

RED's

The restructuring of the electricity industry, driven by EDI and SALGA was progressing very slow. During November 2008 EDI Holdings appointed Deloitte Consultants to do a section 78 investigation regarding electricity in the Richtersveld Municipal Area.

The Escom electricity increase impose another challenge on our budget.

REFUSE REMOVAL

The management of waste within all the towns of the Municipality is problematic. Alexander Bay and Port Nolloth have DEA&T Poverty Alleviation or *Coast Care* projects that fund waste management programmes yet most of the work has been focused on litter clearance and not on the management of waste. It is imperative that the next phase of the Working for the *Coast* projects focus on waste management as such, and that ways are explored that will lead to the installation of a waste management system, possibly in partnerships between SMMe's and the Municipality. All landfill sites have



permits from the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) however some of the sites are very poorly managed and is under pressure from the Department for closure as it is not complying with the regulations. Throughout the Municipality there is the problem of informal dumping in the field.

In Port Nolloth waste is collected once a week using a compactor truck. This truck is old and needs to be upgraded. In the rural towns waste is collected in open trucks except for Lekkersing which has a closed truck. There are no recycling operators or private waste collection companies.

A waste management system has been set up for the Municipality in accordance with the white paper on Integrated Pollution and Waste Management for South Africa, in this document waste minimisation and recycling is promoted. There is currently an application made through the De Beers Social and Labour Plan for such a system to be put in place and for the improvement for landfill site infrastructure.

ROADS AND STORM WATER

The road from Alexander Bay to Kuboes and Sanddrift, which is in a very poor condition is the main route to the Richtersveld National Park and that Trans Hex vehicles utilize daily. Tarring of the road is crucial for all who use it. We are currently negotiating with the Province, District Municipality, Trans Hex, Alexcor and DEAT National to help tar the road. The road to Eksteenfontein, Lekkersing and Kuboes are in a very bad condition. After every rainfall nobody can use this road. Potholes in Port Nolloth are a huge challenge and roads have to be maintain on a regular basis. Procuring tar from the company Road Mix in Gauteng is an expensive exercise.



The general state of roads within the towns of the Municipality is very poor and most of the roads between the rural towns are gravel. This makes life difficult for residents particularly farmers who have to pay high maintenance costs on their vehicles. It does also add to the wilderness appeal of tourists who are privileged to own 4x4 vehicles.

Within the rural towns all the roads are unsurfaced and are very uneven and appear to be unmanaged. The only tarred roads within any of the towns are in Alexander Bay and sections of Port Nolloth. These roads are starting to develop pot-holes and need to be maintained. Port Nolloth has a basic scraper to deal with the gravel roads within town however most of these roads are currently in a poor condition. The district roads from Steinkopf to Port Nolloth and from Port Nolloth to Alexander Bay are tarred and in good condition. The other roads are gravel and it is the responsibility of the Namakwa District Municipality to maintain these roads. However the district only has three scrapers for the entire area and lacks funds to maintain all the gravel roads sufficiently. Alexkor Ltd and Trans Hex maintain the road from Alexander Bay to Sanddrift and have all the necessary equipment.

There are currently not sufficient funds to tar more roads, however if funds are found it is proposed that the road from Alexander Bay to Kuboes is tarred. As the Municipality is located in a dry climate it needs more regular maintenance of its roads in the form of watering and constant grading as is done in Namibia where climatic conditions are similar.

PPC cement trucks make use of the tarred main roads through the Municipality to transport cement to Oranjemund. Fuel and Lowbeds with heavy equipment trucks also use these roads. These trucks cause wear and tear on the roads yet do not pay anything to any South African authorities for road maintenance.

PARKS AND CEMETERIES

There are very few managed open space systems within the Municipality. Most of the rural towns do not have a park or a playground and even though the towns are surrounded by a lot of space. There are no quality managed play spaces for the children. One of the major limiting factors in creating these spaces is the fact that there is insufficient water to grow grass.



Port Nolloth has two parks however neither is managed. The park in the northern section was supplied with infrastructure and the community agreed to maintain the parks. However this has not taken place and the facilities are currently in a state of disrepair. A garden was created near the historical cemetery in town. There are no recreation areas in Sizamile. There is a lot of open space within the town yet it is not properly managed. The proposed Municipal reserve may alleviate the problem in the south-eastern part of the town, positively affecting the low cost housing development between Nollothville and McDougall's Bay.

Alexander Bay is the exception to the rule and has five parks three of them with recreational facilities. These parks add character to the town and make it very pleasant for the residents. Alexander Bay is also closely located to a good and cheap supply of water.

SPORTING FACILITIES



All the rural towns have previously upgraded sport facilities funded by the Namaqua Diamond Fund Trust. We are currently in a process of establish sport facilities through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant in Port Nolloth. The state of sports fields in the area is appalling. This is mainly because of the critical shortage of water that is needed to grow grass. Once again Alexander Bay is the exception and has numerous sporting facilities that are of a high standard.

FIRE FIGHTING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

We don't have a fire station located within Port Nolloth. Out of the Disaster Management Fund from the Namakwa District Municipality Fire fighting units and water tankers were purchased for our municipality. With these funds we bought gear for workers on fire brigade stand by. A Disaster Management Plan has been developed by the African Centre for Disaster Studies; North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus (2004).



The fire department attended to seven (7) fires and related emergencies. Many households were left homeless as a result of fires during the past financial year. As a result of this the following were handed out:

- Blankets
- Food parcels

TRAFFIC SERVICES

During this financial year we successfully negotiated with the Provincial Traffic Department to render the services for:

- Learner licenses
- Appointments for Learners
- Drivers license card renewals

PDRPS at the Richtersveld Municipality in Port Nolloth.

FLEET MANAGEMENT AND WORKSHOP



Deteriorating and ageing of our vehicle fleet remains a big challenge for our Municipality, especially in the light of limited funds for replacements. Repair and Maintenance cost of vehicles older than 5 years come at a high cost to the Municipality. Richtersveld Municipality take up a loan from the DBSA to replace some of our fleet. We are now in the process of developing a Vehicle Fleet Management Plan.

LOCAL TOURISM

Currently the Municipal offices in Port Nolloth double as a local tourism office. There are plans to build a specific tourism office. However, the Port Nolloth Museum, ideally located on the beachfront and central in terms of access roads, should be explored to fulfill this function, especially as it already draws visitors. Within the rest of the Municipality, Eksteenfontein is the only town that has a Tourism Information Centre (TIC). There is a building in Kuboes set aside for this purpose but it is not operational and the former Northern Namaqualand Tourism Office in Alexander Bay is not functioning anymore. This office is ideally located at the entrance of the town and can be easily revived as an information office that can be of benefit to the entire area.



LIBRARIES

The Library services, with its 11 staff members renders educational service to the Richtersveld community. The aim of this service is to take libraries to the people.

Programmes at the libraries:

- Community Development Programme
- Current Awareness
- Usage and Promotion
- Transformation
- Library week
- World Book day
- International Literacy Day

HOUSING

Since 1994 in the region of 800 housing applications has been approved. The Municipality had to intervene with regards to housing in Nollothville extension and Richtersveld towns the progress is not acceptable.

The above having been addressed does not resolve the housing shortages.

Kuboes	200
Sanddrift	250
Lekkersing	150
Eksteenfontein	150
Port Nolloth	350
Total	1100

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. *RICHTERSVELD/AIS-AIS TRANSFRONTIER PARK*

TOURIST ACCESS FACILITY

SENDELINGSDRIFT

The Sendelingsdrift Tourist Access Facility lies on the border between Namibia and South Africa on the Ais-Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park, which spans some of the most spectacular arid and desert mountain scenery in South Africa and features the world's second largest canyon, the Fish River Canyon. The pontoon crossing on the Orange River at Sendelingsdrift allow visitors to the Ais-Ais/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park the opportunity to cross the border between Namibia and South Africa within the parameters of the park, instead of the 480 km route via the Vioolsdrift/Noordoewer port of entry.

2. *RAMSAR SITE WORKING FOR WETLANDS*

The Orange River Mouth (ORM) was declared a Ramsar site in 1991. Due to continuing damage being inflicted on the site, and general neglect and lack of management, the site was added to the Montreux Record in 1995. The damage was a result of reduced water flow to the ORM wetland, not only because of diminished water flow upstream but also as a result of local disruption of the channeling system on the site. Further damaging factors include smothering of vegetation, and dust spreading through ongoing mining activities. Since the ORM was listed on the Montreux Record, little progress has been made to rehabilitate the wetland. While considered to be one of the most important wetlands in southern Africa, the ORM is a degraded site with decreasing water bird numbers.



There is no official conservation status for the ORM in either Namibia or South Africa. The ORM was intended to become a provincial reserve in South Africa, but for years active mining and changes and uncertainties in land ownership has prevented its creation. Also, much of the surrounding land is part of a concession for diamond mining and hence access to ORM is restricted as a result. Yet there has been progress since the current proposal was first submitted. On the South African side, the Community Property Association (CPA) which is comprised of local members of the Richtersveld community, has been granted future ownership in a drawn out court case, and all parties now accept this ownership. Also, for now the mining companies have agreed not to mine the ORM site.

By and large, the continued poor state of the ORM can be laid at the door of ignorance and poor public awareness of the importance of the ORM. Now that the community has the land back, they can push and lobby for positive changes to happen as take hands with all parties that want to put the ORM under sustainable utilisation. Therefore, a key intention of this project is to ensure that the ORM's values and functions become better known, appreciated and supported by the local population. This project will hence prepare the road for the ORM becoming a well cared-for and fully established Protected Area.

There are further reasons why the ORM is strategically important. This falls on the border between two countries, Namibia and South Africa. The importance of this site is global in terms of water birds and fisheries. The ORM is one of the most important wetlands in Southern Africa with regard to migratory birds (it is one of few freshwater habitats along the desert coast for thousands of kilometers), is home to 15 Red Data List species and lies within the Succulent Karoo biodiversity hotspot.

To begin the process of restoring ORM to a healthy, functioning system, it is necessary to build support for and awareness of ORM's conservation amongst the local population if they are to be effective stewards of the ORM. To do this, the effort must extend to the greater transfrontier community working on both sides of the Orange River.

Specific objectives are:

- To educate youth and decision-makers and inform local people about the ecological, cultural, economic and historic importance of wetlands;
- To help create a network of government, local community, civil society and NGOs that will all work together in the common aim of restoring and safeguarding the site for the future;
- To build respect of, appreciation for and a sense of value for wetlands;
- To discover ways in which the site can be utilized for non-destructive uses, such as responsible tourism;
- To publicise issues and make information available, especially across political boundaries and hence foster international collaboration

To achieve these objectives, this project will produce a variety of awareness building and educational tools for the local communities, with an emphasis on youth. Print, interactive

and physical media will be used to raise awareness about the ORM site and to generate enthusiasm for its rehabilitation and ongoing conservation. ORM site visits enhance school student experiences; participative planning and cross-border initiatives will also help achieve the objectives of the project.



3. *RICHTERSVELD WORLD HERITAGE SITE*

The Richtersveld has been awarded world heritage status, becoming the eight such site in the country.

This site covers 160 000 hectares, the mountainous desert featured harmonious interaction between human and nature, and migration patterns by the Nama people that had lasted for at least two millennia.

The Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape were buffered by the following protected areas: the Richtersveld national park to the north; Nababeep provincial nature reserve to the east, and communal grazing areas to the south and west.



MUSEUM – BIODIVERSITY CENTRE

The Port Nolloth Heritage Trust in cooperation with the Port Nolloth Municipality started to work on the Port Nolloth Biodiversity Centre in the Old Post Office Building. This building is leased by SAMSA. The Port Nolloth Biodiversity Centre focused on the unique environment of Port Nolloth and the Richtersveld including animals and plants. The aims are to:

- Create a centre for environmental education of both, locals and visitors
- Contribute to the education by offering special guided tours to schools
- Create awareness of the different habitats and environments surrounding Port Nolloth in both, locals and tourists
- Conduct and facilitate research on the local environment
- Provide tourists with information via the Tourist Information Centre at the museum entrance

Rehabilitation / Transformation of Four Local Museums

The Richtersveld Company for Sustainable Development put in place an environmental awareness and education programme. This programme will raise awareness and provide education amongst visitors and the community about the regions biodiversity, environmental and cultural values as basis for the region's economy. Some ageing museum infrastructure exists and should be rehabilitated and/or transformed to provide exhibition and environmental awareness facilities. They include the Alexander Bay Living Museum and local museums at Kuboes, Eksteenfontein and Port Nolloth. The Museums are under the jurisdiction of the municipality but may be transferred to the CPA or another suitable entity.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

We experienced another challenging Financial Year. It was expected from every individual, besides his/her daily functions, to be prepared, to help the Consultants that were contracted by the Council to get the new Accountancy System in place.

During this financial year we focused on the completion of the Assets Project. The officials of the Municipality, responsible for Assets, categorized the different Assets of the Municipality. The Assets were then marked (bar coded) and the proper bookkeeping methods were put in place. Lucra Consultants have done a separate evaluation of the Infrastructure Assets of the Municipality, to be able to connect the Assets to their different values. The programmers of the Municipality, R Data, in conjunction with Du Charme Consultants did the Accountancy Transactions of the Assets. We completed this project successfully.

The most important project of this financial year was to implement the second phased of G A M A P (General Accepted Municipal Accounting Practices) and G R A P (General Recognised Accounting Practices). Both these standards have to do with National and International accept practices and are prescribe by our Government. At this point I would like to mention that the Government has postponed these standards for implementation in the Annual Financial Statements of the Municipality. (Government Gazette notice no 522 Dated 29 June 2007). However, the Finance Department, with the support of the Municipal Manager, chose to continue with this project. This project was a success and the A F S for the financial year 2007/2008 was submitted in this format.

The Finance Department can successfully look back on the year in question. The challenge in future will be for us to implement Supply Chain and to work the new System, successfully. We are confident that we will get the support of our council and other staff to reach new heights in the coming years!

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Experience challenges with the establishment of a Audit Committee. Through DAFF meetings Richtersveld Municipality agreed to enter into a shared service agreement with the Namakwa District Municipality to share the Service of the Audit Committee at District Level.

Until now this service was not rendered to our Municipality. Will request SALGA to intervene.

FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT INCIDENTS

Council does not have a Formal Fraud Anti Corruption Policy that make provision to investigate and report to Council on each and every incident. A system needs to be developed whereby employees can report all irregularities by way of confidential reporting as well as compulsory reporting of all incidents to council.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual budget was approved on time. Financial Statements in GRAP/GAMAP format were completed on time and was submitted to the Auditor General within the prescribed timeframe as required by the MFMA.

Identification of infrastructure assets and properties of the Municipality was done. The annual stocktaking of all municipal assets was successfully completed.

See Statement of Financial Position attached to this report:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 R	2007 R
NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Net assets		55,260,911	42,280,666
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	2.	55,260,911	42,280,666
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Non-current liabilities		23,035,132	36,298,843
Deferred revenue	3	13,460,262	13,433,438
Long-term liabilities	4.	5,376,384	5,691,544
Provision for post- retirement medical aid benefits	5	2,088,486	1,862,161
Other non-current provisions	6.	2,110,000	15,311,700
Current liabilities		11,673,291	9,794,325
Consumer deposits	7	559,222	508,915
Provisions	8.	48,040	44,856
Creditors	9.	1,682,244	2,166,953

Unspent conditional grants and receipts	10.	5,290,250	3,808,233
VAT	11.	-	-
Short-term loans		-	-
Operating lease liability	12	-	-
Liabilities associated with assets held-for-sale		-	-
Bank overdraft		805,426	-
Current portion of deferred income	3	2,829,602	2,884,745
Current portion of long-term liabilities	4.	458,507	380,623
Total Net Assets and Liabilities		89,969,334	88,373,834
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
		79,280,186	80,007,029
Property, plant and equipment	14	78,406,582	78,966,911
Intangible Assets	15	395,981	263,795
Investment property	16	178,500	178,500
Investments	17	-	-
Investments in associates	20	-	-
Finance Lease Receivables	16	-	-
Long-term receivables	16	299,123	597,823
Current assets			
		10,689,148	8,366,805
Inventory	17	142,851	98,029
Assets classified as held-for-sale			
Consumer debtors	18	2,085,278	2,491,383
Other debtors	19	90,423	18,721
Operating lease Receivables	12	64,898	46,999
VAT	20.	731,092	195,015
Call investment deposits		-	-
Current portion of long-term receivables	16	195,404	387,225

Current portion of Finance Lease Receivables		-	-
Bank balances and cash	38.	7,379,202	5,129,433
Total Assets		89,969,334	88,373,834

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 R	2007 R
REVENUE			
Property rates	22	2,979,712	2,775,485
Interest earned Property rates			-
Service charges	24.	9,892,336	8,927,410
Rental of facilities and equipment	25.	1,205,190	848,152
Interest earned - external investments	23.	268,498	695,605
Interest earned - outstanding debtors	23.	1,604,956	814,274
Dividends received		-	
Fines		49,020	65,207
Licences and permits		111,233	67,810
Income for agency services		300,569	246,530
Government grants and subsidies		7,752,882	6,417,935
Other Grants		-	-
Other income	27.	14,210,048	637,322
Public contributions, donated and contributed property, plant and equipment		2,500	261,891
Other gains on continued operations		-	-
Gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	1,848,742
Total Revenue		38,376,944	23,606,363
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EXPENDITURE

Employee related costs	28.	8,626,276	8,109,764
Remuneration of Councillors	29	1,255,143	1,081,708
Impairment Provision		2,879,724	5,843,032
Bad Debt Provision		-	-
Collection costs		-	-
Depreciation and Amortisation	30	5,444,049	5,426,161
Repairs and maintenance		830,781	1,857,778
Interest paid	31.	504,981	462,211
Bulk purchases	32.	2,729,626	2,630,964
Contracted services		6,240	19,200
Grants and subsidies paid	33.	1,942,020	3,635,025
Research and development costs	#REF!	-	-
General expenses	34	4,286,124	3,288,378
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment			-
Other losses on continued operations	32	-	-
Total Expenditure		28,504,964	32,354,221
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SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		9,871,980	(8,747,858)
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Inter- Departmental Charges			-
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		9,871,980	(8,747,858)

Refer to Appendix E (1) for explanation of variances

HUMAN RESOURCES**1 VACANCIES**

The positions of CFO, Head Corporate Services and Manager Infrastructure Services are some of the most critical that needed to be filled as soon as possible. The lack of these support staff has an enormous effect on service delivery. These vacancies has been advertised and we are in the process of short listing. Other posts that have been advertised and soon be filled during the 08/09 financial year are, Coordinator Special Programs. Debt Collecting

officer and Electrician

We said farewell to our assistant electrician, “Oom” Richard Hill, who died just before his retirement, was indeed a great loss to this Municipality as well as the whole Richtersveld community.

2. APPOINTMENTS

Brian –lee Raman has been recruited as an intern at the vehicle testing station on a contract basis. We also hosted learnerships in Finance and Administration as well as LED for a period of 18 months. The Provincial Library Services also funded librarian assistants for a period of one year in all our towns from the beginning of 2008.

3. JOB EVALUATIONS

The job evaluation process has been completed. We are now waiting for the results from the Job Evaluation Committee. The new salary scales and job gradings as set out as a result of the evaluation process will then be implemented for the effected posts.

4. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Municipality embarked on a processes to complete the Performance management System of the Municipality with the help of a company called Northern Cape Management Solutions.

5. CONDITIONS OF SERVICES

With the Municipal Support Programme, policies like Recruitment, Selection and Placement, Induction and Orientation Policies are being drafted. An Employee Handbook with all the information about policies and procedures that each worker has to know was compiled. We are also in the process of drafting all other policies relevant to HR

Vir die nuwe lesers van die jaarblad van Richtersveld Munisipaliteit net `n kort oorsig:

Die grootste gedeelte van ons voertuigvloot is uitgedien. By gebrek van fondse om die vloot in sy geheel te vervang, het ons begin om die voertuie te herbou. Behalwe die meganiese dele word die bakwerk in sy geheel opgeknop deurdat ons die roes verwyder en die voertuig herspuit. Die aankoop van drie nuwe bakkies, 2 nuwe trekkers, `n tiprok en `n rioolwas in 2007 het die druk op die meganiese afdeling ietwat verlig. Ons het ook die bou van `n vullis sleepwa vir Kuboes voltooi en sodra die registrasie proses afgehandel is, sal die wa afgelewer word.

Richtersveld Munisipaliteit is daarvoor verbind om `n altyd beter en volhoubare diens aan die gemeenskap te lewer en derhalwe sal ons voortgaan om die voertuie op te knop of te

vervang. Ons wil ook langs hierdie weg `n beroep op die publiek doen om die misbruik van voertuie by ons aan te meld sodra hulle dit sien. Geen privaat persone mag in `n voertuig van Richtersveld Munisipaliteit vervoer word nie. Geen voertuie mag vir privaatdoeleindes oor naweke of na ure gebruik word nie. Dit is slegs met die publiek se hulp dat ons hierdie probleme kan bekamp en ons dank dan ook die publiek vir hulle samewerking.



`n Laagste ligpuntjie om mee af te sluit. Daar is `n tweede voertuig aangekoop (cherry picker) om die straatlig probleem op te los. Ligte kan nou vinniger en meer gereeld herstel word.

W.J. JOONÉ

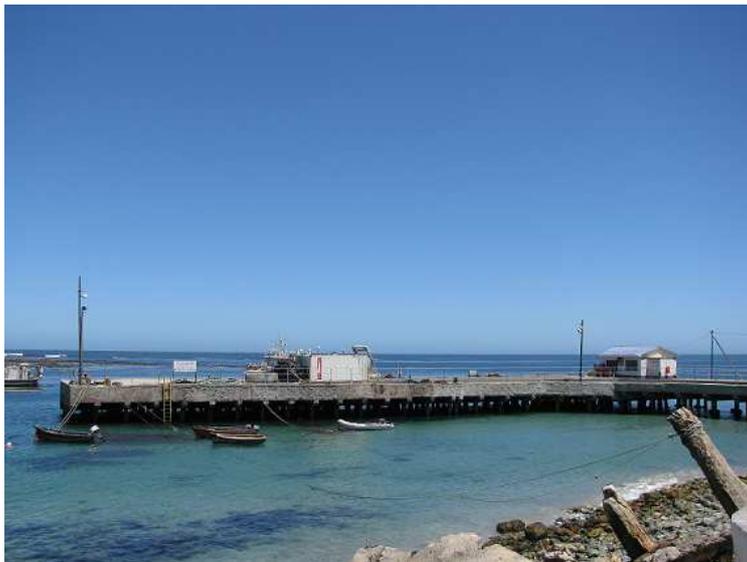
SOSIALE ONTWIKKELING KOORDINEERDER

Watter sosiale aktiwiteite is in plek gestel :

1. **VCT Sites** – Bykans alle Richtersveld dorpe het VCT Sites met Suster Bock as Projek Bestuurder. Die VCT Sites is oop en kan daaglik besoek word. Die span bestaan uit 3 Beraders Port Nolloth; 1 mentor vir die hele Richtersveld; 'n data klerk; dieetkundige; maatskaplike werker; professionele Verpleegster; Alexanderbaai 2 beraders; Kuboes 1 berader; Sandrift 1 berader; Lekksing 1 berader; en Eksteenfontein word afgelos deur beraders uit Port Nolloth. Die VCT Site in Port Nolloth is tans 'n assessment point.
2. **Staatsdepartemente**
Departement van Sosiale Dienste en Bevolkings Ontwikkeling is tans gestasioneer in die Luvuyo Drop Inn Sentrum. SASSA is in die Justice Sentrum gestasioneer vir alle maatskaplike Toelaes, 'n paypoint komitee is in plek. 'n Tak van die Maatskaplike dienste is ook by die sentrum wat fokus op "Probleem" Kinders. Sopkombuise voorsien daaglik sop aan minder bevoorregtes in die gemeenskap, hulle word gehuisves in die Luvuyo Drop In sentrum en Sandrift Gemeenskapsentrum.
3. **Departement van Binnelandse Sake** besoek die area op 'n maandlikse basis.
4. **Departement van Arbeid** besoek die Richtersveld elke week.
5. **Departement van Gesondheid** – Op elke dorp is daar 'n kliniek en op Port Nolloth en Alexanderbaai hospitale. Die hospital op Alexanderbaai is oop verklaar vanaf April 2008 tot die gemeenskappe
6. **Departement van Onderwys** – Port Nolloth en Alexanderbaai hierdie verskillende dorpe huisves hoërskole en op alle dorpe is daar laerskole. 'n Aantal Kleuterskole het ook die lig gesien. ABET is tans besig met opleiding en leerders kan alreeds in Januarie 2009 inskryf. Kuboes huisves ook Nama klasse. In samewerking met die CDW's het ons die studente gehelp om aansoeke na tersiere institute gedoen. Die FET Kollege het 73 studente uit die Richtersveld geakkomodeer vir die 2008.
7. **NGO's – Richtersveld Advieskantoor** is een van ons NGO's in die omgewing en is tans besig met 'n MIV Vigs - , Jeug - en kinder programme. Daar is 'n jaarlikse kinderprogram wat tydens Junie maand plaasvind. Die Advieskantoor staan onder leiding van Me. Elsabé van Wyk as Koördineerder. Die kantoor beskik oor 4 permanente werkers en 1 Vrywilliger
8. **BADISA** – Die kantoor probeer om ontwikkeling en armoede te verlig deur bepaalde riglyne daar te stel. Hulle is ook een van die NGO's en is tans besig met gemeenskaps programme soos FAS (Fetale Alkohol Sindroom), Bejaardesorg, CAB ens. Me. Zandberg is die Maatskaplike Werker en Me. S. Augustus die Admin beampte.
9. **Age-in-action** – word ook in die Luvuyo Drop Inn sentrum gehuisves. Hul fokus punt is gemik op die bejaardes, vroue, jeug en gestremdes.
10. **YAC** – Youth Against Crime is in beweging en staan onder leiding van Mnr. W. Moos.
11. Die **GPF** is operasioneel en word gesamenlik gedryf deur gemeenskaps lede en die SAPD.

12. **WAC** dryf programme wat betrekking het met geweld teen vroue en kinders. Info sessie en terrein dienste om geweld by skole te bekamp word deur die WAC by skole aangebied. Die WAC koördineerder is Me. Annelize Minnies. Naweke bied hierdie span hul hulp aan die Polisie deur getraumatieseerde gevalle te assisteer. Hulle bied ook morale ondersteuning aan Verkragtings gevalle.
13. **Jeugforum** – 'n baie suksesvolle forum was gestig op 30 Oktober 2008. Love Life is tans besig met jeug programme en hou gereeld sessies by die skole, die organisasie staan onder leiding van Mnr. Allistar Whitlow.
14. **Projekte** – Werkskeppings projekte was aan die orde van die dag. Die opgradering van die Macdougallsbaai is finaal voltooi en was onthul op 20 Augustus deur die Premier Me. Dipoa Peters. Daarna het ons vloedskade beleef maar die skade aan ons strande is ook weer vinnig besig om herstel te word. Skoonmaak en dorps verfraaiing het in Port Nolloth plaas gevind. Working for the Coast is besig om die strande en dorpe skoon te hou. Hulle is ook besig met dorps verfraaiing in Kusweg.

MC ABRAHAMS



TOTSIENS

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Ons wens hom verder voorspoed en `n rustige aftrede toe.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A HUNGER TO BE FREE

“I was not born with a hunger to be free. I was born free – free in every way that I could know. Free to run in the fields near my mother’s hut, free to swim in the clear stream that ran through my village, free to roast mealies under the stars and ride the broad backs of slow-moving bulls. As long as I obeyed my father and abided by the customs of my tribe, I was not troubled by the laws of man or god. It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom was an illusion, when I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it.”

*- Long Walk to Freedom
Mandela (1994)*