based and co-ordinated from Johannesburg, with regional obligations being implemented through NCCR offices.

The Trust aims to identify and facilitate the necessary educational and welfare arrangements for returnees. This includes;

- bursary arrangements for children, students and adults
 - re-orientation and support of students
 - personal, academic and career counselling
 - arranging the necessary teaching and support personnel
- to provide the necessary orientation and support
- arranging the administrative and financial infrastructure for these functions

The Batlagae Trust commenced the implementation of its bursary programme for repatriated learners in November, 1991. The response to the programme from scholars and students has been very rewarding, although all previous estimates of the demands which would be made on the Trust or the costs of meeting this demand have been grossly underestimated.

The funds have been allocated to scholars and students doing pre-primary, primary, secondary, technical/vocational levels and to some degree have allocated monies to tertiary studies at university.

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Briefing: The Batlagae Trust

Introduction: The Batlagae Trust is an educational trust established in 1991 in South Africa, to assist with the educational integration of returning exiles. ("Batlagae" means "returnees" - literally "those that are coming home" - in Setswana). The Trust will address educational problems of returnees on all levels. from pre-school infants to those facing university students and those seeking adult education.

Motivation: Education often takes centre stage in the problems confronting returning exiles. After 30 years of apartheid, the South African educational system remains a shambles. Classrooms are inadequate and often in ruins. Facilities are . de facto, if no longer de jure, segregated. Curricula still reflect their roots in apartheid

education. There are not enough places, by far, for the number of school-aged children; many youths leave school after a few years, forever.

The children from exile have no choice but to enter into this national disaster. These children must already cope with the trauma of finding themselves uprooted from familiar homes and surroundings, to "return" to a country they may never have known. Previous schooling, where ever it may have taken place, hardly prepares them for the conditions they are likely to find in the township schools (far less in the rural areas). Parents or guardians too often cannot afford the few private "non-racial" schools to which better-off township residents turn in desperation.

The primary task of the Batlagae Trust is the educational integration of these children from exile. This task requires the clear and careful selection of appropriate institutions and programmes; and often the provision of funds. It requires counselling, both to the learner and to guardians or parents; and the development of . personnel capable of providing this form of support. It requires reaching out to the wider community, to engage their interest and involvement in this process of integration. Ultimately, it demands not the "adjustment" of returning children to the South African educational system, but rather looking for ways and means to change that system, with an aim to providing a valid and effective education for all who must go through it.

Background: The Batlagae Trust was created by the " Oversight Committee" of the National Co-ordinating Committee for the Return of Exiles. As with the NCCR, the Oversight Committee comprises representatives of the churches and the liberation movements. It was charged with the task of coordinating the return of exiled children and students. However, the Oversight Committee has no powers to raise funds, nor is it likely to survive beyond the time where the NCCR completes its main tasks. The Batlagae Trust was formed to fill this gap.

The Trust is non-partisan, and will support all children and youth from exile, irrespective of which liberation movement holds their affiliation.

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Objectives: The Trust's immediate objectives are:

- . to arrange reception and school facilities for repatriated children and students who cannot be dispersed to parents or next of kin;
- to arrange a bursary/scholarship programme for children and students who are able to stay with their families;
- to facilitate the return of educational archives from abroad, and arrange their safe custody inside South Africa; at a later stage to create an information and research project on SOMAFCO and other educational institutions set up by the liberation movements during the years of exile.

Long-term projects include the establishment of an education centre to concentrate on the needs of youth and adults; in particular, to develop appropriate technical education for returning exiles and for the educationally "lost generation" in our country.

Structure: The Batiagae Trust was established by the NCCR, to which it remains accountable. Its Board of Trustees is composed of representatives of, and it liaises closely with, the ANC, the PAC, and the Churches.

The Trust was registered on 19 July, 1991 ; registration no. 1279/91, issued by the Department of Justice, Section 6 (1), Trust Property Control Act, 1988 (Republic of South Africa).

The Batiagae Trust is audited by Deloitte Pim Goldby.

Trustees:

Michael Corke, Chairman (Anglican Church representative; headmaster of St.

Barnabas College, and Chairman of the Independent Examinations Board)

John Samuel (ANC representative; Head of ANC Department of Education)

William Seriti (PAC representative; practicing attorney).

Barbara Watson (Social Worker at Sacred Heart College)

and Neil McGurk (Catholic Church representative; headmaster of Sacred Heart College, and Director of the independent Examinations Board)

The Board of Trustees has recently appointed Mohammed Iely as Executive Director. -

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The Trust has been donated some R2,000,000.00 since it's inception. This amount has however made far less impact than anticipated, due to costs and demand being far greater than initially envisaged.

The underestimation of costs for the bursary programme has been due largely to the reality of the educational opportunities available to these students, previously unforeseen expenses and a substantial underestimation of the numbers who would be needing our support.

Initial proposals underestimated the real cost of tuition fees at schools, technical institutions and universities.

Placement of students to state facilities has been difficult because of the lack of available places and discriminatory entrance procedures which are still being applied at many facilities. In addition many parents have been reluctant to admit their children to the inferior "Bantu Education" system of the Department of Education and Training, a system which entrenches racial discrimination and inferior standards. Many of our children have therefore had to be accommodated in independent schools are far greater costs than anticipated.

Initially we estimated that approximately 800 learners would register with the programme. Since it's inception it has become clear that in fact the numbers are likely to be double this, including scholars and adults, who are needing our support.

We have to date approved nearly 1000 applications, but have over 400 still outstanding and have even had to turn others away.

Funding is urgently required to assist us to meet the needs of these applicants. This proposal is a request to yourselves to help fund our programme for 1992.

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- a. 150 bursaries for primary and secondary education 6 R4000.00 per student R 600,000.00
 - b. 30 bursaries for tertiary education 0 R10,000.00 per student R 300,000.00
 - c. Administration 9 10% R 100,000.00
- Total R1000,000.00