

Section 1. Organization

1.1 Details organization:

Date of submission : June 2015
Name of organisation : Mount Olive Outreach (Khaya Centre)
Name of funded project : Victim Empowerment Unit
Reporting period : 01 January 2015 to 30 June 2015
Date established: : 2003

Actual project start date : July 2014

2.1 Project outcomes.

Primary project objectives:

The Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) is the priority of National Crime Prevention Strategy in partnership with the Department of Social Development (DSD) and other prominent stakeholders. It was launched in 1998 with the core aim of addressing the high rate of criminal victimization in the country suffered by mostly women and children.

The VEP's main focus purpose is to facilitate the establishment and the integration of interdepartmental or intersectional programmes and policies for the support, protection and empowerment of victims of crime and violence.

Khaya Centre's VEP is moreover erected to assist, support, protect and empower victims by ensuring that violent as well as abusive behaviours are kept to a minimum if not eradicated furthermore also to ensure that this circle does not repeat itself.

Specifically:

Identification of the victim and the perpetrator with the aim of establishing the ground for the case as well assessing the overall effect of the alleged victimization

Ensuring that the victim is referred to a prominent stakeholder for specific help or assistance with reference to their situation e.g. SAPS, SANCA or medical practitioner

Doing a follow up to probe if the victim received the required aid

Activities completed using this funding:

The hiring of a Programme Co-ordinator

Sustaining care of 210 chronic patients- which includes home visits, medication administration and feeding.

Aiding Individual cases of abuse and/or victims in need (as illustrated in highlights below concerning a victim whose house has burnt down).

Implementing an initiative to feed 60 elderly residents in Lehae with 1 (one) balanced meal each day.

What were the highlights of the project during the reporting period?

We were able to gain certified psychological support for 5 children, we received feedback that they are responding well to treatment.

We placed an elderly man in a place of safety- as he is disabled and was living alone and unassisted.

We managed to engage contractors to build a safe home for another disabled man who was living in an unstable shack.

What challenges did the project face during the reporting period?

We have seen a large number of cases of neglected children who have nowhere else to go- this led to a rise in behavioural problems.

We have no associations with Drug Rehabilitation Centres and have numerous requests from parents to assist with this for their teenagers.

How did your organisation handle this/these challenge(s)?

We have referred the neglected children to the relevant stakeholders

We have offered numerous counselling sessions and created a support group for women

What are the goals for this specific project for the next reporting period?

- Ensure that all operational processes are adhered to.
- Maintain quality of services provided.
- Refresh staff training.
- Retain clients.
- We would like to have a team of lay councillors who do home visits and host support groups for 45 Elderly and 30 Young Parents. They also report information of abuse to authorities when necessary and assist victims in attaining legal counsel and medical assistance as needed.
- In the following year we aim to have a 24 hour call line manned by a lay councillor. Comprehensive trauma counselling training.
- Continue to assist older person to apply for foster grant for the orphans that they have in their care

2.2 Project impact

In one sentence, what was the impact of this funding?

- We have seen growth in our beneficiaries and a visible difference in the attitude of our clients- they are happier, healthier and have a more positive outlook on life.

2.3 Project impact – beneficiaries

Please provide the age and number* of beneficiaries in the project:

Age:	Female					Male					Total
	A	C	I	W	D**	A	C	I	W	D**	
0-5 year	1					4					5

5-10 years	18					2					20
11-18 year	15					2	1				18
19-30 years	15										15
31-60 years	14					4	1				19
61+ years	72					13					85
Total	135					25	2				162

*Numbers only refer to activities completed with Opstap monies.

Describe your beneficiaries:

We have a wide array of beneficiaries:

- Our beneficiaries are orphans or vulnerable children who are faced with numerous pressing challenges such as being either affected or infected by HIV/AIDS.
- Elderly people who find themselves suddenly having to deal with the pressures of raising young children due to the loss of a primary care-giver.
- Men, Women and children who have been abused and victimized whether it be emotionally, psychologically or physically.
- These beneficiaries are all from households with little or no income.

2.4 Education

Please provide the number of Elderly attending activities:

	Number of Elderly
Support Group	85

Feeding Scheme	18
Home Visits	107

2.5 Health care:

Please provide information about the health care provided to the beneficiaries:

From 1 April we have established a clinic to address their needs as there is currently no clinic in or nearby Lehae. This clinic screens for:

- Blood pressure problems
- Weight monitoring to ensure a healthy BMI is maintained
- Referrals to relevant stakeholders when and if necessary.
- Nutrition assessment
- Hearing and Vision screening
- Skin assessment
- TB Screening
- HIV/AIDS testing
- Malnutrition- 0-6yrs: immunisation

2.6 Success story

Rescued from the flames:

On 14 August 2014, a woman got an alarming phone call that her home had been devastated in a fire that occurred while her 3 young children were at home unsupervised.

Two of them were hospitalized for minor injuries and made a full recovery- but that was only the beginning of her woes. Her home had been completely ravaged by the flames and she had lost all her worldly possessions including basic essentials such as food, clothing and a literal roof over her head. She turned to Khaya Centre in her time of need and thanks to the charitable donations of the community- as well as the generous funds from Opstap- we were able to provide her and her young children with clothing, groceries and toiletries. The Khaya Centre crew cleaned out her house, repainted, donated furniture and curtains.

Her Christmas prayers were truly answered in December 2014 though- when the funds from Opstap were accessed to re-wire her entire house and provide electricity for the first time in months.

We are pleased to report that the whole family is happily living in their safe and equipped home.

A woman documented:

We met this lady in late 2014- she was in a state of wretched depression as she had no foreseeable way to exact her struggles. She is a mother of 7, ages ranging from 2 to 12 years old. A single parent- with no assisting relatives.

She had never been correctly documented upon reaching majority, thus she had no Identity Document, resulting in all 7 of her young children being undocumented too. Without an Identity Document and without birth certificates for her children- she could not apply for any social assistance grants- leaving her destitute living below the poverty line.

Our Social Worker traced her lineage and found living relatives in her hometown who had a birth certificate for her. Khaya Centre used funds obtained from Opstap to provide her with transportation money to go home and collect the essential document- as well as arrange a suitable care-taker for her 7 young children while she was away.

She returned triumphant and all documents were submitted for her to receive her Identity Document in January 2015. We are pleased to report that she has received her Identity Document and we are now in the process of documenting all 7 of her children.

Once their birth Certificates are received we will then be able to apply for the much needed financial assistance.

Young Life Program field trips:

Thanks to the generous funds received from Opstap we were able to take 30 youth to the Hector Petersen memorial, This was a heart wrenching expedition as many of the youth had digested the reality of what had happened for the first time. We then proceeded to Vilakazi

street- the only street in the world to have been home to 2 nobel prize winners (Nelson Mandela and Desmond Thutu)- here they went on a tour of the Mandela Family Home Museum, learning about all of Nelson Mandela's

achievements and struggles. Although many of these youngsters were born and raised in Soweto- none of them had ever had the opportunity to visit and view these exhibits. It was a bitter-sweet and emotionally tumultuous day.

Thanks to Opstap we were also able to arrange a team building event at the Johannesburg Zoo Lake. We took 30 youth and spent a whole day doing structured team building exercises. Not only was the day eventful and enjoyable, but the team now has a far greater sense of camaraderie.

Section 3 - Your organization

3.1 Staff

Please provide the number of staff working on the Opstap sponsored project:

	Number of caregivers:
Number of caregivers: full-time paid	3
Number of caregivers: part-time paid	3
Number of caregivers: full-time volunteers	0
Number of caregivers: part-time volunteers	0

Please provide further information in the event of high management turnover or key resignations from the board

- As part of developing a proper and solid management system we are happy as Mount Olive Outreach (Khaya Centre) to be joined by a lady as our new appointed Centre Manager, she will be working closely as the assistant of our Project manager, in the absence of the project manager she will be responsible for ensuring that the centre runs efficiently and according to its mission, objectives and values.
- She is a qualified Social Auxiliary Worker and Lay Councillor.

Soweto Educational Tour



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Our New Clinic



Young Life Team Building







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