

**PROGRESS REPORT FOR KZN HBC AND OVC PROJECT
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. STATISTICS

Activity	April 09	May 09	June 09	July 09	Aug 09	Sept 09
No of admissions	14	21	6	36	1	7
No of discharges	5	21	0	133	13	3
No of deaths	0	0	0	1	0	0
No of patients seen	447	450	455	358	346	350
Referrals to Cotlands doctor	57	97	52	38	43	37
No of HIV positive children	149	156	156	108	107	117
No of children on ARV's	77	81	81	72	70	73
No of OVC's	183	179	173	154	153	147
Patients with TB	22	45	48	10	10	8

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Objective	Achievements	Challenges
Psychosocial Intervention	<p>Statutory services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new social worker has been employed to render statutory services in the district. She has reviewed Cotlands current case load and established that 160 children in our programme have parents whose whereabouts are unknown, 39 children are double orphans, and 73 children have outstanding documents (for example birth certificates). - Eighty four children were assessed in the period under review. Three of these children required counseling for sexual abuse and one child had to be removed to a place of safety. - Training of community foster parents continues. The training is based on the Isibindi Model. Five community foster parents are in the process of being trained. The new social worker is facilitating the training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In order to finalize court enquiries, we are required to advertise in local newspapers in order to try and trace missing parents. Due to the large number of children whose parents whereabouts are unknown this is not only a costly, but also lengthy process - Outstanding documents results in further delays in processing grants.

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	<p>Support groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five support groups have been established – two for mothers, one for grannies and two for children. - The support groups deal with a variety of issues pertinent to the group. <p>Identification of OVC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community members, school teachers and the local clinics refer children classified as OVC's to Cotlands. At present there are around 150 orphaned and vulnerable children in the programme. 	<p>Long school hours and homework sessions often result in the support groups not being able to take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The most common problem with orphaned children is that they do not have the necessary documents to access grants.
Health Care	<p>Treatment for opportunistic infections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The doctor continues to run a clinic at Cotlands every week. On average 40 children are treated every month. <p>Monitoring the adherence of children on ART and TB treatment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary care givers are trained to administer medication and the importance of compliance. - All the children receiving ART's are responding well to the treatment and this has resulted in a decrease in the number of home visits required. Children have access to the Doctor should the need arise. <p>Health education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was identified that an increasing number of new HIV infections were being reported in Ward One. As a result an HIV and AIDS awareness campaign was organized. Cotlands, together with relevant stake holders conducted the campaign. 200 people were reached during the campaign. <p>The stake holders included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa Centre, who provided VCT. - SASSA, who provided information on grants available for people both infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. - The Department of Health, who provided information on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our professional nurses do not have dispensing licenses therefore we have to wait for the doctor to dispense medication. One of the nurses will attend the dispensing course in the new year so that minor ailments can be dealt with timeously. - Some of our clients relocate without informing us and eventually end up defaulting. - Food insecurity also leads to defaults, but fortunately the Department of Social Development now issues food parcels to eligible families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The campaign was highly successful and as a result clients from other wards have requested that a similar campaign be held in their wards. Only two campaigns were budgeted for so this service cannot be offered in all the wards.

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	the roll out of ART as well as the importance of adherence.	
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have managed to secure two vacant plots for our community gardens. - We are continuing to grow seedlings to be distributed to clients as part of the “one home, one garden” campaign - We have vegetable gardens at two of our homework sites (Hlabisa and Thembamandla). The vegetables we harvest here are used in the feeding scheme. - A group of women who make a variety of woven baskets have formed a co-op, but were having difficulty selling there goods. We negotiated with the management of the curio shop at the Hilltop Camp in the neighbouring game reserve to stock the baskets. Sales have been quite good up to now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no access to water on the plots so we have to rely on rain. - The gardens aren't fenced which increases the risk of theft, vandalism and damage from livestock. - The women initially did not have a bank account so payments had to made through Cotlands, which presented administrative problems. However, they have subsequently opened an account and are now paid directly.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework support continues to be provided to the children in our programme. - The homework sites are visited regularly by Cotlands National Education Manager to ensure that the programmes are correctly implemented. The aim is to help the children cope in mainstream education 	