

Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme (ISRDP)



Report on the Nodal visits that took place on 26 May 2003

1. Node reference number and name:

Node 11: Central Karoo

2. Date of visit

26 May 2003

3. Purpose of visit

To determine the status quo and progress made in the node

4. List of attendees

National Champions: Minister Moosa, Deputy Minister Zondi

Chairperson: Deputy Minister Botha

Provincial: Minister Dowry, Minister Hangana

Local: Mayor Hugo (CKDM),
Mayor Prince (Beaufort West Municipality)
Mayor Gouws (Laingsburg Municipality),
Mayor Rossouw (Prince Albert Municipality),
Speaker Visser (CKDM) and
Speaker Piti (Beaufort West Municipality)

Attendance register attached

5. Proceedings

FOR ACTION BY:

5.1 Welcome Address

Ms Hugo welcomed all present and stressed that development is important to them that's why they invited people to this very important event/meeting. Need development to better the living standard of the people of Central Karoo through sustainable job creation. They need assistance in tackling the developmental challenges facing the node.

5.2 Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to determine progress, establishing who the role-players are in the node and the work they are undertaking.

5.3 Progress Reports: Institutional Arrangements and Budget Commitments:

(All the presentations are attached)

5.3.1 Central Karoo Node - Mr Deon Lott,

His presentation focussed on institutional arrangements, projects (priority/anchor) and future direction. Min. Moosa requested regular updates on projects. He will meet with Provincial Minister Gelderblom and the National Min. of Land Affairs to discuss the Land Reform applications received by the district from Emerging Farmers.

5.3.2 National Department of Provincial and Local Government – Mr Elroy Africa,

The department will be making funding available to capacity building for PIMSS centre and NDT for this year and beyond.

Department of Labour set aside funding for skills development approx. R1 million for each node, this strategy has not been rolled up yet.

5.3.3 Provincial Department of Local Government – Mr Faan Naudé,

A lot of hard work has already gone into this node. Applauded the NDT, it's council, etc. for having made a success because of sound

cooperation all the role players but there is certainly room for improvement. He highlighted that a greater understanding of the ISRDP is required to make the strategy a success in the CK node.

5.3.4 Independent Development Trust (IDT) – Mr Gavin Wyngaard,

His presentation focussed on the mandate of the IDT, what the role of the IDT is and ongoing support that will be provided to the node.

5.4 Discussions: Departmental Commitments and Initiatives

Alcohol abuse related issue should be looked at closely because this region is the top 2 on alcohol related crimes.

There is a need for coordination and education to those kinds of programmes and the departments need to meet at a local level to discuss these issues.

There are a number of initiatives that are looking at the problem of substance abuse as the area has the highest level of alcohol abuse and alcohol related crimes.

- The Department of Social Services indicated that they have a substance abuse program running.
- NDA has set aside R450 000 to establish a centre for abused women.
- SAPS is in the process of starting a youth programme to address this program.

Councillors need to be informed about programmes and budgets set aside for this node. There is a need to meet with the departments who claim to have budgets or are involved in the node so that local people can know what the programmes are so that they can support and have coordinated forums.

The Department of Education (Ms Shayi) and Department of Labour are looking at skills development in the node and are working with industries and skills development training who are assisting to put up the training centres. Courses and durations have been developed. The representative of the Karoo National Park environmental skills development also shared what they are doing to promote skills development.

Min. Moosa stressed the need to pay more attention

to human resource development, the need for economic opportunities; more work has to go into that. Emphasis on training young people is necessary to make this an economic growth area. The Department of Labour should be the place where skills development is driven from as this country does not have a shortage for funding for training. Training is everybody's responsibility and an opportunity to create learnership. On the next meeting there should be a focused discussion on human resource development

There is a request for a specific report on the targeted groups youth, women, disabled, etc. to be tabled at the next meeting by the IDT.

- There should be more planning around meetings and Municipal Managers need to ensure that projects you are not aware of are brought in.
- The Council has to lead this process. The local champion is the district mayor.
- The job of municipal managers is to inform the council/mayors.
- Coordination – coordinating what we have and ensure that the money is spent for its intended purpose. There is a need to work in a way that complements each other – that is more powerful. Coordination is more powerful than getting more money, the central element of ISRDP is coordination. We need to take that extra step to ensure that we improve coordination.

The National and Provincial Political Champions have made a decision to visit each municipality to see what was reported is happening, starting with Laingsburg on 21 July 2003.

It is critical to find a consolidated way of reporting the contribution of the different departments.

5.5 Summary and Way Forward

A lot has been achieved by making us focus on what needs to be done. Glaring challenge is coordination and communication so that in future we don't have a situation where the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing. Need to go back to areas of work and look at what we can contribute to make this process better. All of us need to be running to achieve what the President wants.

5.6. Vote of Thanks

The nodal point is the point of coordination. There is a need to concentrate on technical aspects and human resource training. This has been a success point because of the coordinated efforts of the key role players thanks and appreciation to all of them.

Minister Dowry thanked all that have come to make the meeting a success and thanked the ministers.

