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DATE : 21 July 2023

SUBJECT : Site visit at a building situated at 186 Struben Street
,Pretoria

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give feedback of the site visit conducted by the Gauteng Department of Social Development officials at a building situated at 186 Struben street Pretoria.

Background

On the 20th of July 2023, Gauteng Department of Social Development officials conducted a site visit at the above-named building. During the visit the officials met with the representatives of Khulemani. The purpose of the site visit was to assess if the building complies with the Norms and Standards for victims of Gender Based Violence shelters.

Departmental officials consisted of the following officials:

- Head of Gauteng Department of Social Development: Ms. Matilda Gasela
- Director, Infrastructure Development: Mr. Rendani Mudau
- Director for Social Crime Prevention and Victim Empowerment Programme: Ms Pearl Moabelo

- Tshwane Regional Director: Ms. Mpho Mokoena.
- Tshwane Region, Deputy Director Admin, Finance, Supply Chain: Mr. Floyd Mohlala
- Tshwane Region Cluster Manager: Mr. Pieter Van Zyl
- Tshwane Region, Social Work Supervisor, Victim Empowerment Programme: Ms. Portia Nemathithi

Findings of the Visit

On arrival at the building, the Departmental delegates were welcomed by the representatives of Khulemani. The representative of Khulemani explained that the building has two wings, East and West, with hundred and six rooms. The delegates were taken through all the floors to view the building. It has a reception area, offices, a board room, bedrooms with bathrooms and toilets, some of the rooms are designed as family units. It also has a dining room area, a big kitchen with some equipment's and an area to place gas stoves, two cold rooms and one freezer room, gym area and a bar. The outside area has a swimming pool and a parking bay which accommodates up to 49 cars. The building is situated in a busy road and there is also a tavern operating nearby which poses a risk to the victims of gender-based violence.

During the engagement the representatives of Khulemani indicated that the building will cost Five million to rent on a monthly basis and sixty million to purchase. The Departmental officials then engaged to determine if the building is suitable accommodate victims of Gender Based Violence. During the discussion Youth for Survival and Tshwane Leadership Foundation shelters were identified to can benefit from the building, however the building is too big, and the two shelters have previous not being full to capacity. Tshwane Leadership Foundation is registered and funded to accommodate 30 beneficiaries and they currently have accommodated 25 beneficiaries and Youth for Survival is registered and funded for 25 beneficiaries and during the discussion they currently have only 9 beneficiaries.

The two shelters are situated 1.6 kilometres away from the earmarked building. The building is too big to accommodate either beneficiaries of Youth for Survival or Tshwane Leadership Foundation. The Region currently has three shelters for abused Women and Children situated in town which are barely full. The region has a need for abused Women and Children shelters in the Townships, Informal Settlements and Hostel areas (TISH) such as Hammanskraal, Soshanguve, Mamelodi, Mabopane, Ga Rankuwa etc.

. Evaluation.

- The building is too big and not relevant to accommodate victims of Gender based violence due to its nature and its geographical area as it is situated in a busy street with a tavern nearby.
- It is risky to accommodate victims of Gender based Violence in a building that might pose a risk of secondary victimization and trauma.
- There is currently no need for another shelter for victims of Gender Based Violence in Tshwane Central Business District (CBD), however the region has a need for such programme in the above-mentioned TISH areas.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that the building be earmarked for a different programme that can benefit from it other than the Victim Empowerment Programme.

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Report supported/not supported /with amendments.

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