



Progress Report on the Eradication of Poverty Resolution of Africa Passed in Dubai 2003

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Dubai Conference 2003 passed a resolution for the 'eradication of poverty in Africa' for the term 2003-2006.
- 1.2 This report has been prepared by the World Federation for the purpose of highlighting the work undertaken in respect of this Resolution.
- 1.3 After the 2003 Conference, the World Federation initiated the baseline needs assessment framework. Having considered the framework, Africa Federation presented a paper at the First Executive Council Meeting in Brampton in March 2004.

2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The focus of Africa Federation on the 'eradication of poverty' was on two key areas: (i) Education and (ii) Housing.
- 2.2 At the Brampton Executive Council Meeting, the World Federation facilitated a donation for US \$250,000 towards the education plan, US\$ 50,000 was paid immediately. The balance of \$200,000 to be paid as and when the scheme to be set up.
- 2.3 In addition at the Brampton Executive Council Meeting, Africa Federation discussed the housing needs in towns and cities such as Dar Es Salaam, Mombasa, Songea and Arusha. At the meeting pledges came in for the Songea project but at present no further action has taken place on this project.

2.4 Setwell Project Scheme

The World Federation, to support the economic upliftment programme, undertook a commitment to meet half the cost of Setwell Project Scheme. This is so that our KSI Somali brothers can be engaged in gainful employment and business. The World Federation has contributed US\$ 170,000 to this project.

2.5 Higher Education Loans

The World Federation had put forward the idea to Africa Federation of considering the use of banks to fund students with higher education loans.

Azad Kanani, the Treasurer of the World Federation, had many meeting with several banks. He subsequently convinced Habibsons to take on the work through their Tanzanian offices.

Habibsons subsequently sent two representatives from London to Tanzania analyse the concept. Azad Kanani at the 2005 Africa Federation meeting in Moshi informed the participants of the scheme. Africa Federation suggested that this work be handled by them. The scheme has subsequently been dropped.



2.6 Housing Projects

The Housing Project need was identified at the 2005 Moshi Africa Federation Conference, but only some momentum has gathered pace. Arusha was specifically targeted; the World Federation kick started the housing project by pledging the entire cost of 12 flats for Arusha Housing. The estimated cost is US\$ 260,000 to initiate the programme to be disbursed over 12 months. The pledge was paid off within 8 months.

- 2.6.1 Housing Projects for Dar Es Salaam and Mombasa are at an early, embryonic stage and substantial project needs to be made. The World Federation is committed to supporting these projects.

2.7 ZAKMEF

The World Federation has and will fully co-operate with Africa Federation in its fundraising for ZAKMEF. The World Federation thus far has coordinated meetings with many potential donors and has facilitated meetings with whenever Africa Federation representatives travel abroad.

Special recognition to CoEJ and NASIMCO for facilitating some of these key meetings.

3 CONCLUSION

Substantial and worthwhile progress has been made in the implementation of the 2003 Conference resolution the last 3 years, but it is a start. More effort and energy is required to realise this. The responsibility for delivery is bilateral in implementing this.

3.1 Recommendation

This resolution needs to be renewed for another 3 years for term 2006-2009.