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DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES 2 AUGUST 2008

Chairing: Mohammed

Introductions- IDP leaders /TAC /Volunteers

SITE UPDATES

Soetwater:

- No changes, although food has reduced substantially

Harmony Park-

- No sugar, tea, milk and bread. They are currently only receiving one meal a day

Blue water

- This week a bus was sent for the children to go to school .They were taken to Mandalay –Mitchell's plain. They are happy as the children have not gone to school since the attacks. Question posed as to whether conflict has arisen between the children at school it was said to be too soon to tell but an update will be given.

Silverstroom-

- No update

Young's field

- No new changes

Chrysalis:

- Not enough food especially basics. No Sugar , tea , milk .Food reducing substantially

Solomon Mahlangu

- Toiletries are running out fast and conditions becoming unhygienic.
- A situation arose where a Sotho woman arrived and said she had no place to stay and was housed at the hall .The refugees are afraid that s that more locals will come and invade space .Security is an issue at the site

Richwood

- There is a great concern with the food situation .They allege that the food is being stolen. A volunteer is storing food but it has been reducing drastically and they suspect that the food is being stolen. There is a lot of confusion and tensions are high. They are requesting new security as they feel they cannot trust the security there. There is also no communication between them and the volunteers so they asking for new volunteers and security guards. Suggestion by TAC is to report the stolen food



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situation to the Police.

Pinelands Methodist church

- Home affairs problems, not all have cards. The church has given out money to find alternative accommodation, but afraid it may run out and come back. There has been a report that organisations such as churches etc will be paid back for money spent assisting the refugees .However there is no time frame as to when it will be returning .

Summer Greens

- Premier's office came and said that two big camps will be set up at the end of the month. Enquiry into this will be made. Home affairs did not give everyone cards. The Leaders went to Home affairs to ask to come back and issue more cards however they have not come.

**** ***TAC will help with Home affairs***

OTHER UPDATES

- Report sent out report /update of what was said in the report /new report also sent out with updated stuff.
- Faith Based organisations helping out had a meeting during the week.
- Shared ideas, churches have been helping re-integration- running out of money
- Press Conference was held it provided an explanation on the court case.
- A man was killed in Soetwater
- Protection meeting –Refugees will get useful advice on re-integration and also give suggestions

Report on meeting with the Premier

- Problem: Did not meet with Premier. The focus was on re-integration and what they plan to do .Leaders were not happy, because worried only about re-integration and not the memorandum .A smaller meeting promised but will deal with issues in smaller groups.
- An explanation was given however that the Leaders were only invited to the meeting set up for the NGO's that were present .The meeting was held with NGO's, run by refugees such as UNITE, ADRO, Cape Town Refugee Centre, AFRISA, ARRESTA.
- This was thought to divert the focus.
- Vicki mentioned that the underhandedness was just a tactic and not to worry and keep the focus.

Treatment Action Campaign has run out of funds. Distribution will end by the end of the week



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QUESTIONS

Q: Accountability- The funding. How much, where has it gone?

A: Gilad explained the three pools of money and detailed report will be available on the website.

Q: Is money from Government

A: No comes from DIFFD.

Q: The issue of repatriation has not been discussed

A: It is said all avenues are being looked into .