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The proposed areas and actions of intervention are categorized into three main components as follows:

Rev Kiepie Jaftha  
Project Leader

**HEAIDS** is a nationally coordinated initiative to develop and strengthen the capacity of South African higher education institutions to respond to the causes, challenges and consequences of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in this sector.

At the University of the Free State, a team of five members worked hard in order to come up with a document that would meet all the requirements in order for their institution to be able to access funding. The title of the submitted proposal is *The Quest for an Aids Competent Society*. Members of the team were Rev. Kiepie Jaftha (Project Leader), Mrs Estelle Heideman (HIV/Aids Coordinator at Lengau Agri Development Centre), Mrs Cheryl Lombard (Project Proposal Scribe), Mrs Dalene Harris (Administrator) and Mr Pieter du Plessis. (Finance Officer).

An amount of R3 127 207 was granted to the university for spending on HIV/Aids programmes. In addition the university contributed 16,4%, which translates to R615 116 and brings the total project costs to R3 742 323.

### FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES HONOURS COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERS

**ACTION 1:** Prevention, treatment, care and support aimed at both students and staff on all campuses

**ACTION 2:** Infusion into the curricula of undergraduate training for Agricultural Management and Social Work.

**ACTION 3:** Implementation of an integrated Management Information System. The action will enhance the capacity to institute suitable monitoring and evaluation mechanisms into the programme management design.

### Department of plant sciences' initiative to create a pleasant learning environment

A community service agreement exists between Dr Blok Secondary School in Heidedal and the Department of Plant Sciences. The Botany Division of the department assists with the development of the school's garden. The aim is to develop a garden comprising mainly of indigenous plants which can be used in the outcome based teaching process. Learners will at the same time also be made aware of the medicinal and other values of plants, adaptations to the environment, taxonomic diversity, etc. The garden can also help to develop greater appreciation for nature and instill a sense of pride in learners. The esthetic value of the garden can help create a more pleasant learning environment and the surrounding community can also be made more aware of the importance of plants and the environment.

Prof. Rudie Verhoeven [More Details>](#)

### THE BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

The aim of the Breakfast Celebration was to place emphasis on the role of service providers in the community.

Through this experience students should develop a broader awareness of social and political issues facing communities and thus become more socially responsible. In this way a foundation is laid for our students to have a taste of the real world.

Tessa Ndlovu



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Prof. Bassie Wessels, Managing Director at Mangaung University of the Free State Community Partnership Programme (MUCPP) receives the award.

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THE year 2007 has been an immense year for the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences regarding Community Service and Community Service Learning. The projects took place within the community of Bloemfontein and surrounding areas. **STUDENTS** from the **International Economics class (EKN314)** in the Faculty assisted Grade 11 economics learners at Comm Tech School in Rocklands with some of the intricacies in the field of international economics. The aim was to illustrate, methods and reasons for international trade, how international investments work and what role, for example, does multinational companies play in the global economy.

**TRG314 (Industrial Psychology)** students visited the Tshepo Daycare Centre during May 2007 and established a great need. The students assisted the centre to receive R20 000.00 sponsorships from Motheo District Municipality; 200 lunch boxes and stationery from Price and Pride store; and story books from Fascination and Exclusive bookstores.

**BUSINESS Management students (OBS622)** worked in partnership with MUCPP to search for existing businesses. The purpose of the exercise was to identify the abilities of the entrepreneurs, scan business opportunities, measure the success of the marketing plans and to evaluate the financial performance of the businesses.

**FACULTY** of Economic and Management Sciences students at the Qwa-Qwa Campus performed **Functional Bookkeeping and Accounts for Small Scale Entrepreneurs" (Linked to REK-204)**.

**BETWEEN 2006 and 2007, 58 small scale entrepreneurs in Qwa Qwa and surrounding areas completed this course successfully.**

### PRESIDENT'S ADVISER

### COMMENDS UFS JOB CREATION PROJECT

DR Percy Barnevik, one of President Thabo Mbeki's international business advisers, has commended the Mangaung University of the Free State Community Partnership Programme (MUCPP) in Bloemfontein as an example of community-based job-creation efforts.

"I AM encouraged with what is going on, but you have to step up the speed dramatically. We don't want to see 5000 jobs per month, we want to see 25000," Dr Barnevik emphasized.

AS part of government's job creation effort, Initiative for South Africa (ASGISA), the UFS was appointed as a training provider for small enterprises and community based organisations.

AS a result of the UFS' involvement, 150 people were trained last year in identifying and mentoring existing self-help groups, small enterprises and community based organisations, to strengthen their ability to establish and grow small enterprises in an effort to create jobs in the Second Economy.

Mangaleso Radebe



Dr Percy Barnevik addresses the audience at Mangaung University of the Free State Community Partnership Programme (MUCPP).

### WORLD AIDS DAY AT LENGAU

THE concept of a World AIDS Day originated at the 1988 World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention. This year World AIDS Day focused on 'leadership', the theme set by the World AIDS Campaign under the five-year slogan "Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise". IN celebration of this important day, "Lengau Agri Development Centre (Faculty Natural and Agri Sciences, UFS) in collaboration with the University of the Free State Chief Directorate Community Services, organized an information sharing and voluntary testing session on Wednesday, 29 November 2007.

IN her opening speech Mrs Estelle Heideman, HIV/Aids Coordinator for the centre explained the significance of candle light as the memorial honour to those who have been affected and infected by the pandemic. IN his presentation, Mr Jomo Mothibi highlighted a link between 16 Days of Activism Against Women and Children Abuse and the scourge of the HIV/Aids pandemic.

ALL this was followed by an open invitation to all those people who would like to know their status. Confidential voluntary testing involved counselling by a qualified practitioner, completion of consent forms by volunteer, blood testing by a professional nursing sister, and a second counselling session during presentation of blood results. Seventeen people took part in voluntary testing



Community service staff supports Lengau Agri Development Centre on World Aids Day.



Left: Mrs Estelle Heideman leads the candle light ceremony.

Right: Health officials from Mangaung Municipality Preparing for the Confidential Voluntary Testing

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