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1. DAY ONE: NATIONAL OVERVIEW OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE MANAGEMENT AND PRIORITISATION

1.1 OPENING AND WELCOME: DEPUTY NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS – DR. SILAS RAMAITE

All delegates were welcomed, estimated to be 160 from government, civil society, USAID, Danish government, Lt Gen Mdluli, UNICEF, YD Consulting and business. Dr. Ramaite stated that this was the third Sexual Offences Indaba taking place in Gauteng, acknowledging the flames that come from the struggle of Oliver Reginald Tambo. He requested the Sexual Offences and Community Affairs (SOCA) Unit of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to consider at which point it should be said: “we have done sufficient as SOCA and at which stage shall we not host Indabas, will we stop when the protection of children and women’s rights is realized?” Dr Ramaite acknowledged partnerships.

1.2 PURPOSE OF 2010 INDABA AND ALIGNMENT TO 2009 INDABA

Success will be achieved when there is justice and security in our society, thus no children, women, men are to be abused or violated. The 1st and 2nd Indabas were a collective vision to ensure that multidisciplinary rape care management services were audited so that we could plot the next batch of services and identification of sites for South Africa collectively. The 3rd Sexual Offences Indaba is designed to:

- consolidate the gains of the previous years
- strengthen the stakeholder collaboration- coordination and cooperation mechanisms
- mainstream emerging trends like Trafficking in Persons (TIP) to existing gender-based violence (GBV) programmes
- strengthen formal mechanisms of stakeholders to our responsibilities with a view to preventing over-expectation and underperformance to improve access to service for the people
- those who fail to plan, plan to fail – thus by gathering here we will be planning together, form a common purpose of action so that we can take charge of process and ownership
- provide leadership to ensure implementation of the strategies and action plans,
- continue to map the access to resources
- lead the development of the programmes and drive the processes with the kind assistance of international agencies/partners
- ensure better alignment

- give access to government systems and services to our people
- meet the service delivery imperatives
- define deliverables and outcomes by ensuring availability of the necessary capacity
- collectively break the walls, stop competing and work together
- work together and win together as the IDMT

1.3 MESSAGE FROM USAID: MISSION DIRECTOR– MR. JEFF BORNS

A message of support was delivered by Mr. Jeff Borns, Mission Director for USAID/Southern Africa. Strong partnerships are critical for improving services for the victims/survivors; thus stakeholder management is key. Ten Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) have been refurbished completely, 8 have been established and 15 are still to be established with funding under the Women’s Justice and Empowerment Initiative (WJEI). For details on the objectives of the WJEI programme, refer to the annual work plan.

1.4 MESSAGE FROM THE DANISH GOVERNMENT: MS. BOKELLANG KHAVE

The fight against violence on women and children and against HIV and AIDS requires a broad range of interventions from the immediate prevention and protection, the formulation of legislation, the establishment of frameworks of safety and care and, not least, fundamental changes in gender attitudes.

The challenge is to create gender justice, equality and an environment where women and children can fully exercise their rights and bring their full potential. A challenge we **must** meet – and which we **can** meet.

It is also a matter of care and support for those who have become the victims of violence, so that they emerge as survivors. In this respect the Thuthuzela initiative is an outstanding model which seeks to create this much-needed environment.

The speaker was proud that the Danish Government is associated with this initiative through the existing partnership between SAG, UNICEF and Denmark. She was glad to meet with all those who actively work for the betterment of the lives of women and children, like those who are making the TCC model a reality. A reality we all have to work hard to achieve as women and children on the ground are waiting for these services.

The NPA and UNICEF were commended for the key role in bringing stakeholders together across the board. The TCC model of care centres constitute a proof that barriers can be overcome and collaborative frameworks created to support and care for victims of violence.

The hope is that this programme will continue to make successful progress as an important contribution to the wider struggle against violence against women and children and against the scourge of HIV and AIDS – it is a struggle for us all.

The speaker is convinced that when the current programme of cooperation comes to an end, the TCC will be making an impact and the foundation would have been established for a sustainable future for these remarkable institutions which the Thuthuzelas have become. The TCC model is one of the critical interventions the Danish government is currently supporting to set up 12 TCCs by the end of 2010.

2. BACKGROUND: MULTIDISCIPLINARY GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE STRATEGY IN SOUTH AFRICA

2.1 IDMT STRATEGY: MONITORING AND EVALUATION MANAGER, PMU – MS. ESTHER MALULEKE

See attached presentation

2.2 TSIRELEDZANI PROGRAMME: HUMAN TRAFFICKING NATIONAL COORDINATOR – MS. MALEBO KOTU-RAMOPOO

See attached presentation

3. MILESTONES TOWARDS THE MANAGEMENT OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

3.1 COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE THUTHUZELA MODEL: YD CONSULTING –MR HOWARD GABRIEL

See attached presentation

3.2 MILESTONES TOWARDS MANAGEMENT OF CYBERCRIME: CYBERCRIME PREVENTION: CRIME INTELLIGENCE (SAPS) – Lt. Gen. MDLULI

See attached presentation

- Case Study
- Introduction
- Computer Forensic Examination
- Intelligence Gathering Over The Internet
- Services and Initiatives
- Targeted Tools

- Psychological Effects
- Conclusion

Technology-related crime is a range of criminal activity committed electronically and via the internet.

An 18 year old South African girl using internet/ social network was lured into travelling to America for studying and further lured to marry a 58 year old American man who is a cult leader. This is a typical cybercrime.

Data/ information gathering uses intelligence gathering through internet and forensic examination

Forensic examination includes crimes against children using computer forensic investigations. Findings reflect that child pornography is inextricably linked to actual molestation, also able to profile the perpetrator including ascertaining whether the crime relates to possession, production etc.

Information is collected through communication, law enforcement agencies; paedophiles often operate in organized activity. The reward is either financial, satisfying of their collective fetish, rings consist of a nebulous grouping of men whose common activity involves corresponding or sharing indecent materials for financial benefits or for sexual abuse.

Child pornography is a global crime. A minimum of 60 individuals from South Africa were identified by Operation Falcon (in collaboration with the US) using online technology

Services and initiatives include various methods tactically, surveillance, different intelligence operations, covert internet- based information recovery forms, Supportive intelligence gathering over the internet, computer networks and mobile devices during authorized operations .

Undercover operations: pertaining to child abuse, to trace and locate suspects, password recovery/cracking, expert witnesses, impartial operating system research, in-house developed training, intrusion as a means to develop and collect information.

An in-house developed system is connected to a live intelligence laboratory.

Targeted tools are social networks, e.g. Mxit, twitter, Facebook.

Services are accessible locally and internationally and SA provides training locally and internationally

3.3 BROTHERS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: JOHN HOPKINS –MR MANDLA NDLOVU

To improve the well-being of South African women, men and children using a prevention approach as outlined within the Department of Health's National Strategic Plan (NSP) objectives on STIs, HIV and AIDS – family reconstruction – reference was made to the different NSP strategic objectives that have directed the pathway for the Brothers for Life campaign. A toolkit has been developed for facilitating face-to-face interactions and social mobilization for different sectors within communities. The campaign consists of mass media, media advocacy, community advocacy,

community dialogues, community radio, community workshops, community face-to-face interactions.

In order to succeed particularly at provincial, district and local level, we need to address the lack of meaningful collaboration. We are still in conversation regarding implementation and poor coordination mechanisms.

4. TOWARDS 2011: STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION: MONITOR CONSULTING – MR JACK KOOLEN

It takes a village to raise the child. There is no village without children. The language government uses, list of issues, the ability of the leadership of the village to turn issues into choices. As the A team in the provincial teams, select/prioritise 3 issues and do not do everything. We have the ability to pick up targets using existing TCCs and establishing more.

5. WAY FORWARD

- Need to devictimise the villages, communities and society – ability to own up on the gaps that need to be addressed particularly on support services
- Need to pull resources together by holding all government departments/stakeholders accountable for the line responsibilities
- Take the responsibility to change things in the manner in which we deal with GBV cases - a new culture that takes nothing but success/excellence not mediocrity
- Victims turn into victors and a new culture of excellence