
Monthly Report – December 2012

Projects Abroad Human Rights Office, Cape Town

As December is the festive month most of the Social Justice Programs have been closed due to school holidays or the lack of people at the programs. December is always a quiet month for the Social Justice Department at PAHRO as many of our partner organisations are closed for Christmas and so projects are put on hold. Legal work has however not slowed down as we have received many clients coming into the office seeking our assistance as well as clients visiting the Legal Clinics. We have been unable to follow up on some current cases as most of the companies and organisations that we need to get hold of have closed for the festive season.

Here are the updates on the few things that have been taking place this month:

Social Justice Project Updates

- **St Anne's** – We only went to St. Anne's once this month as they have cancelled due to there not being a lot of women. On the one occasion that we went we did a presentation on Job Skills, what skills they thought they would need in order to have and maintain a job, how to obtain these skills and also the various forms of interview types and questions.

- **Sisters Incorporated** – Closed due no women as they all got jobs.

Young in Prison

- **Huis Vredelus** - Closed due to school holidays.
- **Ottery Education** – Ottery was closed for workshops as most of the boys were sent home for the school holidays.
- **Bonnytown** - We had a fun day at Bonnytown where we had different competitions such as dancing, football tournaments and drawing games. The boys won different prizes from trophies to sweets. We weren't able to go to Bonnytown every week as their weren't a lot of boys due to Bonnytown running its own programs.



- **Community Chest Twilight Team Run** - The Community Chest Twilight Team Run is entrenched in the Cape Town culture as one of the most anticipated annual events on the Mother City's calendar as it brings with it an evening filled with fun, excitement and great entertainment, while supporting over 480 Social Welfare and Development Agencies supported by the Community Chest. The Projects Abroad Cape Town office decided to take part in this event and not only was it a fun staff social, but it was also a wonderful experience.



Legal Services Updates

The Legal Services has surprisingly not slowed down over the festive season. We are still receiving many Refugee cases as well as Divorce and Maintenance Cases. A few of the volunteers have also regularly been to the Department of Home Affairs and to the Refugee Reception Office in order to resolve their client's cases quicker and with the accurate information received by the DHA and Refugee Reception Office.

Miriam will be taking over both the Lavender Hill and Manenberg Clinics starting from February 2013.



From the PAHRO we would like to wish all Projects Abroad Staff a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. ☺