

Commission for Gender Equality

A society free from gender oppression and inequality

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of performance for the period April to June 2013. This first quarter of the financial year ordinarily coincides with regularity audit undertaken by the AGSA. In line with legislative requirements, the Annual Financial and draft Annual report were finalised and submitted to AGSA and NT.

Initial stages of the first quarter is further characterised designing strategies and approach on rolling out of the activities as contained in the APP.



RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Programmes:

For the current financial year Research department will be focusing on the following research projects:-

- Gender Focal Person research project
- Gender barometer
- Monitoring and evaluation of the GBV (365 NAP)
- Policy Briefs and Dialogues



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Gender Focal Person research project

This project seeks to evaluate the performance and effectiveness of GFP positions. For the period under review, the department identified ten departments that will be participating on this project, the scope includes both national and provincial departments.

Five National Departments:

- Sports, Arts & Culture*
- Transport*
- Education (Basic education)*
- Tourism*
- Economic Planning and Development*



RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Five Provincial departments:

- WC- Dept. of Transport
- KZN- Dept. of education
- LP- Dept. of Economic Affairs
- EC- Dept. of Sports, Arts & Culture
- NC- Dept. of Human Settlement

The department conducted a desktop review of policies on GFPs and the results will be utilised to finalise a survey instrument that will be used for this project. The instrument will be finalised in the next quarter.



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Gender barometer:

The gender barometer is an online tool designed to monitor and evaluate gender mainstreaming in the public sector. This is the third phase of utilising the tool and a number of teething matters were identified and the tool has been revamped and revised accordingly.

The focus for this third phase of the study will still be Provincial and Local government. Department of Science and technology (National) and 9 Provincial Departments of Community safety have been selected. The department is in the process of training the selected departments on the tool.



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Monitoring GBV Council (365 NAP)

This study intends to monitor and track work of the Council that has been established under the auspices of Women's Ministry, particularly looking at its broad objective of reviewing and rearticulating the 365 NAP.

For period under review, the team compiled background information on the Council, looked into its annual plan and schedule of the activities that the Council will be dealing with for the financial year. The research team has also requested access to attend meetings and proceedings of the Council.



CRITICAL LEGISLATIVE IMPERATIVES

Policy Briefs:

For the period under review the research team has compiled Policy briefs. The policy briefs highlight the findings and recommendations of the d research reports that were produced in the last financial year viz:-

- ❖ Education report
- ❖ Victims Charter
- ❖ Gender Barometer



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Policy Dialogues

The Department planned to hold dialogues informed by the policy briefs, the objective of these dialogues is to ensure that findings of previous research work and related reports are disseminated to policy makers in order to contribute knowledge towards public policy debates and influence decision making processes towards promotion of respect and protection of gender equality.

For the reporting period the department has held 8 dialogues based on the Education report.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Inputs into legislative Framework

- Licensing of Business Bill -2013
- National Broadband Policy for South Africa
- South African Human Rights Commission Bill [B 5-2013]
- Draft Policy on Student Housing at Public Universities
- Electoral Amendment Bill
- Court Annexed Mediation Rules of the Magistrates' Courts
- National Environmental Management and Integrated Coastal Management Bill [B8-2013]
- Draft Revised Policy on the Allocation and Management of Fishing Rights
- Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill
- The Draft National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill
- Draft National Credit Amendment Bill



LEGAL DEPARTMENT

STATISTICS OR THE REPORTING PERIOD UNDER REVIEW: APRIL – JUNE 2013

The table below shows New Files opened during period 1 April and 30 June 2013

Nature of Complaint	GP	LP	WC	MP	NW	FS	KZN	EC	NC	TOTAL
Gender Discrimination	1	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	2	14
Domestic Violence	0	2	0	4	1	2	0	1	1	11
Maintenance	0	2	1	5	1	10	0	5	0	24
Divorce	1	0	0	3	3	2	1	0	1	11
Custody & access	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Estate	2	0	0	13	0	11	0	3	1	30
Gender Based Violence	1	0	2	0	0	1	7	5	0	16
Sexual Harassment	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Labour	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	5	1	15
Unlawful Eviction	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	7
Claim for Restitution	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tradition/ culture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Others	26	0	6	13	17	8	15	18	5	108
Total	34	4	15	51	22	35	32	39	13	245

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Litigation:

Thomas v Thomas (Divorce)

Hardy v Reich (Divorce)

Schaefer v Singh (Domestic Violence)

Legal Clinics:

24 Legal Clinics were held for the period under review at the following areas with the aim of receiving complainants:-

Court Monitoring:

16 Courts were monitored Nationally for the period under review. These in the main included Maintenance, family, domestic violence and Equality Courts.

Province	Areas	Total
Western Cape	Bredasdorp community centre, khayelitsha Legal aid UWC legal Aid clinic, Stellenbosch	4
Eastern Cape	Masimanyane and Peddie Women support centres,Empilisweni AIDS support centre	3
Northern Cape	Thusong service centre, Kapa Bokone Community centre	2
Gauteng	Soshanguve legal Aid Clinic, Stanza Bopape health development centre	2
Mpumalanga	Belfast Emakhazeni stadium, Tongo Masisukume crisi center and Carolina home based care centre	3
North West	Lethabong, NW paralegal Advice	2
Limpopo	Muninginisi, Fetagkomo, Shesego	3
Free State	Thaba Nchu, Bloemfontein and Botshabelo Magistrate Court	3
KwaZulu Natal	Ntuzuma, NGO Advised desk for	2

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Monitoring International Instruments

The three departments within the commission have formed 3 working groups to monitor and craft reports on the following instruments ratified by SA:-

- ❑ CEDAW
- ❑ BEIJING
- ❑ MDGS

The groups have finalised draft reports. The period under review was used to engage and follow through with departments that have not responded to the questionnaires that were submitted in the last quarter of last financial year. South Africa will be reporting on progress on these instruments in 2015.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Overview

- The CGE runs a series of interventions which includes but not limited to dialogues, seminars, and information sessions. PEI was involved in the following interventions for the period under review:

Gender-violence in Schools

Provinces were furnished with a concept paper to guide activities for this quarter. Officers engaged an average of five schools in the provinces gender-based violence. Key discussions focused on bullying and teenage pregnancy.

Launch of Sex position paper

A position paper was developed on decriminalization of sex work. the Official launch of the position took place on 16 May 2013



PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Education programme with Houses of Traditional Leaders and Religious Sectors

Provinces held meetings with PHTLs and the Religious sector to discuss formalising working reasons. Information sessions were held on topics that were agreed upon by CGE and the stakeholders across provinces. WC and NC have signed an MOU. ToRs and MOUs are still in draft form in the other provinces and still needs to be finalised.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Assessment of women's political participation and representation

The CGE and NDI-SA agreed to conduct an assessment of women's participation and representation. A research proposal was developed that outlines how the study would unfold. In this quarter, political parties were sent letters that requested a meeting to share the purpose of the study. The parties approached were, ANC, COPE, UDM and IFP. The DA has not responded to the CGE's letter that request a meeting. The IFP initially indicated interest, but has subsequently withdrawn their participation. One focus group meeting has taken place in the Western Cape. Further focus group meetings will be held in the next quarter.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

SABC Partnership in relation to Media Advocacy

CGE and the SABC held a number of meetings explore areas of common interests. The meeting discussed the promo that was aired during 16 days and CGE programmes that will take place this year. Further meetings that were held The purpose of the engagements are twofold, firstly to content on programmes to infuse gender and gender equality and secondly to sign collaboration agreement to outline working relations.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

NCRF Partnership in relation to community radio stations

It should be noted that the CGE is currently involved in radio interviews with community radio stations. These take place on a regular basis. However, for this financial year CGE has embarked on an education radio programme that envisages to ensure longevity in educating audiences in far-flung areas of the country. The purpose of partnership with NCRF is to ensure that the programme comes to fruition. A number of meetings were held with NCRF and a MOU has been developed. The signing and finalisation of the MOU will take place in the next quarter.

PROVINCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Initiation Schools

This quarter was plagued with botched initiations. Provinces where deaths were rife are MP and NC. The Commission intervened by engaging in meetings with concerned stakeholders as a measure to ensure that this practice is safer.

Forced/Underage Marriages

MP dealt with a matter where it was tipped that a 57 year old man was cohabiting with a 15 year old. The office undertook a search and seizure and the alleged perpetrator was arrested.

Gender Mainstreaming workshops

MP training was done for Mbombela Municipality on gender mainstreaming

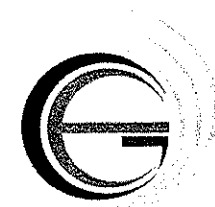
Collaboration with C9s

All Provinces engaged in meetings with chapter 9 institutions, respective APPs were shared to discuss outreaches programmes of mutual interest

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE TRACKING TABLE

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