

current year. In furtherance of our educational objectives, we are also interested in pursuing discussions with the Ministry of Education regarding collaboration with area schools to conduct appropriate sensitization seminars for children who are at risk of physical or sexual victimization.

CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

The lack of adequate funding to meet our estimated expenditure as presented in our budget request for 2016, negatively impacted our productivity and efficiency. The Centre is currently located in a part of the old Christianburg Health Centre building situated at Lot 96 Burnham Drive, Christianburg, which was left vacant when the health centre was moved to a newly erected building. The building is in need of urgent repairs and adequate security measures to protect against theft and vandalism. Promises made by community leaders to source donors to provide grillwork and to strengthen the security of the building have not materialized.

When we re-opened in June 2015, after our offices were destroyed by fire during the protests in 2012, we were grateful for the donation of furniture provided to us by the Ministry of Human Services and Social Welfare (now renamed the Ministry of Social Protection). However, several necessary items such as chairs to provide seating accommodation for clients and non-expendable equipment for use by staff were not provided. With reference to the latter, only one desktop computer was provided. We look forward to providing staff with the necessary equipment to adequately perform their duties in the near future. A list of necessary non-expendable equipment is appended hereto

At the end of the year, we lost the services of our long-serving senior attorney, Ms. Emily Dodson, who was appointed to the Procurement Commission. We are currently in the process of recruiting another senior attorney to replace Ms. Dodson.

PRIORITIES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (2017)

Our main goal for the current year is to expand our level of service to the community and to implement our educational component. With regard to our