

Youth and Citizens' Participation Program (YCP)

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Period: 1st October - 31st October 2016

MILESTONE 5 Reports

Activities: Capacity Building Workshops, Micro-grant capacity building workshop, Youth Cohesion Sporting Activity, Community Murals.

Date: October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 31st

Communities: Stewartville, Belle West, Good Hope, Sophia, Uitvlugt

Prepared by: Colin Marks – Project Officer

Purpose of activities: (1) 2 Capacity Building Workshops for communities (Micro-grant proposal writing & Training workshops for 5 communities (3) Youth Cohesion Sporting activity (4) Community Murals in 5 communities

Venue Documentation:

Capacity Building Workshop

No.	Communities	Place / Address
1	Stewartville	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
2	Belle West	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
3	Good Hope	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
4	Sophia	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
5	Uitvlugt	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town

Venue Documentation

Youth Cohesion Sporting Activity

No.	Communities	Activity	Place / Address
1	Belle West, Stewartville, Sophia, Good Hope, Uitvlugt	Sporting & Cohesion Activity	Uitvlugt Community Centre Ground. Uitvlugt Village West Coast Demerara

Venue Documentation:
Micro- grant Proposal Training & Capacity Building Workshop

No.	Communities	Place / Address
1	Stewartville	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
2	Belle West	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
3	Good Hope	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
4	Sophia	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town
5	Uitvlugt	Help & Shelter Board Room Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park. G/Town

ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT

Activity: Capacity Building Workshop

5 Community: Belle West, Sophia, Uitvlugt, Good Hope, Stewartville

Date: 8th & 15th October 2016

Venue: Help & Shelter Board Room. Georgetown

Prepared by: Colin Marks _ Project Officer

- Participation**

The participants for this workshop were selected by the community groups being core members of the community group and community stakeholders. The participants were chosen also based on their interest in acquiring using the skills and information to sustain a level of community engagement post project implementation period. Some of the participants had also participated in the previous Cohesion Dialogue session which were rolled out within the 5 target communities.

ID	First Name	Last Name	Community	Age Group	Sex
1	Amanda	Somaru	Belle West	40	F
2	Wanda	Austin	Belle west	54	F
3	Subrina	Persaud	Stewartville	33	F
4	Nicola	McKenzie	Belle West	35	F
5	Wanda	Austin	Belle West	54	F
6	Tracey	Hall	Stewartville	43	F
7	Bibi	Halima	Good Hope	54	F
8	Nollie	Readie	Belle West	38	F
9	Lena	Chandraka	Good Hope	33	F
10	Debbie	Charran	Good Hope	55	f
11	Josoda	Singh	Good Hope	46	F
12	Suzanne	Chung	Good Hope	57	F
13	Janice	Gittens	Stewartville	55	F
14	Perlana	Halley	Uitvlugt	53	f

15	Shaunette	Green	Uitvlugt	20	F
16	Horicia	Adams	Uitvlugt	15	F
17	Shanna	Green	Uitvlugt	21	F
18	Henrieta	Wilson	Stewartville	54	F
19	Anastasia	Ince	Sophia	18	F
20	Sidney	Nelson	Sophia	20	m
21	Roniel	Smith	Sophia	23	M
22	Tonya	Ince	Sophia	15	F

- **Agenda**

- Teenage Pregnancy / Sexual Reproductive Health
- Parenting
- Gender-based Violence / Domestic Violence
- The Laws & You – Domestic Violence Act (PPT)
- Crime and The Impact on Youth development
- Conflict Resolution
- Community Networking (PPT)
- The Laws & You – Sexual Offences Act / Protection of the Child Act (PPT)

- **Key issues, and decisions ;**

All of the topic explored in this interactive activity were covered issues that evolved during the various engagements within the 5 communities during the implementation of the project action. Participant also requested materials from the various presentations as they intended to cascade some of the training to groups in the communities. Both PowerPoint and literal materials were disseminated to the communities.

- **Participant feedback/evaluation**

The participants viewed community networking as very high on their agenda, while other were very interested in conflict resolution. The representatives for the Belle West community requested the Facilitator of the Community Networking presentation to come Belle West for a workshop which will be organized by the group.

Capacity Building Workshop Evaluation Report

Community: Bell West, Sophia, Stewartville, Uitvlugt, Good Hope

Date: September 8th & 15th, 2016

4 = excellent 3 = good 2 = fair 1 = poor	4	3	2	1	spoilt
1. Overall, the <u>usefulness</u> of the session was:	20/87%	3/13%			
2. Overall, the <u>methods</u> used (activities, presentations, group work, etc.) were:	19/82%	4/17%			
3. The <u>materials</u> (presentations, hand-outs, etc.) were:	17/74%	6/26%			
4. <u>Knowledge</u> and <u>presentation of issues/topics</u> by facilitators were:	16/69%	6/26%			1/4%
5. The <u>timing</u> and <u>length</u> of session was:	11/47%	9/39%	3/13%		
6. My <u>understanding</u> of the topic(s) is :	12/52%	8/34%	2/8%		1/4%
7. <u>Interaction</u> with facilitator and other participants was:	13/56%	7/30%	3/13%		
8. The <u>venue & learning environment</u> was:	17/74%	6/26%			

What participants found most useful

- All the topics/information/everything (11 participants)
- Community networking (5 persons)
- Conflict resolution (4 persons)
- Ways to deal with crime (1 person)
- Sexual offences Act (1 person)

What participants found least useful

- Networking (2 persons)
- Youth and crime

Three (3) things participants learnt from the workshop:

- Community networking (11 persons)
- Conflict resolution (11 persons)
- Child protection/best interests/views/CPA/ (11 persons)
- Youth & crime (5 persons)
- Domestic violence (5 persons)
- Getting to know your community/working to build your community (3 persons)
- Importance of knowing the laws (2 persons)
- SOA
- DVA
- Parenting
- Community mapping

Give 3 things you plan to do as a result of what they learned at this workshop:

- Get involved in community networking/activities/work (10 persons)
- Share information (8 persons)
- Encouraging youth/ getting youth involved/guiding youth to be involved in productive activities (7 persons)
- Attend more sessions/workshops (5 persons)
- Child protection/guidance/ involvement in activities (4 persons)
- Managing conflict/conflict resolution/teach other to manage conflict (4 persons)
- Get to know more about my community (2 persons)
- Become a more effective/influential leader (2 persons)
- Learn more about the laws (1 person)
- Educate the community about domestic violence (1 person)

- **Pictures**



ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT

Activity: Youth Cohesion & Sporting Activity
Venue: Uitvlugt Community Centre Ground
Date: 22nd October 2016
Prepared by: Colin Marks _ Project Officer

- **Participation**

The participants for this activity were from all 5 of the target communities. Transportation was provided to bring community members from 3 of the communities that were the furthest from the venue. The other 2 communities were very close to the venue so they acted as the hosting community for this event.

Participant list

Scanned copies of participants list are attached, however this list only captures persons who registered upon their entrance to the venue (by community). A more accurate approximation of the number in attendance is 275. The other persons who were not captured on the list were from the nearby communities who were entering the venue from an alternative entrance. The list confirms attendance of 140 persons

Promotional Materials (also Shared on FB) and other social networks

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THROUGH PARTICIPTION

INTER- COMMUNITY FUN DAY!



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SATURDAY OCT.22ND , 2016

UITVLUGT COMMUNITY GROUND

10:00AM - 5:00PM

**DIVERSE COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER & SHARING
THE THINGS COMMON TO ALL**

**STEWARTVILLE, UITVLUGT,BELLE
WEST,SOPHIA & GOOD HOPE**

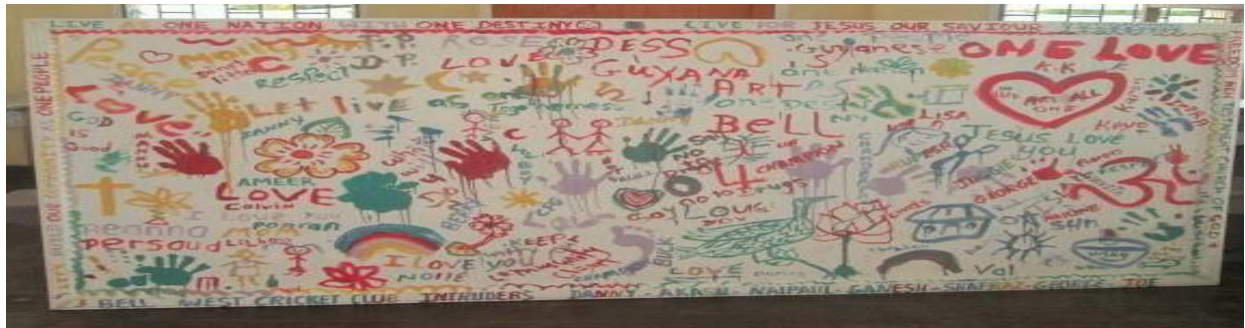
FUNGAMES.... MUSIC....PRIZES.....FOOD.....NEW FRIENDS.

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Pictures: Murals



Uitvlugt & Stewartville



Belle West



Sophia



Good Hope

5 Community Murals were completed (instead of 4)

- Pictures



Youth Cohesion & Sporting Event

ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT

Activity: Micro-grant proposal writing Training & Capacity Building Workshop

Community: Uitvlugt, Stewartville, Sophia, Good Hope, Belle West

Date: 31st October 2016

Venue: Help & Shelter Board Room – Homestretch Avenue. Georgetown

Prepared by: Colin Marks _ Project Officer

• Participation

The participants for the sessions were Community stakeholders from the target communities and they also consisted of the core members of the various community-based groups who are involved in the project action in the communities. These participants would have also been involved in the identifying and submitting the draft proposals.

ID	First Name	Last Name	Community	Age Group	Sex
1	Tracey	Hall	Stewartville	43	F
2	Janice	Gittens	Stewartville	55	F
3	Kiven	Bonds	Sophia	16	M
4	Sidney	Nelson	Sophia	20	M
5	Debbie	Charran	Good Hope	55	F
6	Anastacia	Persaud	Sophia	28	F
7	Amanda	Raghubir	Uitvlugt	18	F
8	Perlana	Halley	Uitvlugt	53	F
9	Shonna	Greene	Uitvlugt	21	F
10	Suzanne	Chung	Good Hope	57	F
11	Stephon	Green	Uitvlugt	20	M
12	Nolle	Readie	Belle West	38	F
13	Amanda	Somaru	Belle West	40	F
14	Valerie	Garraway	Belle	47	F

• Agenda

- The basic elements of a proposal
- The “do’s” and “don’ts” of writing and submitting a proposal
- How to identify a relevant project focus
- Business component of grant funding
- Income generating Project proposals
- The fundamentals of entrepreneurship in communities
- Hands-on exercise to review the individual a proposal outline

• Key issues, and decisions

The practical approaches used in delivering the content of the training was enhanced because all the communities had presented drafts of their intended proposals and were given an opportunity to have the Facilitator review them through the use of the SWOT system

- **Feedback/evaluation**

In wrapping up the session participants gave their feedback on the usefulness of the exercise. Since they would not have done a similar exercise before, they appreciated exposure to the key elements of a project proposal and project planning.

They were also very grateful for the added capacity building component of the workshop which addressed business and entrepreneur proposals and managing income generating projects.

In particular, this sentiments were underscored by Mr. Sydney Nelson who also expressed appreciation for the tips on how to influence greater project sustainability. Ms. Tracey from Stewartville was also appreciative of the recommendation on developing a support group for women. The Uitvlugt team reemphasized that their project was chosen because they wanted to restore an important landmark. Good Hope posited that they had to re-focus their project to provide safe access from one section of the community to another, while Belle West focused on income generation and clean environment. All the communities identified the need for partnerships, both internal and external, thus the need for inclusivity at all levels.

Participants also spoke to the general needs of the community and the demands placed on them personally as leaders. As facilitator I sensed all the participants had strong feelings of concern for the welfare of their individual communities.

Participants Evaluation Table

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent
1. The training was relevant to my needs			1 4%	7 50%	6 46%
2. How do you rate your Facilitator in how he/she presented the information				7 50%	7 50%
3. Before this training how did you rate your knowledge of proposal writing	4 31%	4 31%	4 31%	2 7%	
4. How do you rate you knowledge after the workshop		1 4%	5 43%	6 46%	2 7%
5. How do you rate the information you gathered being good for others to have			2 7%	5 43%	7 50%
6. How can this training be improved to help you	Not really to be improved, but to more regular and widespread. (4) To include other types of proposals like business & service. (4)Just having more sessions to reach more community members. I don't think it needs improvement(5), just more time to look at other aspects of proposal writing.(1)				
7 Who will you share this information with and what else would you do	Everyone who work in the community, with other members of my group, this is good also for my children who like business, other persons who are seeking funding. All communities need to have this information				

- Pictures



NO. 1
YOUTH AND CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE 2+
Community Micro-grants Proposal
Community: Good Hope

Project title	Repairs to four (4) footpath bridges at strategic locations
Purpose	1. To improve safety of children and the public at large. 2. To facilitate market linkages, among all three (3) phases of the community of Good Hope. 3. To facilitate easy access to schools, health centres, markets, etc., especially by pensioners, school children, housewives.
Project summary	Good Hope is a community which developed from a squatting area that was originally a cane cultivation plot. There are persons who have been living there for 25 years. Over the past year there has been some difficulty among councillors regarding consensus in relation to the repairs to footpath bridges linking the various phases of the community. Residents now see the need to take the initiative to conduct the necessary repairs in the interest of their own safety. Repaired bridges will also facilitate greater access to business and social services which are necessary for the welfare of members of the community. This proposal therefore seeks to address the works needed to facilitate the repairs to the four (4) identified bridges. The main activities will be: • Meeting with the NDC to determine areas of collaboration and support • Purchasing of materials as per estimate • Arrangements for transportation, labour and repair works • Conduct of repairs and installation of sponsorship recognition billboard • Commissioning with community members and leaders The community action team comprises predominantly women, but their husbands and some spouses provide contacts at the level of the regional administration and other complementing stakeholder partners who will help in networking the activities outline in the proposal. The materials to be acquired for the project are: 1. Wood (Greenheart) 2. Screw, bolts & nuts, washers and head nails 3. Spikes 4. Crusher Run

	5. Paint Painting will be done by community members as a self-help activity.					
Statement of the problem	Good Hope residents have clearly identified a lack of safety especially for the elderly and school children traversing the broken bridges that link the various phases of the community - which comprises approximately eighty five percent (85%) children and elderly. They have identified that once action is taken to correct the defects there will also be an improvement in community welfare and neighbourliness as well as the stimulation of greater economic activity spurred by ease of access.					
Proposed Social Cohesion building intervention	The activities proposed will help to re-connect people to each other and it will also provide an opportunity for youths and adults to work side by side. There is a visible absence of men in the community life, except when they attend their various work places and this proposed activity will bring both men women and youths into a mainstream activity where everyone will find a way to participate and the spirit of cohesion can be re-kindled in the community.					
Sustainability	The community action group has a member who works at the administrative level and has already begun to seek support for this proposed activity. However sustainability will rest with the ability of the community action group to raise funds and keep all the supportive partners engaged. Collaboration with the NDC will ensure continuous maintenance and repairs as necessary with the residents pitching as part of their contribution.					
Stakeholders	The stakeholders in support of in this proposal are : a) The community action group b) The business community c) The regional administration d) Women from within the community e) Youths f) Community Policing group					
Timing	Planned start date	November – mid month	Planned completion date	Activities will continue		
Budget	Total budget	200,000.00	Partner contribution	0	Community contribution	Paint & Labour

NO.2
YOUTH AND CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE 2
Community Micro-grants Proposal
Community: Belle West

Project title	Weeding & Landscaping Service
Purpose	Offering a service that generate income and keeps the public and private spaces clean and reduce clogged drains and open spaces
Project summary	The belle West community residents have over the past years complained and discussed how the community had many spaces and unoccupied spots which were un-kept and it posed a challenge both to the security of persons who traverse the areas and the tidiness. The Community Cohesion dialogue workshops helped the residents to re-focus on the things which can be done in the community and what can make the persons from both phases of the community address in a unified and cohesive way. During the restorative circle residents again discussed extensively how the cleanliness of the community should not be the total responsibility of the regional system, but residents themselves can come together and do something to manage the environment. The decision to propose that the group acquire 2 weeding machines and some accessories and begin to get groups involved in cleaning their personal properties and offer the cleaning service to the regional office for the care of the other public properties and to the general public. The process for commencing the proposed project will begin with a sign advertising the service at the community centre where the machines and accessories will be stored. The group will then identify and train 4 persons who will then be engaged in a rotating system to manage the cleaning and landscaping work. Other activities to make the project a success will be : • Meeting with regional officials to offer a service proposal • Advertise the service through pamphlets at shops and other places in the community • Purchase of the machines and accessories • Promoted the service and benefits of a clean surroundings A team to manage the service will be chosen in the process who will account to the resident at community meeting while other activities will be further discussed for community action which will rekindle the community spirit once experienced by the community. The project will also utilise volunteers , especially those youths who are members of the various sporting teams housed at the community centre
Statement of the problem	Due to many problems experienced by the residents who are dependent on the regional administration to do cleaning work and maintenance of public spaces, many parapets and unoccupied spaces in the community are left un-kept and this environment also contributes to the fear of criminals using the overgrown bush as hiding spots to perpetrate crimes.

Proposed Social Cohesion building intervention	This proposal seeks to address the management of a service and income generating project which will also bring persons in the community closer together as they address a common problem. This together will also serve as a catalyst for other community-based initiatives to be identified and a unified approach utilised to solve and mitigate problems faced by residents The fact is this proposal came into being because of the Community Cohesion activities which the YCP introduced during the many engagements which helped residents review how important building strong participation at the community level can produce positive results					
Sustainability	This proposal for the introduction of a cleaning service can be self-sustaining and also, once managed effectively will be able to expand the number of machines by double in 1 year. Approached to other stakeholders will be made to help to strengthen the employment opportunities that the project will make available for especially youths					
Stakeholders	Stakeholder in this proposed project are the regional administration, The community-based group, the business persons in the community, unemployed youths, Sports groups and other residents and supporters of the proposal who reside in both phases of the community. Senior citizens also will be a special class of beneficiaries and also a valuable stakeholder in the project.					
Timing	Planned start date	3 rd week in November	Planned completion date	This project proposal is based on continues services to be provided		
Budget	Total budget	250,000.00	Partner contribution	0	Community contribution	50,000.00

NO.3
YOUTH AND CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE 2
Community Micro-grants Proposal
Community: Sophia

Project title	Clean In Teams
Purpose	To create a cleaner environment in a way which galvanises participation of groups of residents while utilising those, who in most cases feel left out of mainstream community activities
Project summary	This project is focused on improving the ascetics, health, environment and safety of the Sophia Catchment community and its neighbours. In its implementation the proposed project will seek to involve a youth demography which has been excluded from mainstream activities and practices in the community. There will also be a strong partnership with a local services unit which is tasked with managing garbage and solid waste. There will be a "call to respond" via fliers being disseminated throughout the community outlining the action and its desired impact. The Waste Management Unit has also agreed to mount signs in the community to complement the "Clean In Teams" project. The initial course of action will include • Contact with resident via word of mouth and fliers • Placement of Solid waste receptacles within community • Acquisition of tools and safety accessories (cutlasses, Waders, Bags, Gloves, rakes, Weeding machine, Long booths, • Teams identified and formed in all the sections • A work plan of access to the tools by the Project Mangers • Launch of the first campaign • Publishing of the impact via pictures and social media platforms • Continued adverts for other Teams to get organised and get involved Prudent monitoring of the changes in the environment and also the impact of the interaction and access to new opportunities for a positive community practice will be the hall mark of and focus of the managers of this project as it is expected that out of this will evolve an initiative which can attract the Local Authority funding and support as it will certainly reflect human resource capacity building and also embrace human capital utilisation which is a national objective.
Statement of the problem	The Sophia catchment communities are areas that do not benefit from a formal garbage disposal or public space cleaning, and as such there are many areas which are left unattended and contributes to health, environment and ascetic challenges. This proposal seeks to form teams of the unemployed and available persons (especially youth) into teams who will be given access to cleaning and maintenance tools to implement cleaning campaigns in their respective section within the community.

Proposed Social Cohesion building intervention	This proposal was also presented to the Solid Waste Management Unit of the Mayor and City Council and the CEO has committed to support the groups with added tools, machines and access to a regularised bulk disposal which will deal with the build-up of waste resulting from the Teams' cleaning activities. Access to the tools and services will be formalised with a process of Request and Supply of tools to the various Teams and verification on the return. These teams will also benefit from workshop session which will conducted by the Solid Waste management Unit. The projected action will also be targeting youths who are unemployed and who most persons have labelled loiterers. This is an important group who will also be targeted with other capacity building engagements as a result of their participation. Teams will also be encouraged to participate in the campaigns outside of their sections thus building more links and connection across and within the several sections of the community and its neighbouring communities. This action too builds on a traditional practice which has become somewhat dormant, where residents would form large groups to clean and manage the environment which also contributes to a clean, environmentally safe and cohesive community					
Sustainability	The business persons, formal and informal groups and Faith-based and community based organisation will all be engaged in this process as a promotional strategy to get their material and financial support for the projected action. The consensus building will most certainly bear fruit as everyone will benefit from an improved environment. The support from the Solid Waste Management Unit will also lend to the sustainability of the project. The use of machines will be offered in specialised services especially to the community business entities and this also will begin to generated finances which will be used in sustainability and expansion of the scope of the work the teams will conduct.					
Stakeholders	The main stakeholders of this project are: Community -based groups (orgs.), The Constituency Councillor, Churches, Youths, Sporting teams, general resident's community business owners. The "Clean in Teams" proposal was birthed some time ago by a local group of youths who were focused on engaging other youth who are unemployed and most time unengaged and would sometimes get involved in devious practices. This project will open doors to new ideas and opportunities for making a meaningful contribution to the state of the community. The group that will manage the project will consist several community-based interest groups who have built a reputation of successfully managed some small and medium sized project over time. This collaboration will also have an agenda which strongly will factor in cohesive and integrated approaches to the community developmental practices. Some of the key persons too would have benefited from the social cohesive dialogue and capacity building engagements implemented by YCP.					
Timing	Planned start date	The start Date for this project is the 15 th of November. This date was chosen because that is the date that the first set of garbage receptacles from the Solid Waste Management Unit will be placed in various sections of the community	Planned completion date	This project does not have an end date as this activity will be ongoing and is envisaged to grow into other areas of community participation and development.		
Budget	Total budget	500,000.00	Partner contribution	200,000.00	Community contribution	100,000.00

NO.4

YOUTH AND CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE 2
Community Micro-grants Proposal
Community: Stewartville

Project title	Training for Women is Soft skills and Vocational Skills
Purpose	• To make skills available women to assist each other and become empowered to contribute to community development. • To raise awareness of women and youths in the community to prevent violence and dysfunction in families.
Project summary	It is overwhelmingly agreed that residents of Stewartville community rely not only on the physical infrastructure but, substantially it is the social and economic structures which truly defines a neighbourhood. Therefore this proposal that will target women and youths s to effectively strengthen the social fabric of the community as well as creating a responsive community- based environment for learning, and skills. To this end the project will seek to establish a hub for activates such as : • Cooking, • Knitting, • Baking, • Embroidery • Social issues empowerment sessions A team of volunteers from the general community population will be engaged to support the active community-based group who will be tasked with managing the project and giving feedback to the residents. The items and accessories to be acquired for the programmes are: 6. Mabe stove /30"/gas 7. Gas bottle 8. Utensils for classes (ask for donation) 9. Furniture - plastic chairs and plastic tables 10. Materials for class (cloth, threads, needles, buttons, laces, elastic etc.) The training course will be conducted in 3 months durations, then another group of persons will enter the programme. Each course will accommodate 15 person at a time.

Statement of the problem	During the Community mapping and survey done in the Stewartville, it was constantly pointed out that programmes for youth and women were lacking in the community. A programmes such as this one will definitely fill the gap for women and youths who can now have access to competency-based skills and life skills wrapped into one programme					
Proposed Social Cohesion building intervention	The activities conducted at this hub will be programmatic and structured in a way that there will be a revolving target of persons from every section of the community who will benefit from the activities. The training materials from the social Cohesion workshops will also be made available to the groups as part of their life skills training. This exposure will strengthen and deepen the awareness of the women and youths of the community about the importance and benefits of participatory engagements and the value of inclusion at the level of community and individuals.					
Sustainability	The community group has already secured a MOU in principle by one of the most prominent business enterprises whose management has indicated a willingness to support the work of the community group who have crafted this proposal. The Hum also intends to utilise the skill acquired in the training to become service oriented especially in the area of catering, which is a very lucrative enterprise that will get community support. Fund raisers are also an identified way of sustaining the activities drafted in the proposal					
Stakeholders	The stakeholders in support of in this proposal are : g) The community action group h) The business community i) The churches and other religious groups j) Youths from the community k) Women from within the community					
Timing	Planned start date	November month end	Planned completion date	Not applicable as this programme will continue onwards		
Budget	Total budget	260,000.00	Partner contribution	60,000.00	Community contribution	20,000.00

NO.5
YOUTH AND CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PHASE 2
Community Micro-grants Proposal
Community: Uitvlugt

Project title	Reconstruction of the Traditional Bus Shed at Bus Shed street Junction
Purpose	To reconstruct a Bus Shed at the place in the community where it was constructed decades ago to serve the community as a land-mark and waiting area for the commuting residents.
Project summary	The decision to execute this project was discussed during and after the social cohesion activities which were conducted within the community. During the community mapping some persons did mention how the Bus Shed which was constructed many years ago was icon of community pride because it was built by the residents and totally funded by them too. It also represented something which they did together for the benefit of all. The project will involve the residents who will re-construct the Bus Shed at the original spot and will use the side facing the main public road, as a community notice board, where events and activities will be advertised. The project activities will include: ▪ Mobilising the community and notifying others of the proposal ▪ Organising the labour team ▪ Cleaning the spot ▪ Purchasing the materials ▪ Plan the construction as a day(s) as a cohesive activity involving anyone who is available at the time This bus shed has been an outstanding land-mark for years and to have it re-constructed will be a great achievement for the community. The community will once again be identified by the product of a community project which has the potential to serve many residents for years to come.
Statement of the problem	Elderly resident who commute several times per week have always been complain of how difficult it was for them waiting in the sun for transportation of coming of the bus and not having a place to settle themselves before heading into the village or while they await for to be taken to some part of the village. This project will not only solve the problem of having a resting/waiting point again, but it will also be a community notice board, which is possible because of the strategic point where the shed is positioned.

Proposed Social Cohesion building intervention	This proposal is designed to revive the and realign to focus of residents on how important the previous bus shed was to the village and also with the participation a cross section of resident involved in the construction it will also revive that strong sense of cohesion among residents. Other persons visiting our passing through can benefit and be also update on community events our activities which will be placed on the community notice board which will be placed on one face of the structure					
Sustainability	The community action group will solely mobilise and engage all the residents including the business persons, CDC and other stakeholders in the sustainability of the bus shed, the Uitvlugt Estate administration will also be approached for help in sustaining the bus shed and notice board because of the significant way it will impact community life.					
Stakeholders	The main stakeholders of this project are: a. Community -based groups (orgs.) b. Church members c. Football club / youths d. Community business owners. e. Community action team					
Timing	Planned start date	November month-end	Planned completion date	Duration of this plan is 9 days		
Budget	Total budget	200,000.00	Partner contribution		Community contribution	

Youth and Citizens' Participation Program (YCP)

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MILESTONE (5C) Reports

Deliverable: Comments on the Micro-grants proposals from 5 Communities

Help & Shelter responses to the Proposed Micro-grant request by the Target Communities of YCP Project

Overview

The modus of the implementation strategy rolled out by help & Shelter during the project activities in the communities was to be ever sensitive to community-driven mechanisms which evolves and represent the true dynamics and core situations which exist and the context of community relations and the special bonds that are common among the stakeholders and beneficiaries.

It's with these consideration that the Project staff would like to reflect on the proposals drafted by the community stakeholders as a prerequisite for funding of project of their choice.

It is the opinion of the H & S project Team that all the proposals would have gone through some amount of elimination as there are many situations where funding is required to make a difference in the life of those living in the communities. Therefore these proposals do represent well thought out ideas and commitment to the process.

Stewartville

The proposal drafted by the Stewartville community must be viewed as a direct response to a community need. One which has been stated and re-stated during the initial engagements in the community during the community mapping and house to house surveys. The community has also reflected a strong sense of compassion for the needs of each other and women's issues has always been in the forefront of the community activism. This project will give a home to a cadre of persons who are focused on the empowerment of youth and women which is also aligned with sustainable development agenda globally.

Uitvlugt

The Uitvlugt proposal is a crafted from a community consciousness which is steeped in tradition and fundamental community pride. In a village which is still home to one of the oldest sugar estates in the country, it is very characteristic that its residents would have chosen a project that seeks to revive an icon of community pride and recognition, and to merge it with a contemporary flair. A project such as this one will not only revive a spirit of community togetherness but it resets the direction of its future, as it seeks to restore a landmark which the community is proud about. Help & Shelter supports this proposal because it caters to one of the most frequently asked questions in the initial interviews conducted with random resident in the community tours at the commencement of the YCP Project. “What are you proud about in this community?”

Sophia

The Sophia catchment community is a very large community and it is Help & Shelter’s view that the way the proposal is structured, it creates a hub from which its impact can be cascaded throughout every section of the community, thus making inclusivity a reality for a diverse community which is still affected by many other urban environment challenges. One of the salient aspects of the proposal addresses youth alienation and would augur well to be able to engage a section of the predominantly youthful population to gravitate to mainstream community capacity building and human capital up scaling. This project has the potential to create critical mass and can be replicated in other sections of the catchment area and its environs.

Belle West

Belle West’s proposal is a true product of the Social Cohesion Dialogue in the sense that it was during a Restorative Circle session that the idea was birthed. The residents , who were from both phases of the community deliberated at length on how the environment was being neglected and it was have a direct effect on crime and how the general members’ of the community seemed to have lost a sense of pride in their surroundings and even the level of camaraderie had begun to dissipate. The decision was then taken to make this project the first step at taking back the reigns of community-driven development

Good Hope

The community of good Hope too had identified several projects resulting from the presentation on Appreciative Inquiry being part of the Social Cohesion Dialogue session which was rolled out in the community.

Like all the other communities, the Good Hope community group had identified several projects which they saw as priority, but they had to submit to an elimination process.

The drafting of the Good Hope proposal can be deemed a “success story” because when they had decided on a project which required the sanction of the Neighborhood democratic Council

(NDC), and their request for support was denied. However it was in the Micro-grant Proposal Writing Workshop where the entire group of community stakeholders were given a opportunity to see a new project birthed and written in the workshop though the guidance of the Consultant / Facilitator and the members of the Good Hope team, and also with on the spot support from the other communities. Help & Shelter unequivocally supports such efforts such as this one from Good Hope which is a reflection of true community spirit of participation

Attached

- **Scanned Participants List**
- **Facilitators' / Consultants Service Contract**