

District Task Team Meeting Minutes

26 July 2008

Education meeting update

Dugmore meeting: He's going to have a look at the sites where kids are not going to school. His office is open for refugee meetings.

Suggest we set a deadline that: if no teachers don't come then _____ will happen

Closures Update

There may be a plan by government to move everyone out of all the sites to two sites: _____ and _____. Retreat and Milnerton. MAY HAPPEN WE DON'T KNOW

We must make a plan if that happens.

LAW SAYS there's a difference between consulting and being notified. (see government hand out).

Closure of Khayletisha – Solomon M: Rev. Mbekwa has no authority and they created a false rumour about closures at 25th of July.... Now he's telling people that it's the 3rd August.

NB: NO ONE WILL FORCE THEM TO MOVE. Investigation into the two people

CTRC: Wednesday we started to assist people for integration. On Thursday 5 staff members to help with reintegration bc of the rumors. They were chased away

NEW ISSUES AT SITES

Soetwater

Bluwater

Home affairs people came with representative (Newton) – asked to explain but he didn't give a satisfactory explanation.... Still didn't bring. William called. Will come Monday or Tuesday

Youngsfield

Removed toilets on Thursday.

Took down taps (only 6 left).

Now there are only six showers working

Harmony Park

Silverstroom

Halls in Khayelitsha

Problem with security guards are attacked Bambanani and Prov. Government police.

Tableview

Social worker who hasn't come for two weeks.

INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE: no one knows what's going on with them.... Paper being kept for three weeks but no one has come to pick up... (take a copy).

Methodist Parrow Church

We don't have people visiting us and we are missing lots of things just food

Today home affairs are coming

12 PM – churches and mosques to meet TUESDAY. Nominate 5 people (must include women) from meeting to go....

Urgent few churches to close on the 31st of July

Summer Greens

TB patient gone to Somerset Hospital. He's on treatment....

Women who just gave birth...

TB AND HIV WORKSHOP FOR REFUGEES?!?!?

Knysna

No blankets

Apparently there is a new case of a man shot (15 May): must follow up

PASSOP

Nyanga is chaotic, very dangerous, no light. Have to sleep there. Been led to believe that all newcomers will be at Nyanga

Unconfirmed reports that there were rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse on Thursday morning

CTRC

Iohas started to assist 94th week) reintegration.

Seeing 100-160 people per day

Don't assist with transport money, 500 rand or whatever for reintegration.

Look at the "holistic" situation....

Ask how are you going to get rent money after the next month if we give them to you

Assist with rent and other things so that they can

SO ARE THEY ONLY HELPING PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY REINTEGRATED??? That's what it sounds like....

CTRC is assisting people who need transport money for kids to go to school.

Clarify, please put all in a pamphlet:

MUST DO A PAMPHLET FOR INFO

HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN GIVEN, CLARIFY

No money? How much money?

How many people and packages have you helped and how many more do you think that you will be able to help.

Do you know of the plan that government is trying to ask FBOs to do the same thing as CTRC is doing? (replied no we don't know anything about it).

Khayelitsha

429 ppl staying at halls. Managed help 354 ppl to get asylum papers (have actual papers)

Safety issues

TAC ask Gilad about case in Khayelitsha....

Christina said that the case of the woman whose husband died with three kids and now she needs help... come in

Bluewater Calixto wants to have an established relationship and explanation from CTRC
→ set up a meeting of the refugee leadership with Christina to figure out Monday 9 AM at CTRC....

What about the plans about guaranteeing safety of people who want to reintegrate

JOC

We go to log in our requests and only that. You're only allowed to speak and not actually participate

How are we going to monitor the JOC following up...

NORMA AND STANDARDS

Hildegarde says they will workshop it in two week and might have

GOING TO COURT ON MONDAY TO GET INTERIM NORMS AND STANDARDS because there is no minimum norms and standards

Reintegration

It seems like MJC and the church will probably try to find funding from we don't know where.... To get packages together for money and protection.

Government will not give out any money for this. Won't fund

TWO DECISIONS AT CIVIL SOCIETY MEETING

Commission Petros and forum hasn't met for the last 2 months

We want mtgs resumed again and also the people that we are allowed to have: 1 displaced person, Braam, this group to decide the other rep

Serious job: time, money and transport must have the ability to really be on it.

Start a protection working group (safety forum with government) and SEND DETAILS OF PROTECTION WORKIGN GROUP – 3 refugees and then some researchers

UN Rapid assessment – only 6 sites, haven't released report. Government asked for time to respond. Will come out Tuesday and must explain to those in the camps and halls because it says the same thing that TAC assessment said that the situation is shit.

DHA documentation list has been sent by LRC and it's clear that they will give us the run around. Said they were going to do it two weeks ago and so if it doesn't happen we will have to go

WEDNESDAY AT SALT RIVER COMMUNITY HOUSE, transport refreshments (Lawyers for Human Rights will come from JHB).

EDUCATION PLAN:

Soet -1 (15)

BW -2 (69)

YF – 1 (40)

SS – 1 (19)

BOTHASIG – 1 (12)

List of names of kids to be provided education.... From Christina.

Escort kids to nearest school... worry about getting kids victimized

Need IDPs (5 people) to meet with doron, joey, etc to set up an education subcommittee to get the kids to schools. EQUAL EDUCATION

INVOICE GOVERNMENT??

Government did say that they think they may pay the churches and mosques to stay open while they are

Any attacks reports to get to Braam (name, dates, details, etc)

SAFETY FORUM – 2 IDP reps

PROTECTION – 4 IDP reps

EDUCATION – however many, preferably people with IDPs

DEMO report back

Start of city, finish at premier – she promised to work with the leadership. Said she will meet with them, but they don't know what is going to happen (when, etc)

DHA handed over memo and he said he would give it to the right person on Monday and will do something by Wednesday (double check maybe it was two weeks)

FOLLOWUP

Leadership to write letters of follow-up (DHA, City)

TWO WEEKS TIME BIG HUGE DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY 7th of AUGUST before women's day or Thursday after.

Slot in ourselves into places who have already set up

Get Rev. Evan to give leadership the list of events and then refugee leadership to chose where they want to be slotted in.

Draft a press statement on Rifle Range by leadership

Focus our demands on Home Affairs because that is one of the roots of the problem.

Theft and mismanagement stories by police or management to be taken by Bertum

Tracey to identify and write an open letter about Cooperate Social Investment and where money has gone.

Scallibrini and CPT refugee centre to give list of places of shelter where people can be directed to.

Teryn to attend meeting of CPTRC.

Leadership wants to meet TAC

DRN (D refugee network) – organizing people to do hospitality course and then they will be placed in restaurants – 100 people so far.

What TAC can and can't do – newsletter

31 July protest on Zimbabwe - SJC