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Quarterly Report on the

Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) Project

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Acronyms

EU	**European Union**
CMHF	**Cape Metro Health Forum**
CPP	**Child Protection Policy**
CSS	**Community Systems Strengthening**
CVD	**Cardio-vascular disease**
TFT	**Training for Transition**
UCT	**University of Cape Town**
WFP	**Women on Farms**

Introduction

Sufficient evidence exists, from various corners of the globe, and from a range of scientific and psychological studies, that if a group of people are subjected to sufficient economic deprivation and a significant lack of safety, it leads to high levels of chronic diseases and high levels of mental health problems. An Australian study had the following findings;

"*One in 20 (6%) Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders have reported high blood pressure (hypertensive heart disease), (14% women having CVD and 11% men)*".

"*Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders generally die at a younger age than non- indigenous inhabitants.*"

"*Mental health statistics show that aboriginal people are much more likely to suffer from dementia than other Australians.*"

"*Diabetes, a preventable disease, affects up to 30% of Aboriginal people, caused by economic and social factors.*"

"*Aboriginal health standards in Australia are now so low that almost half of Aboriginal men and over a third of women die before they turn 45.*" Indigenous Health Info. Australia.

Oxfam Australia, had come to a similar conclusion, as the CMHF health committee members, (as per the outcomes of the health committee training), when they say that "*Indigenous Australians have to be consulted, resourced and supported to*" … develop appropriate interventions.

Similar papers on the impact on Jewish survivors of the Holocaust are recorded: "*…Amongst survivors, diseases and defective conditions had slowly developed that nobody could explain*." The impact of the Holocaust on Survivors. Sandra A. Williams.

This is a clarion call to South Africa, (where we have much bigger population sizes living in inhumane conditions), of the magnitude effects of deprivation, exposure to daily violence and being excluded from economic growth, and its health and social consequences. Although in South Africa, we have not conducted a comparative study between communities living with considerable deprivation and those who do not, the burden of disease is evident by the long queues in oppressed communities, even if we take into account the fact that people without economic desperation will have access to medical aid and the ratio of people to the number of facilities in comparative communities.

In relation to this request for intervention, the CMHF health committee members identified four priority areas, which we have concentrated on in our programme intervention and identified in our logical framework. TFT is responsible for 3 programmatic areas, as highlighted.

1. **Access to food and nutrition**
2. **Child protection**
3. **Peace building**

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Item	Start-up Activity: Develop Tools	Outcome
1. Baseline Assessment	The first phase of our activities started with the development of a baseline tools for each of the programmatic areas. TFT is responsible for three of these, and have completed all three baselines and circulated to WFP and UCT, partners in the CSS project for information sharing, feedback and input. An additional Project Management baseline has been developed to assess any community-based partner needs, which can be incorporated in the capacity development mentoring phase of our intervention.	**Baselines Completed**. 1.Child Protection 2. Access to Food and Nutrition 3. Peace Building 4. Project Management
2. Child Register	In the child protection programmatic area, a child register will be used to monitor services to children and outcomes in relation to indicators across the four programmatic areas such as access to food and nutrition and health monitoring.	**Task completed**. Child register example shared. Await final log-frame to cross check indicators.
Item	Start-up Activity: Develop Training Material	Outcome
1. Child Protection Policy (CPP)	Project trainees will be working significantly with children living with high levels of vulnerability. A comprehensive policy has been developed, for all project people who come into contact with children, to sign off on. These include TFT team, WFP and UCT as part of CSS partnership and any researchers or visitors to the project.	**Task completed**. This CPP policy is ready for printing.
2. TFT CSS Training Manual	The training manual has been developed for easy replication and an understanding of the requirements within a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework.	**Task completed**.

		Awaiting finalisation of log-frame before printing manuals.
	It clearly spells out the intention and the steps contained within the **community entry phase**. It provides specific guidance for **information gathering**, as part of the community mapping process, the respectful engagement during community entry, initiating community dialogue by inviting all stakeholders to an **information sharing** event. This is an opportunity to provide a clear understanding of the project intention, identify the stakeholders, clarify misconceptions and seek community partners. It is also the opportunity to **share the training plan** and get community members to identify **appropriate trainees** for the programmatic areas. These events will also assist with getting **community input**, with relation to the training intention and **cooperation with local government** officials. An opportunity for **ongoing community involvement** and **finding the relevant people**, is established during the community entry phase. The training manual further spells out the different **training and capacity development activities** and the indicators that the CSS partners will be working against. The training manual is ready for printing. We are still finalising the log-frame with support from an EU expert and will not print this manual till all log-frame elements have been finalised. We will then cross-check indicators with final log-frame and print these training manuals.	
3. Child Protection Training manual	The training manual covers content toward three indicators including developing a cadre of ECD practitioners, developing a community-based child protection forum and supporting the formalisation of ECD sites contributing to the overall intention of interrupting high levels of child abuse.	**Task completed**
4. Develop Access to Food and Nutrition Manual	Now that the baseline has been submitted for feedback, the training manual development will start in August.	**To be initiated in August**
5. Develop Peace-building Training Manual	Now that the baseline has been submitted for feedback, the training manual development will start in August.	**To be initiated in August**

Ongoing activities

Life-skills Manual: Please note that a life-skills manual might have to be developed for the after schools programme, but it will be needed much later and we could use an existing life-skills book, rather than re-inventing the wheel.

Klapmuts Report: As Klapmuts is the only confirmed site at this point, Emily has been on board since the start of July and developed the baseline for 'access to food and nutrition' which she circulated for feedback. Emily and I have also started our staff meetings; to go through community entry requirements, identifying stakeholders, understanding the community mapping process, developing the community profile and training manual finalisation etc.

Pilot site finalisation: We are still awaiting go-ahead on the two additional sites, which will be discussed after local government election. As Bulelwa started too late for developing content, she will review all the developed manuals with a fresh eye, for additional inputs. I will also start her orientation process; to go through community entry requirements, identifying stakeholders, understanding the community mapping process, developing the community profile and training manual finalisation etc. Once the pilot site has been identified, she will work closely with Fundiswa, to ensure a common understanding and collaborative planning in this site.

TFT activities: Please find in the table below our separate TFT reports for the past three months, and our planned activities for the next three months. We have indicated general time frames for our activities.

Production of Training Material: We have circulated the various documents to all partners for feedback. Where we have received no further input, I will start finalising the training material for printing. We will share the final version electronically for sign off.

Baselines: As shared at previous meetings, we erred on the side of putting in more information in the initial baselines, for a full understanding within the partnership, on what can be covered, but as we develop the others, recognise areas of overlap and will start reducing these to a more practical baseline for each programmatic area.

Alignment with log-frame: When all baselines are completed and materials are ready for production, we will cross-check that all log-frame indicators are covered. This should, ideally, be done when the new Project Manager is on board, but will await feedback from UCT on how we should proceed, so that all partners participate in that process. I am happy to facilitate a session, if needs be.

EU logo & UCT creative common: Both the EU and UCT logo has been inserted as per contractual requirements.

TFT TEAM ACTIVITIES

Gugulethu Coordination & Content Review and Edit	Klapmuts Coordination & Content Development
Bulelwa Mshumpela.	Emily Basson.
1st Quarter	1st Quarter
June, July Attended pre-activities and Staff orientation.	July Developed Food Security Baseline Staff orientation
2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter
August	August

1. Review all existing baselines and existing training manuals for input, edit, additional content etc. (1 month)
2. Staff training and systems implementation
 	
September
3. Information gathering for community mapping
4. Set up meetings for community mapping with
   - Relevant community stakeholders
   - Police
   - Health Facility
   - Schools (lifeskills)
1. Develop Community profile Gugulethu
2. Share community mapping information with partners and host community dialogues with stakeholders
3. Select candidates for 4 programmatic areas
4. Plan training dates.
 	
October
Start training
	1. Develop Food Security Training Manual (2 weeks)
	2. In third week, set up meetings for community mapping with
	   - WFP
	   - Relevant community stakeholders
	   - Police
	   - Health Facility
	   - Schools (lifeskills)
	3. Community Mapping and information gathering (1 week)
	
	September
	1. Prepare community profile for Community entry
	2. Host community dialogue and present information
	3. Select candidates for 4 programmatic areas
	4. Plan training dates
	
	October
	1. Start training

Anita Marshall – Project Coordination and Belhar coordination **1ˢᵗ Quarter** **May** 1. Develop comprehensive CSS M&E Framework 2. Develop CSS presentations (presented to CMHF, partners, EU Pretoria training) **June** 1. Develop Project Management Baseline 2. Develop Child Protection Baseline 3. Develop Child Protection Policy 4. Develop Community Entry process (presented to partners) 5. Set up Financial Management systems **July** 1. Develop contracts and KPAs 2. Develop CSS Training Manual 3. Develop Peace Building baseline 4. Develop Child Protection Training manual 5. All documents shared electronically for input and feedback **2ⁿᵈ Quarter**	**Partner Activities and Persons responsible** • Attend Monthly meetings (**TFT team**) • Liaise with CMHF (**Anita and Bulelwa**). Liaise with WFP (**Emily**). • Orientation to CSS content, dates and coordination planning for Gugulethu (**Bulelwa**) • Orientation of Proj. Mx. to CSS process and community entry plan for Belhar. (**Anita**)

August
   5. Develop 3 month report
   6. Meeting with CMHF – finalise pilot site discussion
   7. Develop Peace Building Training Manual
   8. Staff training and systems implementation
   9. Finalise training manuals for production
  10. Information gathering for community mapping
 	
September
   5. Information gathering for community mapping continues
   6. Develop Community profiles (Strandfontein & Phillipi?)
   7. Share community mapping information with partners and host community dialogues with stakeholders
   8. Identify trainees and training dates for 4 programmatic areas
 	
October
Start training
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