

Annual Report



Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the department of Social development with an annual report as stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding between PASA and DSD signed at Mahikeng – North West University dated 30 January 2013.

Mission Statement

The association aims at furthering the scientific study of population in Southern Africa through development and promotion of scientific capacities for undertaking research, training and discussion in and of population matters. Furthermore, the association aims at stimulating interest in population matters among governments at various levels, national and international organizations, scientific bodies and general public in Southern Africa. The association also aims at organizing research activities and scientific meetings, conferences and publishes scientific information dealing with population matters.

Background of the Association

PASA is a scientific regional body which brings together population and demography scientists and practitioners, policy makers and development partners in the Southern African Population issues. PASA is a non – profit, non-political, and secular organization, consisting of individual and institutional members.

PASA has a membership of more than 500 members mainly demographers, population scientists and post-graduate students in other disciplines from different academic and research institutions, as well as government employees and those working for private and non – governmental organisations.

PASA sponsors include UNFPA, National Department of Social Development and Statistics South Africa. PASA has been successfully organising annual conferences since 2005.

As stated in the MOU, the association is responsible to:

- Print the SA journal of Demography at most twice a year;
- Produce an annual report which would entail a list of activities achieved in relation to objectives;
- Lead the demography project starting with a 3 day workshop of developing population and demography research chapters.
- Ensure that students studying towards population and demography in higher institutions of the region are recruited and supported to attend PASA annual conferences.
- Facilitate the printing of the abstract handbook for the annual PASA conference; and
- Ensure that they provide an invoice to DSD regarding the costs of activities each year.

List of Activities

1. Demography Project:

The 'Demography Project' was established in order to understand the current situation of the demography as a discipline in South Africa and to determine what could be done to enhance this discipline. The demography project was thus coined and it was felt that the Population Association of Southern Africa (PASA) should lead this exercise. The main objective of the 'Demography Project' is to highlight the concerns regarding the status quo of demography in South Africa. One of the specific objectives relates to increasing the profile of demography and ensuring that people outside of the discipline know what demography is all about. The intention of the demography project was to put together a document which was supposed to be discussed at the 2013 PASA conference in July.

There was a need for the document to be endorsed by all stakeholders. The association appointed Prof. Akim Mturi as the coordinator/ editor of the project.

Under his coordination, he organised consultants from different institution and came up with a draft document. In June 2013 the workshop was held to discuss this document, unfortunately the workshop was not that fruitful do to poor attendance and lack of participation of stakeholders. It was therefore, felt that the discussion be postponed indefinitely. The association is planning to have another workshop to finalise the document between May and June 2014.

2. The Southern African Journal of Demography.

The Southern African Journal of Demography is an interdisciplinary biannual peer – reviewed forum for disseminating original, theoretical and applied research articles in demography and population issues that are of relevance to Southern Africa. The journal has the editor in Chief – Eric O. Udjo – and the editorial board. The Association in partnership with the Statistics South Africa managed to produce 750 copies of the latest issue of the Journal – SAJD volume 14 (1) in January 2013. The upcoming issue is about to come up soon and will be distributed to members during the 2014 PASA conference.

3. PASA Annual Conference

2013 PASA Conference

The North-West University, Mafikeng Campus, hosted the 8th Annual Population Association of Southern Africa (PASA) conference from 10 – 12 July 2013. The theme of the conference was “Population, Health and Development”. It is second time for Mafikeng to host the conference; the first was in 2007. PASA is a scientific regional body established in 2005 with the purpose of connecting demographers and population scientists to discuss and find ways of addressing population and development challenges in the Southern Africa region and beyond. PASA also works closely with National and International organisations including the South African Department of Social Development, Statistics South Africa, Union of African Population Studies and United Nations Population Fund and has a membership of over 200 people, mostly working at universities, Non – Government Organisations, Civic Organisations and various government departments.

In her opening address, the President of PASA, Ms Thandi Hlabana, emphasised that the conference should guide research and be able to change the lives of ordinary citizens”.

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One of the challenges for Population Scientists is to stimulate interest in population matters among governments at various levels, national and international organisations, scientific bodies and the general public in Southern Africa.

The key note speaker for the conference, Professor Monica Magadi from the University of Hull in the United Kingdom, presented a paper on The HIV/AIDS “Poverty nexus in the sub-Sahara Africa: Implementation of current urbanisation patterns”, a paper that gave leeway to a total of 30 more to be share and discussed during the conference.

Other speakers at the conference are the Deputy Minister and North West MEC of Social Development, Honourable Bongi Ntuli and Honourable Collen Maine respectively, Mr Darky Africa, Mrs Kgaugelo Moshia Molebatsi and Dr Kenneth Lesedi.

Day 2

Keeping up with the tradition of the conference, the National celebration of the World Population Day also took place on the 2nd day of the conference. This year’s World Population Day celebrations focused on awareness of adolescent pregnancy in the hope of delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled.

Within the ambit of this cooperation, the Department of Social Development and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) collaborated to commemorate World Population Day on Thursday, 11 July 2013.

World Population Day is an annual event, commemorated on 11 July throughout the world to raise awareness on the importance of population and related development issues. Each year, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) assigns a theme for the day. The theme for this year is “Adolescent pregnancy.”

The theme has been chosen to focus on the following:

- Adolescent pregnancy and consequences;
- Sexual debut and adolescent contraceptive use; and
- Child marriage.

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Presentation by STATS SA

Stats SA Community Survey (2007) reflects that teenage fertility has declined by 10 per cent between 1996 (78 per 1000); 2001 (65 per 1000) and (54 per 1000) in 2007. The South African Youth Context report released in 2011 asserts that 9.5 per cent male and 6 per cent female high school learners reported ever having had an abortion or a partner who had had an abortion. Only 48 per cent of these learners reported using legal health services.

Presentation by UNFPA

Deputy Representative of UNFPA and **Prof Oladele Arowolo** spoke at the event, who delivered a scientific talk on the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD +20) in the SADC region, with special reference to the demographic dividend and focusing on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Also speaking at the event was UNFPA Deputy Representative, **Mr Mark Schreiner**.



He conveyed three key messages from UNFPA:

- We have to invest where it counts. Strategic and early investments in adolescent girls' education, health and livelihoods, along with protections of their human rights, can have numerous positive impacts on the lives of adolescent girls, including decreasing pregnancy that is risky or unintended.

- We must break this cycle of adolescent pregnancy. In order to do this we require commitment from government, communities and individuals to invest in adolescent girls.
- Adolescents and youth must be provided with age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to develop the knowledge and skills they need to protect their health throughout their lives. However, education and information are not enough. Good quality reproductive health services must also be readily available in order for adolescents to make informed choices and be healthy.

Presentation by Deputy Minister of Social Development

The Deputy Minister of Social Development, **Mrs Maria Bongi Ntuli**, delivered a key-note address at the commemoration about the government's concerns around adolescent pregnancy. The Deputy Minister said that her fears were not only as a minister of government but also as a grandmother with young girls and boys as grandchildren. She also called for an indaba focusing on teenage pregnancy bringing everyone around the table to discuss the issues and find collective solutions rather than uncoordinated responses.

2014 PASA Conference

The 2014 Annual will be hosted by Walter Sisulu University – Mthatha campus – Eastern Cape, South Africa in partnership with the Eastern Cape Provincial Population Unit – Social Development. The planning meeting for the 2014 PASA was conference was held at the Walter Sisulu University in Mthatha, Eastern Cape in February the 13th 2014. Up to now the local organising team has reported a very promising and positive progress towards the organisation of the conference, everything is up to date, to mention one, the call for abstract has been sent out and the abstracts are coming in numbers.

- **Student Funding**

The Association has been sponsoring postgraduate students who have been presenting papers at the conferences. For this coming conference the Association intend to sponsor meals, accommodation, transport for both pre – conference workshop and conference for students who will be presenting papers at the conference. In addition, the Association rewards best student presenters for both Normal presentation and poster presentation. For the 2013 PASA conference, the association rewarded three best students. The association aims at continuing with that in order to encourage student participation in the conferences.

PASA FINANCIAL REPORT 2013

	REVENUE	
Item no.	Sources	Amount
1.	Statistics South Africa	R100 000.00
2.	Department of Social Development	R200 000.00
	Membership and Conference Fees	R34 000.00
	Ministry of Finance Botswana	R117 479.80
	Pre – conference Workshop Fees	R8 400.00
	Total	R460 076.80
	Expenditure	
	Demography Project	R88 478.00
	Pre-conference Workshop	R134 533.80
	2013 Conference	R301 309.60
	2013 PASA Council Admin	R62 667.00
	LOST - Fraud	R22 000.00
	2014 PASA Conference Planning Meeting	R5 155.00
	Total	R614 143.40
	Balance	R154 066.60

FROM – 08/08/2013 TO 08/04/2014

What is left at the bank as of 08.04.2014 is R6, 620.00

JULY 2012/JULY 2013

What PASA owe people: With the remaining balance we plan to do account audit and it will assist us to check authenticity of monies that people claim from PASA.

PASA has incurred debts from July 2012/2013 July. The audit report will be ready before end of June 2014.

Future Plans

1. Pre – Conference Workshops

The council is planning to increase the association's income, one of the streams will be pre – conference workshops. For the upcoming conference there will be two different pre-conference workshops running concurrently to be held in Mthatha, Eastern Cape from the 7th to the 8th of July 2014, namely:

- Performance Monitoring and Evaluation course
This workshop is targeting government officials and middle and senior management. The participation fee will be R4000.00. We are therefore pleading with government institutions to at least send a minimum of 5 participants.
- Scientific writing
The scientific writing workshop is targeting post graduate students and researchers. The participation fee will be R800.00.

2. 2014 PASA Conference

The association in collaboration with the Walter Sisulu University and Eastern Cape Provincial government, we are planning to have a well organised, successful and productive conference between the 9th and the 11th of July 2014 to be held in Mthatha/Umtata, Eastern Cape, South Africa. It is the norm that the World Population Day be celebrated during the conference. In this case the World Population Day for 2014 will be celebrated nationally at the Conference on the 11th of July 2014 in Mthatha/Umtata, Eastern Cape under the coordination and support of the National Department of Social Development.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Association, would like to share a word of appreciation to our sponsors. With their support we will be able to develop and strengthen the scientific study of Population in the Southern African region.

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