

DIRECTORS REPORT

1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

Nowadays changes in society involve families and create new needs which must be effectively satisfied by counselling centres. Particularly, it is necessary to work on the development of family empowerment. Family is asked to take care of the network of relationships which supports a person's process of growth, and enhances the life quality in a community (63rd International Commission on Couples and Family Relations).

Part of this change we are working with is single parenting and disputes in ended relationships. The threat of high violence is often suggested. The new challenge is when these disputes are with couples from different cultures representing different countries. Adaptions have to be made to accommodate all parties involved but in the same time creating a safe environment.

The point is to look at the family not only through the description of its difficulties, but also and mostly through its resources and potentialities. The task of the counselling is to encourage the family to look for its own solutions, through the development of the empowerment of its members, instead of replacing them. In so doing, we can promote in the family a sense of self-determination and the rejection of passive and dependent attitudes.

This year we only had one change in our personnel when Daleen Luyt resigned. Consistency is created when personnel stay the same.

We are exceptionally thank full for our special group of volunteers. Martie, Fazel, Christine, Lizel and newcomer Lawrence.

To work in this changing environment has severe challenges. A special word of thanks to each personnel member. You are the one's creating the magic. Each little bit of this magic can be seen in this report.

To the members of the Board of Management, your sacrifice to attend the BOM meetings and help govern this NGO is highly appreciated.

Marietha Oelofse

Director