

BEGGING PROBLEM IN GRAHAMSTOWN.



I. GRAHAMSTOWN LATEST (1982) STATISTICS:

COLOUREDS : 5,786 +
Blacks : 37,168 +
Whites : 12,210 + Students & School Boarders
Asians : 280 +

2. MAJOR AREAS CONSIDERED:

2.1 Causes of :

Very poor socio-economic conditions existing in GHT, resulting into:

- Poor/Lack of houses.....overcrowding
- Limited educational facilities
- Gross unemployment .. no industries
- High rate

The above resulting into the following:

- High rate of illegitimacy
- Low educational level of man in the street resulting into ignorance on matters such as:
 - Sex education
 - Child Care
 - Importance of a balanced diet (Good nutrition)
 - Importance and value of education

2.2 Consequences thereof:

- Feelings of apathy.... families tend to live from day-to-day & cannot think or plan ahead;
- Misuse of alcohol and dagga to temporarily alleviate frustrations arising from above;
- High rate of T.B. and malnutrition which cannot be combated unless living conditions/standards are somehow improved;
- Juvenile delinquency in the form of gangsterism, begging, idleness arises due to unstable and disorganised family lives;

3. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: i)

- i) Creation of more job opportunities...industries;
- ii) Sex education and family planning on a full-scale level;
- iii) More educational facilities for the community, especially for a pre-scholar;
- iv) Recreational facilities for the community;
- v) Housing;

4. HOW CAN MR. MOORCRAFT POSSIBLY HELP?

D) Black Psychiatric Social Worker.

Outpatient clinic in Roper Rd.

Fr. England has no

Adult beggars. 75% psychiatric.

2) Pharo's Children's home. still under consideration.

→ ECAB.

Letter to Ek to take matter up
as a matter of extreme urgency.

3) Ask Rogerson for ECAB if we could
have some sort of home controlled
at Mun. level.

4) Recreation Centre.

Employment.

Discuss with
my Social Work.

Social work student to be asked to
do a survey of beggar problem
How many are there etc.

Campaign to stop begging etc.

use data for money.