

Country:	Botswana
Title of the Project :	"Bridging the Gap Programme – Africa Training Initiative"
NSO:	Botswana Scout Association
Type of Project:	Training, Education

<p>Introduction:</p> <p>Whilst Scouting in the Africa Region has progressed over the years, there exists a challenge in the area of adult training. An analysis carried out by the African NSOs reveals that there is lack of Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers. Consequently, there is no hope for such countries to develop a well-trained leaders and their leadership capacities.</p> <p>Bridging the Gap Programme will offer various levels of training to 40 Scout leaders per annum for three years. The idea is to invite Scout Associations from Asia, Europe and America to support a concrete and sustained effort over a three-year period to establish a solid base for Scout leadership in Africa. The plan is envisioned to materialise in different ways depending on the training situation in the African NSOs. There is also need to bring in new trainers to meet the demands of the the Association to provide training for young scouts.</p> <p>The overall goal of this programme is to build a competent pool of trainers and leaders in Botswana Scout Association in order to ensure that the NSO is able to be self-sustained in the area of training as well as to deliver quality Scouting to more young people in the country.</p> <p>There is a training team in place with some experienced leaders but the team needs to be extended. There is also a need to embark on a more comprehensive training programme for which they need support.</p> <p>By implementing this programme Scouting in Botswana will benefit firstly by having trained scout leaders and an increased number of trainers will be available for the association. Secondly, it will improve the quality of Scouting in the country and thus encourage other young people to join the Movement. It is expected that Botswana Scout Association will therefore experience a growth in membership.</p> <p>Botswana is in the lucky position of being neighbour of the South African Scout Association (SASA), which has competent trainers. Hence, trainers can be sourced from SASA to carry out training in Botswana. What is needed therefore, is financial resources to hold the training, as well as bring trainers from South Africa to facilitate in the training.</p>

Support required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introductory Training Course (2 courses): USD 3,000 – Preliminary Training Course (2 courses): USD 3,000 – Leaders Training Course (2 courses): USD 4,000 – Assistant Leader Training Course (2 courses): USD 3,000 – Woodbadge training: USD 2,000 – Refresher Courses (2 courses): USD 2,000 – Transport: USD 3,000 – Facilitators: USD 5,500 – Training Materials: USD 3,000
Timing:	The project is expected to begin in March 2006 and end in March 2009
Financial Support:	
Total requested amount:	USD 28,500

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