

Thirst for Life Scout Initiative (TFLSI) DEVELOPMENT PLAN



January 2008 – December 2013

VISION

We see the Thirst for Life Scout Initiative becoming a project that generates sufficient resources to sustain and reinvest in its growth, youth-oriented, reaching out to those in difficult circumstances, developing young people and addressing relevant social priorities.

MISSION

The Thirst for Life Scout Initiative aims to develop four integrated 'programs' (activities), supported by two 'frameworks' (infrastructure and human resource) to enrich the Swaziland Scout Association's ability to achieve its aims.

TFLSI FRAMEWORK

- **TFL Scout Centre™:** To be used as a base for training, adventure, camping and community service
- **TFL Volunteers:** **Youth and Adults** in Scouting supporting and implementing the TFLSI programs

TFLSI PROGRAMS

- **TFL Scout Academy:** To develop life skills, search talents and support potentials
- **TFL Scout Enterprises:** To generate revenue for sustainability and entrepreneurial development
- **TFL Scout Action:** To address relevant social priorities in the community
- **TFL Scout Express:** To create a forum for young people

TFLSI FRAMEWORK

1 TFL Scout Centre™

- Infrastructure, share facilities with community*
- Base for the four Program Strands*
- Base for Training Adults in Scouting*
- Adventure Activities: Camping, Picnics, etc*
- Home for Local & International Scout & Non-Scout Guests*

2 TFL Scout Volunteers

- Youth and Adults in Scouting: resource mobilisation to support the four programs*
 - Implement the SSA Youth Programme*
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TFLSI PROGRAMS

1 TFL Scout Academy

- a. The Scout Programme*
- b. Youth Empowerment & Development*
- c. Youth Leadership Training*
- d. Project Management*
- e. Resource Mobilisation & Management*
- f. Practical Business Skills*

2 TFL Scout Enterprises

- a. TFL Scout Market*
 - i. Buying and Selling of products, i.e. consumables, arts and crafts etc*
 - ii. Community Tuck Shop*
 - iii. Market place for community products*
 - iv. Scout Shop Agency*
- b. TFL Scout Workshop*
 - i. Arts and Crafts*
 - ii. Block/Brick Making*
 - iii. Fence Making*
 - iv. Wood/Metalwork*
- c. TFL Scout Farm*
 - i. Bee Keeping*
 - ii. Village Chickens*
 - iii. Goats*
 - iv. Pigs*
 - v. Cattle Feed Lot*
 - vi. Crops, Fruits & Vegetables*
- d. TFL Scout Services*
 - i. Market Research*
 - ii. Base for Information Sharing*
- e. TFL Scout Transport*
 - i. Minibus Service Operation*
 - ii. Product Distribution*
 - iii. Pick-Up/Drop-Off Service*
- f. TFL Scout Telecom*
 - i. Mobile Phone Spaza*
 - ii. Charging Mobile Phone Batteries*

3 TFL Scout Action

- a. HIV/Aids Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Support Initiative*
- b. Extending Scouting to 'Children at Risk'*
- c. 'Scouting Beyond Adventure', Helping Less-privileged Scouts*

4 TFL Scout Express

- a. Performances (edutainment): song & dance, drama, poetry etc*
 - b. Cultural Heritage*
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SHORT TERM PLANS (JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008)

1. Mobile Phone Spaza

The mobile phone spaza will be located at the tuck shop during the day and at the TFL Scout Centre™ after hours. A start-up capital required for this project is E3, 500 (US\$500).

2. Bee Keeping

5 boxes will be purchased and mounted at strategic places at the Centre as per SWADE or RDA advice. Capital for this project is E3, 500 (US\$500).

3. Village Chickens

75 – 100 village chickens will be raised for commercial purposes. Market for the chickens will be solicited at strategic places. The first stock will be bought from the project area community. This will require capital valued at E8, 000 (US\$1, 150)

4. Community Tuck Shop

The shop will be located, a walking distance from the TFL Scout Centre™. It will require seed capital of E8, 500 (US\$1, 215)

5. Fencing

The TFL Scout Centre™ will be fenced to protect property from stray livestock and thieves. The project is budgeted at E32, 000 (US\$4, 580)

6. Life Skills Program for HIV/Aids Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

The TFL Scout Centre™ will run a community outreach life-skills program to benefit 154 HIV/Aids Orphaned and Vulnerable Children from the project area community. This will also be an opportunity to extend Scouting to the 'Children at Risk'.

This initiative will help these illiterate children learn at least to read and write their own names and to understand the Scout Programme.

This special project is budgeted at E90, 000 (US\$12, 860)

BUDGET FOR SHORT TERM PLAN

- E145, 500 (US\$20, 800)

MEDIUM-TERM PLANS (JANUARY 2008 - DECEMBER 2009)

1. Finishing the newest structure still under construction.

The structure will be used as a meeting/dining area, ideally during adult courses/workshops or for booked guests at the Centre.

Funds required to finish this project are E5, 000 (US\$715)

2. Constructing an amphitheatre.

Ideally this will be used for performances, bigger campfires, meetings and Scout Owns. Tentatively this will also be situated at the upper sloppy end.

Budget for this exercise is E5, 000 (US\$715)

3. Mounting showers.

Two strategic places, suitable for bathing and washing will be identified.

The Centre need to buy at least 4 showers, 2 for males and 2 for females to be mounted at identified strategic places.

E7, 500 is required for this project. (US\$1, 080)

4. Youth Empowerment & Development

TFL Scout Centre™ intends to support at least 6 youth volunteers attain Advance Wood Badge, assist 3 to be Assistant Leader Trainers and 2 Leader Trainers. The Centre also plans to assist at least 3 youth volunteers further their high school/college education. The other plan is to assist at least 7 'Scouts at Risk' from the project area community to read and write.

Project Management and other specialised/tailor-made courses will be organised for selected volunteers. This will help increase effectiveness in managing the project.

The budget is E20, 000 (US\$2, 860)

5. Constructing 2 simple two-roomed flats.

The flats will be furnished with 2 single beds and 12 bunk beds and will situate it at the upper end. Ideally this will help the Centre to accommodate local and international backpackers, who would not prefer camping. It may also be used to accommodate Scout leaders attending in-door training courses or workshops.

This project has a budget of E25, 000 excluding furniture and fittings. (US\$3, 580)

6. Installing solar panel and stands for the water tanks.

The pump at the moment is electric and has not been stable. This is likely to be a huge challenge during bigger activities. The Centre therefore plans to solicit funds to buy a solar panel to be used to pump water from the borehole to the two 5000-litre tanks.

There is a budget of E25, 500 for this project. (US\$3, 650)

7. Cattle feed lot

TFL Scout Centre™ will start a feed lot project. Initially there will be only two cattle raised, the number will increase gradually. This will require seed capital of E40, 000 (US\$5, 720)

8. Scout Shop Agency

The Scout Shop Agency will be based at the TFL Scout Centre™ and will mainly focus on Scout badges. This will include both essential and interest (proficiency) badges for all sections, working in three phases.

The first phase will focus on 'essential' badges, i.e.: AFRICA, WORLD, SWAZILAND, HHOHHO, LUBOMBO, MANZINI and SHISELWENI. Capital for this phase is E7, 500. The second phase will include: FIRST CLASS, SECOND CLASS, CHIEF SCOUT AWARD, KING SCOUT AWARD, all or some of the proficiency badges for LIWUNDLU, LUSOTI and INGONGONI. This phase will need capital of E62, 500. The third phase will include all other missing badges from the previous phases and all or some of INSIKA AWARDS. E5, 000 will be required for this phase.

Total seed capital required for the TFL Scout Shop Agency is valued at E75, 000 (US\$10, 720)

BUDGET FOR MEDIUM TERM PLAN

- E203, 000 (US\$29, 025)

LONG TERM PLANS (JANUARY 2008 - DECEMBER 2013)

1. Log Cabins/Dormitories/Chalets
2. Model Cultural Village
3. Tourism Packages: Travel Bookings/Holiday Packages
4. Construction: Administration/Business/Recreation & Training Centre
5. Transport: Van + Minibus

BUDGET FOR LONG TERM PLAN

- E950, 000 (US\$135, 800)

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2008 – 2013

E1, 298, 500

(£94, 000; €145, 000; US\$186, 425)

Rate: (£1 = E14, €1 = 9, \$1 = 7)

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