

Kha Ri Gude/SAQA

Response to Acting D-G letter dated 10th Feb (unclear) and received by SAQA CEO on 19 Feb?

I welcome the frank and helpful letter, received on Friday 20, from the acting DG which coincides largely with our own intelligence.

We, both Patricia Thahane from the DRR and I, have been trying to make contact with the KRG programme at the DBE over the past few weeks to confirm this, but without success. We now understand that they we in the field We had however received a response from SAB&T, who run the logistics for the programme, who indicated that they would be in a position to inform us of the programmes status on Monday 23rd February. This coincides with the DG's message and I hope we can be in discussion with him and his programme soon.

The situation on our side is as follows:

1. In KZN we have been able only to make contact with about 30% of the coordinators who have indicated that they did not feel ready to receive the visitors;
2. The situation in the E.C. is a little worse – even contact has been difficult.
3. For all the other provinces the situation appears to be a lot more optimistic. I quote below the report from the HUB manager – Patrick Baloyi.

“I would like to bring to your attention the following developments submitted by coordinators and supervisors from the seven provinces that I'm responsible for.

On Fri/Sat (20/21) Feb my team held an intensive training session in Midrand. We telephoned the coordinators and supervisors to confirm that a team of visitors will be going to various sites in their area of jurisdiction as well as enquire about their state of readiness.

The information that was acquired about the state of readiness can be independently verified.

These are the statuses of the sites per province:

Gauteng

Sites in Soweto and Ekurhuleni are ready for assessment and will be submitting LAPs end of next week. This was confirmed by supervisors at a meeting that took place on Sat, 21 Feb at 16h00 at Vukani Primary School, Crossroads in Soweto

Free State

Coordinators and supervisors in Matjhabeng, Welkom and Lejweleputswa affirmed the sites' readiness for assessment any time.

Limpopo

Sites in Greater Sekhukhune and Vhembe are ready for assessment according to the coordinators, supervisors VEs.

Western Cape

Sites in Paarl, Strand and Blouberg are ready to be assessed.

Northern Cape

Sites in Frances Baard and Sol Plaatje are ready.

Mpumalanga

Gert Sibanda, Kwaggafontein, Nkangala, Graskop and Lydenberg are ready.

North West

Bojanala, Rustenburg and Moretele are ready."

From the above you will note that our situation coincide with that o the DG in KZN and E.C. but it seems that all the other areas are ready.

It is a relief to us that the DG wants to postpone the site visits. We were certainly seeking their support and assistance in KZN and EC. And this seems very likely to be given.

We would, however, after confirming with the DG that our information is accurate, like to continue the visits as planned in all the other provinces.

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