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Mineworkers Development Agency

PRESENTATION

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Background

- Established in 1987 as the development wing of the National Union Mineworkers (NUM)
- To facilitate and implement job creating and self-employment opportunities for ex-mineworkers and their communities
- Operates in South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland and planning to set up an office in Mozambique



MDA Programmes

1. Enterprise Development
2. Food Security
3. Occupational Health and Compensation

Enterprise Development

It seeks to promote entrepreneurship through provision of various business development services including:

- Skills Development (Business and Technical)
- Business counseling,
- Business linkages,
- Proposal writing and
- Project implementation

Highlights of the past three years

- Trained 1335 beneficiaries on different skills areas:

Skills Area	No. of beneficiaries
Basic Business Management	325
Poultry Management	929
Leadership	81

- Linked 226 businesses to Moliko Finance Trust for micro loans.
- Provided business counseling services to 160 existing and aspirant entrepreneurs.

Highlights Continued...

- Assisted five organizations to obtain a total grant funding of M 885, 777.00 from the Smallholder Agricultural Development Programme (SADP)

Organization	Membership (Ownership)	Grant Amount in Maluti (M)	Project Funded
BAPOFA Butha-Buthe	323	124, 787	Poultry Abattoir
BAPOFA Berea	32	137, 500	Hatchery
Masika-Lihoai Cooperative Society	200	176, 000	Sorghum Processing
S & T Orchards	2	246, 990	Orchard Improvement
Lekhapetla Fruit Processorss	1	200, 550	Fruit Drying

Poultry Management Training

A practical exercise
on ways of broiler
slaughtering and
making chicken
portions



Food Security

It is about making healthy food accessible to all, mainly low-income earners.

- Seedlings Nursery at Sekamaneng - produces and supplies seedlings and other agricultural inputs to farmers
- Free seedlings were given to 240 ex-Anglo American Mineworkers in the first two years of operation
- Provide Horticultural Training

- A sample of seedlings at the MDA nursery



Occupational Health and Compensation

- Advocacy
- Compensation and Health advise

Advocacy ART

- Tracing and Registering ex-asbestos miners in Lesotho
- Facilitating the medical screening of ex-asbestos miners (chest X-Ray and Lung Function Test)
- Working with the Asbestos Relief Trust to process compensation for ex-miners with Asbestosis

Silicosis

- Tracing and Registering ex-gold miners for the purpose of a class action law suite against gold mining Companies by miners who have been diagnosed with silicosis(an occupational lung disease caused by prolonged exposure to silica dust in gold mining industries) the case includes dependants of ex-miners who died due to silicosis.
- Interviewing of ex- gold miners
- Compiling Oral and documentary evidence on the respiratory health status of ex-gold miners
- Engaging in all logistics of the case at ground level and conveying information to Richard Spoor Attorneys in South Africa

Numerical Data (ART Project) from 2008 up-to-date and Challenges

- 721 registered (Note: The tracing exercise still active currently)
- 545 Art approved to have qualifying exposure
- 128 screened and approved to have Asbestosis
- Approximately **5mln** worth of compensation has been received by Basotho men who worked in the asbestos mines.

Numerical Data(silicosis Litigation) from 2011 up-to-date

- 16547 Registered (on going)
- 2973 Diagnosed with Silicosis
- *Note: the diagnosis come from different sources e.g.; Private Hospitals, Mine Hospitals while others Have been Certified by the MBOD*
- 272 clients have been reported as deceased (the number increases daily.)
- NB: the case has been lodged with the Johannesburg High Court. Follow (www.goldminersilicosis.co.za)

Compensation and Health Advise Key Activities

Mobilizing, educating and Advising ex-miners about Compensation problems

Advice relates to;

- what is Compensation as opposed to other benefits accrued from working in mines
- Who qualifies for Compensation
- Types of compensation under ODMWA and COIDA and how they are accessed.

- Contacting Social Security Benefits offices on behalf of ex-miners e.g. MBOD/CCOD, MPF,.
- Currently preparing a IEC materials to educate ex-miners about occupational respiratory diseases and the need for regular medical screening.

- Ex-mineworkers registering under the silicosis litigation project



Milestones

- Establishment of the largest seedling nursery in the country, which supplies farmers with a variety of seedlings
- Facilitating the establishment of the Basotho Poultry Farmers Association (BAPOFA), a national poultry body which is affiliated to Southern African Poultry Farmers Association (SAPA)
- Establishment of the first micro-finance institution in the country – Moliko Finance Trust.
- Establishment of Lesotho Development Center, which provides accommodation and conference facilities at Sekamaneng.

Future Outlook

- Nursery expansion with regional depots in the North and South of the country
- Capacitate Moliko Finance
- Facilitate the implementation of the national poultry value chain – Mophale's Hoek and Butha-Buthe