

NARRATIVE REPORT ON DCS PARTNERSHIPS WITH SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS REGARDING REHABILITATION

1. Purpose

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview on the partnerships that the Department of Correctional Services has with sector stakeholders and service providers when it comes to rehabilitation.

2. Partnerships

In support of the Department's vision and mission with regard to rehabilitation and social reintegration of offenders, there are longstanding partnerships with various Departments and organisations:

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) has established several partnerships with sector stakeholders and service providers in order to reduce the risk of recidivism at correctional facilities by providing offenders with relevant educational programmes:

- The Department of Basic Education (DBE)
- The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)
- The President Award (TPA)
- Media Works: Adult Education and Training (AET) Accelerated Programme
- National Applications Centre (NAC)
- South African Council for Educators (SACE) approved service providers: Macmillan Education Teacher Campus, Shutters and Shooters, Van Schaik Bookstores and Pearson publishers.
- School Net for Information and Communication and Technology (ICT)
- University of South Africa (UNISA)

The former President of the Republic of South Africa, the late President Nelson Mandela was instrumental in the establishment of Ekuseni youth development centre that is part of Waterval Management Area. At the opening of this correctional facility, a number of private institutions provided assistance. Recently an assessment of the needs of the centre was done and the Nelson Mandela Foundation is prepared to assist in addressing those needs via its various partners.

The Deputy Minister: Tourism has partnered with DCS in terms of skills development of female offenders at Kgoši Mampuru II Management Area. The objective of the

project is to skill female offenders in the hospitality industry and to equip them with computer skills.

The Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (Merseta) is making funding available that will be utilized for skills development purposes of young offenders as well as to provide training equipment for the skills training centres within the Boksburg Management Area.

In terms of skills development for offenders:

- The Sedibeng Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College with Heidelberg Correctional Centre provide lecturers that will present theory to offenders that are participating in the skills development programmes.
- The Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) is linked to the Department of Basic Education and they have mobile units that will be utilized to present skills development courses to offenders in Boksburg Management Area but later they want to expand this function to cover the broader Gauteng Region.

Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (DSRSA):

The partnership aims to contribute to personal development of offenders through sport and recreation programmes and services.

- Through the partnership with DSRSA, we have increased offender participation by introducing new programmes and activities.
- Implement sustainable sport and recreation programmes in all correctional centres for leisure time utilization, therapeutic and academic purposes.
- Indoor sport and recreational equipment were procured nationally in support of Operation Vala (Festive Season Program).

Department of Arts and Culture (DAC):

DAC and DCS have signed a MoU to implement the Art Access programme in Correctional Facilities. The programme is part of a broader campaign of ensuring art access to all, in particular to marginalized and vulnerable groups in society. The key objectives of this programme is to transform and empower offenders through the arts, culture and heritage which have the potential for self-sustainability post-incarceration and rehabilitation, while under correctional supervision and social re-integration.

- Provide quality support services to talented offenders in the region including the provision of appropriate marketing and selling skills with regards to establishing Art Galleries in DCS.
- A Train the trainer programme on Beadwork has been developed in Correctional Centres.
- Through this partnership, individual and group talents were discovered through a coordinated drama performance by offenders. The outcome of this programme based on the partnership is to expose talent and educate community on Crime Prevention, through Grahamstown Arts Festival and State Theatre.

South African Book Development Council (SABDC)

The partnership is assisting to facilitate the expansion of Library Programmes and Services in DCS through the establishment of book clubs at the Correctional Centres (reading, writing, storytelling and compilation of poetry books by offenders).

Coordinate the nationwide outreach and advocacy projects through the book development and participating during the National and International Book Days.

Centre for the Book (CFB):

The partnership is between DCS and the CFB which is a branch of the National Library in the DAC. This is an annual programme aimed at encouraging offenders to develop appreciation and knowledge through reading of books, reviewing, provide analysis and engage in constructive educative debates on topical issues.

- Offender participation in this programme starts at the Correctional Centre Level, Management Area Level, proceeds to Regional Level and lastly to the National Championships where talents are showcased at a National platform.

Badminton South Africa (BSA)

Through this partnership offenders will be trained as technical officials to become coaches.

South African Table Tennis Board (SATTB)

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South African National Amateur Boxing Organization (SANABO)

Through this partnership offenders are trained as technical officials and managers. In support of the programme in DCS, boxing equipment was procured for all Management Areas.

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Athletics South Africa (ASA)

Through this partnership offenders and officials are trained as technical officials.

- Offender participation in this programme starts at the Correctional Centre Level, Management Area Level, proceeds to Regional Level and lastly to the National Championships where talents are showcased at a National platform.

South African Football Association (SAFA)

The partnership is assisting to coordinate the football leagues at Correctional Centre Level and to showcase talent of the offenders.

- Offender participation in this programme starts at the Correctional Centre Level, Management Area Level, proceeds to Regional Level and lastly to the National Championships where talents are showcased at a National platform.

South African Rugby Union (SARU)

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- Offender participation in this programme start at the Correctional Centre Level, Management Area Level, proceeds to Regional Level and lastly to the National Championships where talents are showcased at a National platform.
- This coordinated approach is geared towards building and supporting self-sufficiency is necessary for reducing the likelihood of former offenders becoming involved in criminal activity.

In terms of the personal development of offenders the following partnership relationships between the Department of Correctional Services, other government departments and civil society can be recorded:

Deputy Minister: Communications with regard to skills development of offenders in the Eastern Cape. The following areas have been identified:

- Plant and animal production at Middeldrift to 25 Adult Male Offenders;
- Film and Video Production at Cradock to 40 Youth Male Offenders;
- Film and Video Production at East London Medium C to 20 Female Offenders;
- Agriculture Production at Cofimvaba to 20 Youth Male Offenders.

A partnership has been entered into with various churches/faith based organisations which includes the following:

- Quality Assured Service Providers who are rendering Services and Programmes to offenders in Correctional Centres: Alpha Prison Ministries, Prison Fellowship SA, New Life Behaviour Ministries, Kairos, EEIII (Evangelism Explosion Edition III), Lotsha Ministries.
- Religious Bodies that assists in the management of church/faith groupings within Correctional Centres: Jewish Prison Board, National Muslim Prison Board, Hindu Prison Board, SAACOM (Southern African Association for Correctional Ministry), SSCAB (Security Services Christian Advisory Board) ATR (African Traditional Religion) & Rastafarians.
- Partnerships exist with different churches/faith groups who appoint own Spiritual Workers for Rendering of Services and Programmes to offenders: ± 1794 spiritual workers.
- Established partnerships with church/faith groups such as Kara Development Ministries, African Traditional Religion, Rastafarians, Jewish, Muslim, ZCC (Zion Christian Church), Shembe (Nazareth Baptist Church) Israel Vision, Buddhists, Pagans and Hindus resulted in the development of Spiritual Care Policy Guidelines which guide provision of special religious needs to offenders.

A long existing partnership exists with the Bible Society of SA, making Bibles available to offenders through Annual Bible Donations for distribution to various Correctional Centres.

Training of Spiritual Care personnel is facilitated by the one (1) year course on Correctional Ministry through the partnership with the Theological Department of UNISA.

Working Relations have been established with Institute for Healing of Memories and Counselling Workshops for offenders were conducted in Goodwood and Pollsmoor Correctional Facilities.

Partnerships are in place with Community Radio Stations such as Radio Pulpit and Umhlobo Wenene for linking offenders with their families and communities.

Relations are in place with Bible Correspondence Institutions such as Emmanuel Press, All Nations, Bybelkor, Bible Way, Kenneth Copeland, World Hope Ministries, Radio Pulpit, Nehemiah Bible Institute and Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Voice of Prophecy.

Collaboration has been established with the following Quality Assured Service Providers who are rendering Services and Programmes to offenders in Correctional Centres and Community Corrections:

- Nicro – Rendering Pre-release programme and Tough enough Programme
- Khulisa - Rendering Crime prevention Programmes
- FAMSA – Rendering Relationship and Anger in anger out programme
- SANCA – Rendering Alcohol and Substance abuse Programmes
- Fear Free Life – dealing with gangsterism
- Training of 297 officials was conducted (including Social Workers) on Child Justice Act and Children’s Act.
- DCS officials trained by Department of Social Development (DSD) on Chapter 5&6 of the Children’s’ Act to capacitate officials to register Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres in DCS as mandated.
- Training of Social Workers in trauma counselling was provided by NICDAM and spearheaded by DSD.
- SANCA trained 44 Social Workers based at Youth Centre on SANCA Ahanang Programme.
- At this stage, no formal partnerships have been entered into with regard to psychological services. However, there are discussions with universities which train psychologists aimed at improving the profile of DCS as a competitive

employer of psychologists, as well as a place where training opportunities should be explored, such initial explorations are being initiated with the Psychological Society of South Africa and the Health Professions Council as well.

ORGANISATIONS	SERVICES
Right to Care	South Africa Global Fund programme – reduce the rate of new HIV & TB infections by at least 50% and to provide access to an appropriate package of treatment, care & support to 80% HIV – positive people & families.
Footballers 4 Life	Strengthening of TB & HIV services in prison through advocacy, awareness & education.
Fear Free Life	The Fear Free Life gang management & rehabilitation programme
New Life Behaviour	New life behaviour program
Global Harvest Prison Network	National 50 Days of prayer & fasting
Lotsha Ministries	Ukuphula Iketanga Series
World Hope Ministries	Spiritual Care programme
Babies Behind Bars	Education, Skills Development, Sport & Recreation and Social Reintegration
The Alpha Course South Africa	To restore and rehabilitate mental, spiritual and physical attitudes and behaviour through faith
The Prem Rawat Foundation	To discover inner resources such as dignity, hope, clarity and choice, and to enable the offenders to recognise their innate value.

QUALITY ASSURED / APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDERS:

3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The President Award (TPA)

The Department of Correctional Services also signed a MoU with The President Award (TPA) which deals with holistic development of offenders. TPA helps youth offenders to develop qualities of leadership, self-worth, initiative, self-discipline, entrepreneurship and commitment to community service.

The Department of Basic Education (DBE)

The Department of Correctional Services signed a MoU with DBE in order to improve the standard of education in correctional facilities. The MoU has already borne fruit because DBE has conducted training workshops for educators and officials of DCS in the following: South African School Administration and Management System (SA-SAMS); training of educators in Life Sciences and also donated the Mind the Gap study guides in various subjects to all full-time schools in DCS. They also donated Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM) in the form of teacher reference books, readers and classroom charts for the establishment of School Library and Information Services in Further Education and Training (FET) fulltime schools.

A Memorandum of understanding was signed for the manufacturing, delivering and rehabilitation of school furniture in 2013 as part of the Production Workshops and Agriculture: An Addendum to this MoU was signed in October 2014.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has assisted the Department of Correctional Services in providing Adult Education and Training (AET) practitioners in various AET Centres without any cost to the DCS. The Department also signed an MoU for the establishment of career resource centres in St Albans and Helderstroom Management Areas and consequently, the following personnel were trained in running these centres:

- 15 educators from both Management Areas
- 4 Librarians
- 4 IT officials
- 2 officials in HR from both Management Areas

Sport, Recreation, Art and Culture:

- Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (DSRSA)
- Department of Arts and Culture (DAC)
- Badminton South Africa (BSA)
- South African Table Tennis Board (SATTB)
- Professional Golfers Association of South Africa

National Applications Centre (NAC)

In 2013 the department signed a MoU with the National Applications Centre (NAC) in support of the rehabilitation agenda of the department. The NAC is a youth led Non-Governmental Organisation (not-for-profit organization) which has the capacity to amass resources for youth development through partnering with other stakeholders. NAC has assisted the department over the last couple of years in the following areas:

- Career Guidance;
- Undergraduate applications for tertiary learning;
- Computer Literacy;
- Capacity Building;
- Resource Mobilisation through partnerships for the implementation of the above.

The stakeholder of the National Applications Centre (NAC) includes Merseta, Department of Communication (DOC) and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) etc. This partnership resulted in DOC donating a computer laboratory at Boksburg Management Area and through this partnership, the following equipment was donated for youth development:

- 15 television sets with Open View HD satellite television
- 60 computers donated by the Landbank with internet connectivity from Telkom
- Online learning material and training from iNetSI
- Teacher Training and support by Intel

University of South Africa (UNISA)

The Department of Correctional Services is in the process of signing a MoU with the University of South Africa (UNISA) to assist offenders who are involved in distance education to have access to online connectivity within a secure environment so that they can be able to apply for registration online and be able to post their assignments online. This is to mitigate possibilities of offenders having access to own personal computers with access to uncapped internet through use of private modems. The university also assists the Department with the running of examinations as they provide invigilators for this purpose.

Partnerships have been established in the Spiritual Care environment with churches, faith groups, community-based organisations and faith-based organisations.

The DCS Spiritual Care Policy and Policy Procedures determine the ways in which partnerships with churches and faith groups are formalised to enhance their involvement whereby;

- Spiritual workers of different churches and faiths are appointed by the Department to minister to their members in the correctional centres. They are mainly from local congregations near the correctional centre.
- Volunteers are appointed to render spiritual care services and programmes to offenders on a voluntarily basis.
- Appointment of Spiritual Care service providers /organisations from different faith groupings and churches to render spiritual care programmes to the offenders. They have to be subjected to the DCS Quality Assurance process to determine their suitability before being utilised.
- DCS enters into partnerships with relevant Spiritual / Religious Organisations for the purpose of policy formulation, consultation, programme development and presentation as well as community support with the reintegration of offenders back into society. Some of these partnerships are formalised with Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).

Other partners include the following;

- Bible Society of South Africa- assists with the distribution of free Bibles.
- UNISA Theological School -presents a one year training course for spiritual caregivers.
- Hospice and Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA) - provides training on Palliative Care in respect of the psycho-social and spiritual care support to offenders with life-threatening illnesses and also offers bereavement services.

MOU's in the process of finalization for provision of services and programmes to offenders:

- Heartlines-programmes (moral regeneration programmes) to offenders in correctional centres, e.g. Heartlines for Youth and Nothing for Mahala;

- Institute for Healing of Memories - workshops and counselling services to offenders
- Moral Regeneration Movement -DCS has been a member of the National Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM) since its inception in 1999. Amongst their key activities in DCS is:
 - Moral Renewal awareness raising programmes,
 - interfaith services,
 - participation in MRM national,
 - provincial and local events including in correctional centres.

DCS enters into memoranda of understanding with relevant Spiritual / Religious Organisations for the purpose of formalising and strengthening working relations in the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders. The Memoranda of understanding that are in place are as follows:

- Twelve Apostles Church in Christ (TACC)
- National Muslim Prison Board of SA (NMPB)
- Full Gospel Church of God in SA [FGCOG(SA)]
- Christian Revival Church

Universities

In 2010 the Department of Correctional Services entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Pretoria and the University of South Africa to allow students to gain practical work experience in corrections field. The MoU is coordinated by various units within the DCS.

The MoU was extended to other universities outside Gauteng Province and this culminated in the signing of MoUs with two additional universities in KwaZulu/Natal namely, University KwaZulu/Natal and University of Zululand.

The MoU is termed Experiential Learning as it offers the students studying criminology and correctional science the opportunity to acquire working skills in the correctional centre. The MoU benefits both the students and the Department. The students acquire working skills and experience that can assist them to secure employment in future while the Department benefit from volunteer work by students in the areas of community profiling, offender assessment tools and facilitation of correctional programmes.

Through this partnership a total of 123 students benefited from SASSETA bursaries to the value of R50 000 each.

Signed Memoranda of Understanding for Sport Recreation, Arts and Culture (SRAC):

Department/Organisation	Date Signed
Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (DSRSA)	22 November 2005
Department of Arts and Culture (DAC)	02 March 2012
Badminton South Africa (BSA)	17 September 2015
South African Table Tennis Board (SATTB)	27 November 2014
Professional Golfers Association of South Africa	18 May 2009
Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (DSRSA)	22 November 2005

4. NGO's

67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day:

The partnership focuses on profiling our offender programmes of rehabilitation for re-integration in front of millions of South Africans;

- Serves as a climax for showcasing and demonstrating successes in Correctional Services delivery on social re-integration.
- Knitting together broken lives.
- Breaking the Guinness World Records set by 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day on the 22 April 2016, in Drakenstein, WC Region.

Pledge of Cooperation:

Organisation	Date Signed
67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day:	14 August 2015

A consignment of books donated by Van Schaik Bookstores was sent to the FS/NC Region and this entailed the following:

- Afrikaans books
- English books
- Physical Science X-Kit for Grades 10,11 and 12
- Life Sciences

The following dedicated programmes in building character and positive values are implemented and rolled-out in correctional centres in partnership with the NGO Heartlines. Officials (Moral and Development Coordinators) and Spiritual workers of different faiths are also trained in the conducting of the programmes:

- Living Positive Values: discussion 8 values.
 - Values for Life: a practical resource for teaching about values for young people.
 - Living Godly Values: an eight week course of inculcating positive values.
 - Heartlines for Youth: course specifically dedicated to youth and positive values.
 - Values for Money: assisting a person to apply positive values regarding money.
 - CHATSEC (Combating HIV and Aids through Spiritual and Ethical Conduct): course assisting offenders in making decisions that are based on positive values and building their character. This programme stems from a partnership with the Chaplaincy of the SANDF.
- The following programmes that assist offenders in building character and applying positive values have been developed:
- Pre-Release Programme (Module on Applied Basic Values) for offenders. This programme has been developed in partnership with the FBO Lotsha Ministries.
 - Family Firm Foundation: dealing with restoring relations in the family and taking up responsibility for the family.
 - Healthy Relationships: addressing the value of other persons and importance of healthy relationships.
 - Self-Image: a programme that is building character and valuing the self of the offender.

Spiritual Care has maintained partnerships with the following NGOs:

- New Life Behaviour-Provision of behavioural change programme to offenders
- Alpha South Africa- programme focuses on teaching offenders Basic Course in Christianity to support their rehabilitation.
- Kairos- Weekend Programme for motivating, counselling and mentoring offenders within group setting.
- Evangelism Explosion (EEIII)- Basic Christian Teachings
- Hope Prison Ministries -Restorative Justice programmes
- Jericho Walls- Christian Prayer Group for offenders
- Buddhist Temple Bronkhorstspuit -programmes and services
- LOTSHA- Pre-release and reintegration programmes

- Prison Fellowship SA- Offers a Sycamore Tree Programme (Restorative Justice)
- Radio Ministries- Community Radio Stations such as Radio Pulpit and Umhlobo Wenene for linking offenders with their families and communities.
- Correspondence Courses- Relations are in place with Bible Correspondence Institutions such as Emmanuel Press, All Nations, Bybelkor, Bible Way, Kenneth Copeland, World Hope Ministries, Radio Pulpit, Nehemiah Bible Institute and Seventh Day Adventist Voice of Prophecy.
- Zion Christian Church (ZCC) - Spiritual Care services and programmes.
- Hindu Prison Board- Spiritual care services and programmes to Hindu offenders.
- NICSA (National Interfaith Council of SA)-Participation in the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.
- African Traditional Religion (ATR) - Provision of Spiritual services and programmes for ATR offenders.
- Jewish Prison Board- provides support on policy matters relating to Jewish spiritual programmes and services.
- South African Council of Churches (SACC) - After Care and Social Reintegration programmes. Assisted DCS with the reintegration of offenders affected by remission of sentence projects.
- Safety and Security Christian Advisory Board (SSCAB) - Consultation on spiritual care policy, support for the chaplaincies of the security services personnel and monitoring the provision of Chaplains and Spiritual Workers by the churches.
- Rastafarian Council- The Rastafarian Council assists in the provision of Spiritual Care programmes and services to Rastafarian offenders