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Report on

Klapmuts

Community Dialogue

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Cover Pictures: CSS trainees attending the Community Dialogue, standing.
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Hosting Community Dialogues is an important event in the Community Systems Strengthening Project. It is a line item in the TFT budget for introducing the Community Systems Strengthening partnership to the host community.

The event is hosted by the community partner, in this case, Women on Farms Project, who take leadership on event, inviting all the relevant stakeholders in the community and sending out the invitations.

It is an opportunity to invite media and create visibility of the project and introduce the partnering role of the European Union under the auspices of the Department of Justice, in this social justice initiative.

The programme covered:

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| 1. Background to the CSS initiative | Prof. Leslie London. UCT, School of Public Health |
| 2. Women on Farms Project | Ms. Colette Solomons, Director. |
| 3. Community mapping | Emily Basson, TFT Training Consultant |
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Community members registered on arrival. People attended the Klapmuts Community Dialogue.



Figure 1: Registration

Sharon Messina, was the vibrant Master of Ceremonies. She is a Klapmuts resident, Women on Farms staff member and co-facilitator in the training, and so was the appropriate person to both welcome and introduce everybody at the event.



Figure 2: Sharon Messina



The speakers at the event represented the three partners in the CSS initiative. Professor London provided background to the **Community Systems Strengthening** initiative, Ms Colette Solomons, Director of Women on Farms Project, spoke eloquently about the struggles of women in the community and Emily Basson, Training for Transition trainer, presented the Klapmuts community profile.

After the presentations, the floor was opened for dialogue and Sharon encouraged any other contributions. People made a range of contributions. During the dialogue, a young man made an impassioned plea, requesting the assistance from the School of Public Health, specifically with two problems, 1) the polluted river that people fish in and 2) the telecommunication satellite in the school ground. Women on Farms programme coordinator, Karen Roos, captured the comments and concerns:

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Figure 3: Prof. London responds to a request for health activism whilst Karen Roos captures the dialogue discussion.

After the questions for clarity and input from various community members, training participants spoke about the value of the training.



Figure 4: Trainees talk about the value of the training

Women on Farms Project hosted a successful event. The catering was superb. A few more people expressed an interest in attending future training. It was an opportunity for networking and a commitment from the Community Systems Strengthening partnership to work with community members, to attempt to address some of the social determinants of health, their daily reality.



Networking moments

