2nd Annual Report 2013/2014



There's Unity in diversity of gifts.

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DeafNET's Goodwill Ambassador

This is the 2nd Annual Report of DeafNET Centre of Knowledge. It includes an overview of all activities as well as financial statements for the 2013/2014 financial year.

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This Annual Report is dedicated to Stichting Vrienden van Effatha, our main sponsor.



VISION

To be a world class network of knowledge and expertise in the interest of people in Africa who experience hearing loss and related communication barriers.

MISSION

- To particularise, exchange and disseminate knowledge and expertise on issues relating to people who experience hearing loss and related communication barriers
- To empower them, their families and their communities through research and training
- To promote the improvement of health, well-being and quality of life of people with hearing loss and their families through accessible, available, affordable and appropriate services, training and media



Message from Chairperson

The DeafNET Centre of Knowledge's Board of Trustees is proud of DeafNET and its achievements of the past year.

DeafNET and its network, the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness (ACGMHD), were active on the African continent and globally in order to extend networks and to engage in new partnerships in the interest of Deaf persons and their families on the African continent, DeafNET and the ACGMHD were represented on various forums, at international conferences, meetings with government officials, politicians and entrepreneurs to promote the human rights of Deaf persons and their families in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). National Associations of the Deaf (NAD) were consulted and became important stakeholders/role players in ensuring relevancy and appropriateness of activities or projects in their countries.

This report will also highlight the positive and supportive role of our goodwill ambassadors who honour us with their association to DeafNET. Their passion and involvement bring awareness and knowledge of deafness and Deaf rights to segments of society that can help to make society more accessible and caring.

A support programme for educators of Deaf learners to further develop their knowledge and skills was developed with a network of African Deaf and hearing experts. It already shows positive results – the level of literacy, numeracy and bilingual ability of Deaf learners improved significantly where the programme was applied. DeafNET is currently looking at partnering with universities to research the programme's effectiveness.

DeafNET sees the legal recognition of Sign Languages in African countries

as a key issue in ensuring equal access and opportunities for Deaf citizens and their children. DeafNET supports NAD's with awareness raising in the society and the production of Sign Language DVD's and manuals to promote Sign Language as equal to other languages.

Self representation and leadership skills in Deaf communities are essential in order for Deaf persons to take their rightful place in society and to improve their socio-economic situation. The leadership and management training workshops and continuous development programme of DeafNET will continue to equip and support Deaf community leaders in this respect. The forming of new partnerships is in process to expand and improve this programme.

Transfer of knowledge and skills in Deaf persons and their communities was a priority in all activities and projects. It included entrepreneurship skills and the initiating of beekeeping by Deaf entrepreneurs. Partnerships were established to ensure mentorship and sustainability.

The HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention training workshops continued during the report period. Deaf persons were trained and supplied with training toolkits to disseminate information and knowledge in their communities in an accessible and culturally sensitive manner.

Health and wellbeing of Deaf persons and their families is a major concern of DeafNET and the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness. In 2015, delegates from African countries will come together for the 4th Africa Workshop on Mental Health and Deafness. This will be an opportunity to strengthen cooperation networks and to share knowledge and ideas for improving the quality of life of Deaf families in countries on the African continent.



Rev AL Smit

You, the reader, are invited to join forces with DeafNET and the ACGMHD to ensure the expansion and continuation of its activities, programmes and projects to improve the health and socio-economic wellbeing of Deaf persons and their children in Africa.

DeafNET is privileged to have the support of a major sponsor, donors, goodwill ambassadors and partners who believe in its cause. Without their support, it would not be possible for DeafNET to carry out its vision and mission. Thank you for your active involvement, friendship and professional guidance.

DeafNET expresses its sincere gratitude to the members of the Board of Trustees who offered their time, expertise and wisdom free of charge to the benefit of DeafNET and its work.

A L Smit Chairperson

Message from CEO

As we look back on our footprints of the past year, DeafNET is enormously appreciative towards the support and commitment of our main sponsor, SVE, our Board of Trustees and the DeafNET staff. Our year was filled with creative energy which brought together ideas that enriched the lives of the Deaf. DeafNET's team proves that with dedication and the sharing of gifts, we can create an environment of growth and unlock the possibilities within the Deaf communities across this beautiful continent of Africa.

When I mirror our 2013/2014 financial year, I cannot but be proud of our achievements as a young dynamic organisation. The 2013/2014- footprints of DeafNET reflect in our leadership and management workshops; the training and evaluation



Mrs Suzette Willemse

of educators to develop the reading and writing skills of Deaf learners; the development of multi-media products for the Deaf; the dissemination of knowledge & skills through our Scholarship & Beekeeping projects; our HIV/AIDS Toolkit project that goes beyond language barriers; and our networking and partnership development.

This report highlights the positive contribution that our sponsors, network partners, goodwill ambassadors and friends made which resulted in the improvement of health and well-being of the Deaf. We admire the commit-



ment of the Deaf and hearing persons in our network to bring change and better the lives of the Deaf and their families throughout Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands. Through the diversity of gifts we can jointly work towards a collective goal and enforce change that can benefit the Deaf as a vulnerable group.

As we unwrapped this powerful gift of knowledge, it gave us the opportunity to explore and discover the enormous potential within our Deaf communities in Africa. We celebrate this rich variety of human gifts and skills within the Deaf. As an organisation, we want to nurture our vision to become a world-class network of knowledge & expertise in the interests of people in Africa who experience hearing loss & related communication barriers.

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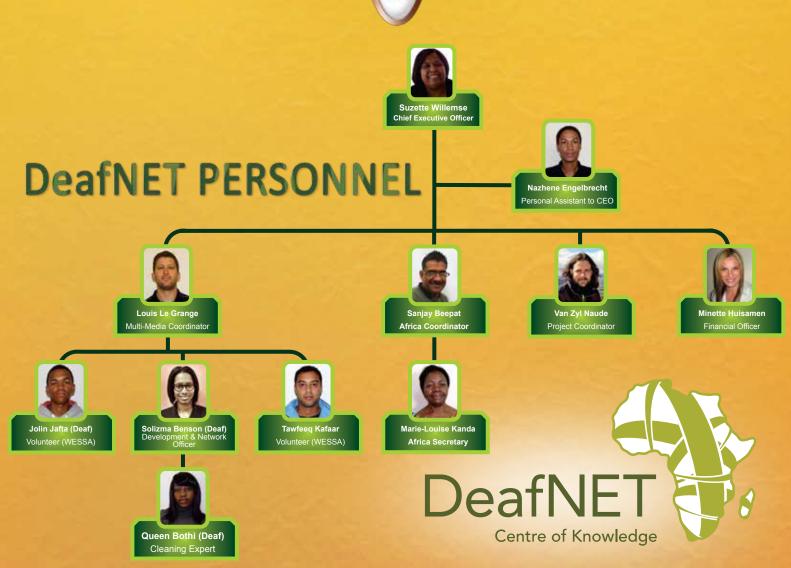
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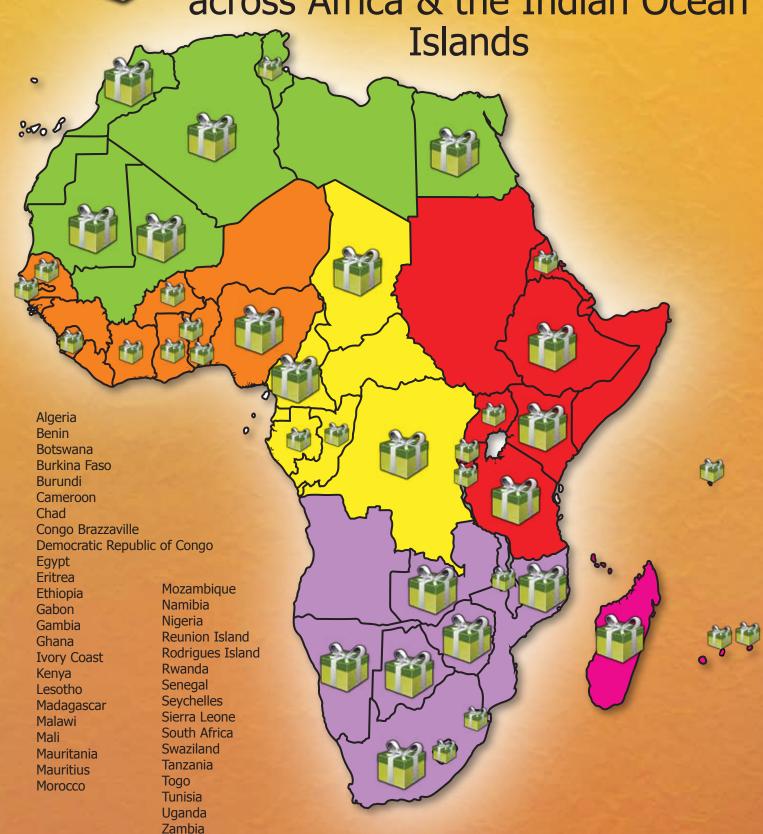
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AFRICA CONTACT GROUP FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DEAFNESS (ACGMHD) - DeafNET's Volunteer Network



DeafNET is proudly spreading the gift of knowledge in more than 40 countries across Africa & the Indian Ocean



Zimbabwe

FINANCIAL REPORT



Without the continuous support of our main sponsor SVE (Stichting Vriende van Effatha) in the Netherlands and other donations, DeafNET would not have been able to implement our programmes to ensure that the Deaf in Africa are empowered with knowledge and skills. DeafNET expresses our deepest appreciation for their loyalty and ongoing financial support. Through your financial support DeafNET can reach out to the Deaf and their families in the rural and deserted parts of Africa.

The tables below indicate our Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1 March 2013 to 28 February 2014.

The signed audited financial statements are available at DeafNET's offices.

DEAFNET CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE

(Registration number: IT 3278/2011)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2014

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De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha Other

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FUNDRAISERS

Mandela Day



DeafNET joined hands with the Breedevalley Municipality on 18 July 2013 (Mandela Day) and had an exhibition on Church square, Worcester, to encourage the broader community to support the services of NGO's. The community of Worcester acted in goodwill and supported DeafNET extremely well with our hamburger-sales.







Night of Signs and Songs



DeafNET had an amazing event with the classical Diva, Zanne Stapelberg on 13 November 2013 to raise funds in support of our Beekeeping project. The local group, Rejoice and the dancers of NID College complimented the performance of Zanne. DeafNET's Goodwill Ambassadors, Amanda Quwe, Vicki Fourie, Rosebud Tsobane, Isak Andrews and the Boland Rugby Union supported this event.





FUNDRAISERS Continued

1st Fundraising Cycle Tour

A group of 10 people left from DeafNET's offices on Saturday, 31 August 2013 to Kimberley: 6 deaf students-cyclists from the NID College; 3 staff members from DeafNET: Mrs S Willemse, Magdel Burger and Solizma Benson (Deaf)

Mr Flip Piek from NID (organiser of the cyclists and driver). The De la Bat School for the Deaf provide us with transport. The DeafNET Team was well received by the people of the Northern Cape and had the opportunity to do awareness on mental health and deafness, market DeafNET as organisation and to raise funds for our scholarship programme. The event was covered by the printed and radio media in the Western and Northern Cape.





Cyclists welcomed by learners in Pofadder



The team well supported by the South African Police Service, Northern Cape.



The tour was ended off in Springbok on Casual Day and the team shared in the celebrations.





Learners from Oranje-Suid Primary School in Kakamas handed over their funds raised to DeafNET.

VISIT TO NETHERLANDS

Rev AL Smit the Chairperson of DeafNET's Board of Trustees and Ms S Willemse the CEO of DeafNET, visited the Netherlands to meet with De Stichting Vrienden van Effatha (SVE), DeafNET's main sponsor. Mr Alje Mulder welcomes the team from DeafNET during the meeting with SVE Board members.

DeafNET had the opportunity to share our strategic vision with the sponsor and to interact with other projects sponsored by SVE.







Strategic session with the SVE Management



Handwork by Multi-disabled at "De Boerderij" in Netherlands



Visit to School for the Deaf

PROJECTS

Leadership and Management Training: Madagascar

5-9 August 2013

DeafNET in collaboration with the Federasionan'ny Marenina eto Madagasikara (FMM) and CBM, hosted the first leadership workshop for 28 Deaf leaders coming from 16 Deaf Associations in Madagascar and Mauritius. It was held at AkaMa School for the Deaf in Antanarivo from 5-9 August 2013. The equip to serve and lead program was designed to develop potential Deaf leaders through guidance, training and inspiration. A number of interactive learning techniques such as brain storming, discussions, group work, role play and presentations were used to make the workshop more accessible for the Deaf participants. The outcome of the training was to uplift and empower the Deaf so that they can serve better the Deaf communities in their regions. In the closing ceremony an Africa Declaration was handed to all relevant role-players and stakeholders to inform them that the delegates vigorously participated in discussions and developed resolutions regarding working together for a better future for Deaf people and their families in Madagascar and Mauritius.





15-20 September 2013

From 15-20 September 2013 DeafNET facilitated a Leadership and Management Training at AKAMA School for the Deaf in Antannarivo, Madagascar. Seventeen (17) participants (directors, pastors, accountants, educators) from seven schools of the Lutheran Church of Madagascar attended the training. The aim of the training workshop was to equip the leaders with skills to enhance their abilities to communicate effectively with Deaf children and their parents in order to better the education of Deaf learners. CBM supported this training.





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME







Nelisiwe Dlamini from Swaziland and Samantha Hector from Mauritius won DeafNET Scholarships to study at the NID College for the Deaf in Worcester. Nelisiwe is in her final year of study as an Assistant Chef and Samantha is in her first year doing the Skills for Life Programme. Through the Scholarship programme DeafNET wants to equip young Deaf girls from Africa with knowledge and skills en ensure a better future for them.

ZWAKALA AFRICA



Escola de Educacao Especial N1 Deaf School in Mozambique, winners of DeafNET's Red Star project.

Zwakala Africa is a performing arts project/ competition of DeafTV (SABC 3) and the Dept of Sports Arts and Culture, SA. Zwakala Africa spread their wings into Africa and DeafNET partnered with DeafTV since October 2013. As DeafNET's vision is to improve the quality of life of Deaf people and their families through education and training in Africa. Schoolbags, diaries and DeafNET t-shirts were given to all participants and three educators from the winning school in Mozambique were offered training by DeafNET in 2014 in the Red Star method (It is a method that is used by educators for an increased awareness and a better understanding of sentence construction of a reading and written language via Sign Language).



DeafNET's Goodwill Ambassador, Caroline Jacobs, Ms S Willemse from DeafNET and Ms Candice Morgan from DTV.



DeafNET Goodwill Ambassadors and Friends with the famous actor, John Kani (judge at Zwakala Africa).

RED STAR TRAINING

DeafNET Centre of Knowledge organised a Red Star training workshop which was held from the 29 July till 22 August 2013, at the De La Bat School, Worcester. Three participants (1 Deaf and 2 hearing) from Benin attended the workshop. The teachers were empowered with the following:

- ·Skills and methodology to impart reading and writing skills for deaf learners
- ·Improving Sign Language skills in deaf learners
- ·Improving literacy and communication abilities
- ·Capacity building in Leadership and management
- ·Training how to use the 7 panel HIV Cube toolkit

The follow-up on the Red Star method will be conducted in October 2014 in Benin.





Mr P Cook, Mrs I Senekal, Mr E Sindodi from De la Bat School for the Deaf and Ms M Kanda Malu from DeafNET assisted with the evaluation of the implementation of the Red Star Training method at Village Bondeko in the DRC in June 2013.

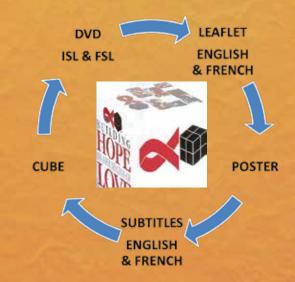


CEO of DeafNET, Mrs Willemse, Developer & Facilitator of Red Star method, Mrs Senegal and principal of the De la Bat school. Mr Cook with the three educators of Benin.

HIV/AIDS Toolkit Project









Handing over of HIV/AIDS Toolkit to the deputy chairperson of DeafNET's volunteer network (ACGMHD), Ms Iyute from Uganda.

DeafNET's HIV/AIDS Toolkit provide Deaf accessible HIV/AIDS information with supporting visual and informational material. The toolkit has been distributed to 18 countries in the six regions across Africa in the 2013/2014 financial year.

The HIV/AIDS toolkit is a simple and clear tool to use to raise awareness amongst the Deaf on the pandemic that decimated the human population, causing the Deaf to change behaviour in relation to HIV/AIDS in order to contribute to the reduction of its prevalence. Using the universal language of pictures and Sign Language, the 7 panel CUBE presents the facts about HIV/AIDS and how to prevent the contraction and spread of HIV/AIDS.

IDO Awards



On 15 February 2013 the most amazing Deaf couples from Africa (Swaziland, Cameroon, Lesotho, Malawi and South Africa) attended the annual Ido Awards hosted by Ido Magazine in Johannesburg. These ten Deaf couples were officially invited and sponsored to the Ido Awards, by DeafNET's Goodwill Ambassador and Editor/Owner of Ido Magazine, Felicia Buthelezi.

Pastor Anthony Langwenya and his wife, Nonhlanhla, both Deaf, from Swaziland received the Ido Awards (Against all odds) during this prestigious event. They were nominated by DeafNET. The beautiful Mountain Inn Holiday Resort in Mbabane, Swaziland also sponsored pastor Langwenya and his family a weekend (B&B).





The Langwenya- family says thank you.



Group of Deaf couples from Africa, with the CEO of DeafNET and her husband who attended the Ido Awards.

SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING

DeafNET Centre of Knowledge in partnership with the National Institute for the Deaf, gave Sign Language training to Breede Valley Municipality, Tourism in May 2013.





Trainees actively involve in training session.

MULTI MEDIA PROJECTS

- Exam papers for Deaf learners on DVD



DeafNET assisted the Sign Language Project at De la Bat School for the Deaf with the compilation of the Examination paper on DVD. A unique project for Deaf education.

- Sign Language DVD for Mauritania & Senegal



DeafNET's multi-media team assisted the organisation, Silent Work, to develop a Sign Language DVD for Mauritania and Senegal. 1000 words in Arabic SL and 1000 words in American SL. The DVD-project was completed in December 2013. This is the 2nd DVD-project done for Mauritania & Senegal.





CONFERENCES

Deaf Conference, Reunion Island

The Association of the Deaf in Reunion Island hosted their first Deaf conference from 8-12 May 2013. It took place at La Saline-les-Bains located on the West Coast of the Island. The idea to organize this conference was initiated by the aim to preserve the human and civil rights of deaf persons. The theme of the congress was, "Equality of Human and Civil Rights for the Deaf in the Indian Ocean". This Congress was a strong tool of solidarity and mutual help in order to improve the destiny of Deaf persons. It also allowed enforcing the links between the existing Deaf Associations in the Indian Ocean. Members of DeafNET and ACGMHD attended the conference.



DeafNET's participants (Sanjay Beepat and Dirkie Ebersohn) handed over HIV/AIDS Cube Toolkits and posters to the Deaf Association of Mauritius and Reunion Islands during the Deaf Conference

BEE-KEEPING Conference

DeafNET attended the Beekeeping Conference (BEECON 2013) in Swellendam on 09 and 10 August 2013. We are in the process to train the Deaf in Africa in beekeeping. The goal for this project is to encourage sustainable livelihoods by providing the Deaf community with beekeeping skills in the agricultural sector so that they can earn an income and become productive in society.

A pilot-beekeeping project has been started in Uganda.







Qatar Conference

Dr Philemon Akach (Trustee of DeafNET) and Mr Abdelaziz Arssi (Chairperson ACGMHD) attended the Qatar Conference from 11-13 November 2013 in Doha-Qatar. This was the first internal forum for Deaf Muslims.

Mr Arssi received an award from the organising committee as one of the leading activists for the deaf cause in the Arab world.







DeafNET GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Tobie Botes



Tobie is a South African who played his rugby in Italy and was in the Italy National Rugby Team. Currently he is playing for the EC Kings in SA.

Isobel Adams



Isobel is an Education expert and Principal of a Private School in Johannesburg.

Amanda Quwe



Amanda is a Television actress, producer, singer and business woman.

Felicia Buthelezi



Felicia is the owner/editor of Fisokuhle Media that publishes the I do Magazine.

Boland Rugby Union



Boland Rugby Union.

Caroline Jacobs



SA Television personality. Caroline is an actress (Zinzi from 7de Laan) and singer.

Fikele Mekgoe



Mrs SA 2012 and business woman from Johannesburg.

Vicki Fourie (Deaf)



Former Miss Deaf SA. Vicki is also an author, motivational speaker and actress.

Zane Meas



SA Television personality. Zane is an actor (Neville Meintjies from 7de Laan), singer and the Director of the Fatherhood Foundation SA.

Michael Muller



Michael is a Gospel singer and songwriter from Kimberley in the Northern Cape.

Rosebud Tsobane



Rosebud is from Cape Town. She is a Radio and TV Presenter, Gospel singer and MC.

Isak Andrew



Isak is from the Northern Cape. He is an entrepreneur/business man and was Seda's Entrepreneur of the year in 2012.

Rosie Wilson



Rosie is a gospel singer and songwriter from Bloemfontein.

Tina Jaxa



Tina is a SA Television actress and Radio Presenter. She is based in Cape Town.

Victor Sitali (Deaf)



Victor is a Deaf artist originally from Zambia who is now based in Dubai.

Leon Ernstzen



Leon is a worksite specialist at SANLAM SKY. He is from Cape Town.

Dr Ronel Benade



Ronel is a Mrs Commonwealth SA 2014 Finalist; Mrs Tshwane 2013 Top-5 Finalist and a mrs SA Semi-Finalist 2013. She is also in Media Ministry and from Pretoria.

Rob van Vuuren



Rob is a South African stand up comedian / MC / actor / voice artist / writer & director.



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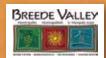
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Ms Helene Lavoie (Canada)
Ms Isobel Adams (Goodwill Ambassador)
Rev AL Smit
Isak Andrew (Goodwill Ambassador)





Date: 21 - 24 September 2015

The host country to be announced soon



Appreciations

We appreciate the continuous support and trust of all our partners and friends.

You will reap the fruit of your precious gift of loyalty towards the education of the Deaf in Africa.

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Yes, I want to help DeafNET Centre of Knowledge to empower and develop the Deaf and their families in Africa.

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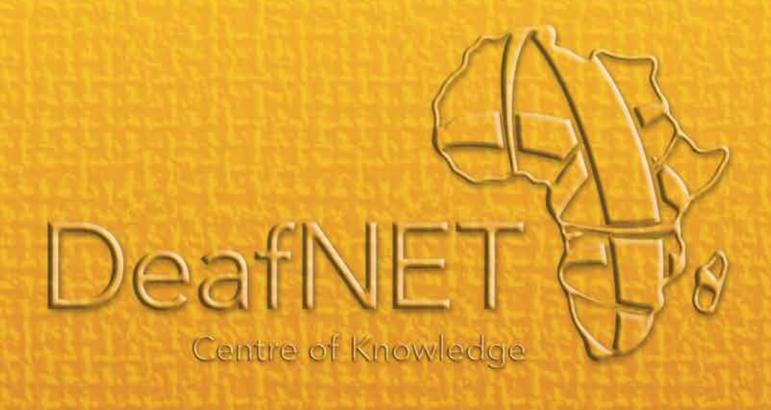
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