

CWP SAFETY TALK

COHESIVE COMMUNITIES+SAFER SCHOOLS+RESILIENT YOUTH

NEWSLETTER – August 2014 – ISSUE I

CONTENTS

Seriti SHE-Initiative:
Building safer communities
through
CWP.....1

SHE: It is all about
partnership.....4

Faces of the Seriti SHE
Initiative.....5

Looking ahead.....6

Quote of the month.....6

Peter Campbell

Seriti Institute

Email: pbj-campbell@hotmail.com

Tina Mahler

VCP/GIZ

Email: tina.mahler@giz.de

Welcome to the new CWP Safety Talk Newsletter!

Since 2 years the Seriti Social-Health-Education (SHE) Initiative Team has been marvelous work in several Communities and the Community Work Programme (CWP). The vision is to create cohesive communities, establish safer schools and shape resilient youth. Through the SHE initiative CWP participants are being exposed to new forms of *useful* work and appreciate the arising opportunities: Football and Life Skill Coaches have been trained, Safety Audits have conducted, Youth Mentors are being trained and last but not least CWP and other local stakeholders are trained in systemic violence prevention. However, the ultimate goal is to create more opportunities for CWP participants to get involved in *useful* and *meaningful* work. To share all the experiences and to let you be part of the progress we will publish from now on the *CWP Safety Talk Newsletter* every two months. Be inspired and take action!!!

cwp | community
work
programme

Implemented by:

Seriti
institute

An initiative in partnership with


german
cooperation
DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT

implemented by
giz Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



Seriti SHE-Initiative: Building safer communities through CWP



Why?

‘All people in South Africa are and feel safe’, is one of the highest priorities of the South African government and a necessary foundation upon which all social and economic development is based. Recognizing this, the South African government has sought to address the challenge of high levels of violence and crime through national policies strategies and programmes, stipulating that institutionalized structures need to be established to enable citizen participation in both the planning and executing of initiatives aimed at promoting community

safety within local communities.

“Safety as the foundation for social and economic development”

The Community Work Programme (CWP) - contributing to public good and social services and providing access to a minimum level of regular work opportunities at grassroots level - is an essential governmental programme offering the opportunity to contribute enormously to local community development. To unlock the

potential and greater levels of participation of CWP in the field of violence and crime prevention and community safety, the CWP Social-Health-Education Initiative (SHE Initiative) has been developed. The key objectives of the initiative is to increase the level, diversity and quality

“Increase level, diversity and quality of CWP useful work in social, health and education sector”

of social, health and education sector anchor activities within CWP in partnership with other local stakeholders. Logically and practically, the initiative will contribute to the establishment of cohesive, communities, safer schools and resilient youth in local communities.

How?

The SHE Initiative promotes a systemic process that integrates 3 key themes a.) multi-stakeholder collaboration, b.) emphasis on organizational structures and c.) training and capacitation of local participants. Through multi-stakeholder violence prevention workshops safety needs are identified and common community responses developed. Accordingly, vibrant cooperation between CWP and other relevant community stakeholders is stimulated. To enhance collaboration between aligned stakeholders, organizational structures are established or strengthened in cases where they do exist. Through increased capacitation and training, CWP site managers, CWP participants as well as other relevant stakeholders are assisted to organise and implement a range of (new) useful work in the social, health and educational sectors. Since young people are most at risk of becoming victim's or perpetrators of violence, the SHE

initiative places an emphasis on learners in schools and youth within the community.

“Multi Stakeholder Collaboration, Organisational Structure, Training and Capacitation”

The initiative is currently established in 4 CWP pilot sites, Erasmus, Kagiso, Randfontein and Westonaria. To increase outreach of the initiative and its impact an up-scaling model, implementing manuals and standards are being developed which lay out the steps involved in the process and the tools being used. Ideally the initiative would be implemented at all CWP sites and municipalities throughout South Africa.

What has been achieved so far?

In Randfontein and Kagiso, CWP Multistakeholder Workshops on systemic violence prevention have been conducted with relevant local stakeholders (SAPS, Youth Desk, NGOs, CWP, Municipal Departments) including key provincial departments. This led to improved communication, mutual understanding of the interventions of the various stakeholders and the joint collaboration.



(CWP Systemic Violence Prevention Workshop, Randfontein)

In addition a Geographical Information System (GIS) was utilized to collect CWP and safety data for visualized CWP and Municipality activity planning. 6 CWP participants were trained on how to utilize GPS devices to capture relevant information related to CWP and safety. Furthermore CWP safety perception audits were jointly conducted in partnership with SAPS, Youth Desk, CPF and Municipality whereby over 200 community members were engaged clarifying perceptions and experiences relating to safety and enquiring what changes they would like to see within their own communities.



(CWP Safety Audit, Kagiso)

In the context of the Seriti SHE Initiative two anchor activities, the Football4Youth- and the Youth Mentorship programmes, were set up to be implemented in the pilot sites. Through the Football4Youth programme in all 4 sites up to 140 coaches will be trained and provide approximately 4200 children and youth with football and life-skills coaching per site. Through the Youth Mentorship Programme implemented by Phaphama Initiative approximately 64 CWP participants will be trained as School Mentors who empower 240

learners to identify and carry out school-based activity related to violence prevention and school safety.

2 Flagship Programmes

Youth Mentorship Programme



Football4Youth Programme



SHE – It is all about Partnership

In 2012, Seriti Institute (Provincial Implementing Agency of the CWP) and the German Development Cooperation (Youth Development Through Football Programme and Violence and Crime Prevention Programme) established a partnership to incorporate, strengthen and implement measures for (youth) violence and crime prevention and community safety into the CWP processes and work plans. Through the flagship programme Football4Youth SAFA joined the partnership in August 2013.

In 2014 Phaphama Initiative (Non-Governmental Organisation) joined the cooperative partnership, adding the Schools-based Youth Mentorship Programme as a new stream of activity. Due to the redistributing of CWP sites by COGTA in April 2014, the three pilot sites in West Rand District are now being managed by Dhladla Foundation. Through to a longstanding partnership between Seriti Institute and Dhladla Foundation the implementation of the pilot at these West Rand CWP sites will be continued and supported by Seriti Institute. Currently the SHE Initiative

explores a possible partnership with the Provincial Department for Community Safety and the Department of Education to incorporate CWP SHE programmes into their existing School Safety Programme.

Faces of the SHE-Initiative



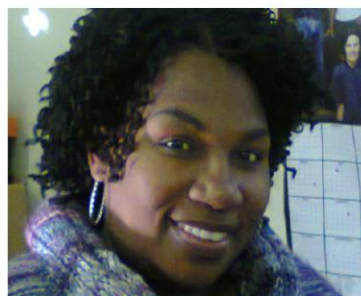
Peter Campbell
Social Health Specialist
Seriti Institute



Judy Connor
Youth Mentorship
Programme
Phaphama Initiative



Donavan Meyer
CWP Provincial Manager
Dhadla Foundation



Lerato Mbonyane
CWP Site Manager
Kagiso



Sharon Thanyani
CWP Site Manager
Randfontein

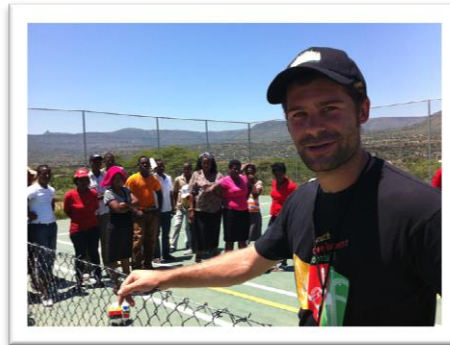
Dikeledi Lesabe
CWP Coordinator
Randfontein



Gafi Modise
Community Safety
Officer
West Rand District
Municipality



Tina Mahler
Violence and Crime
Prevention Programme
GIZ (Seconded to Seriti
Institute)



Niklas Grau
Football4Youth
Manager
Seriti Institute

... looking ahead!

Outlook for September and October 2014

- 👉 Phaphama will conduct a 10 days training for 36 CWP participants to become Youth Mentors in Randfontein, Kagiso and Westonario.
- 👉 In Kagiso and Westonaria Seriti Institute will train 56 CWP participants and 14 community members as football and life skill coaches who then will facilitate football and life skill training in schools and in the community
- 👉 In Westonaria and Erasmus a 2 days Multistakeholder Workshops on systemic violence prevention will be facilitated by Seriti Institute in partnership with GIZ. Participants will discuss the concept of violence prevention, analysis risk and protective factors regarding violence and identify ways in which CWP in partnership with other local stakeholders can add value to building safer communities.
- 👉 To popularize the Seriti SHE Initiative a short video has been produced which will be released in September.

Quote of the Month

"The SHE initiative has given the municipality an opportunity to collaborate with CWP, to align and implement activities in relation to prevention and reduction of crime in our communities" (Gafi Modise, Community Safety Officer, West Rand District Municipality)