



General Members Meeting Report

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1. BACKGROUND

The Shukumisa Campaign was launched in 2008 by members of the National Working Group on Sexual Offences (NWGSO). The NWGSO was originally formed in 2004 to advocate around the proposed Sexual Offences Bill. When the Criminal Law [Sexual Offences and Related Matters] Amendment Act no. 32 of 2007 (Sexual Offences Act) was passed in late 2007, the NWGSO turned its focus to the implementation of the Sexual Offences Act and reformulated itself as the Shukumisa Campaign. In 2017 the Steering Committee decided to change the name to the Shukumisa Coalition.

The Shukumisa Coalition is made up of over 60 organisations from all nine provinces and is governed by a steering committee comprising of 10 organisations plus the hosting organisation. The Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust (RCCTT) currently provides office space and support to the Shukumisa coordinator for a nominal fee to avoid incurring high overhead costs. This can change should the need arise and another organisation could house the coordinator. As Shukumisa is not a registered entity, we cannot operate our own bank account. Currently RCCTT, POWA and the Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme (TVEP) serve as funding conduits and the Steering Committee provides oversight and ensures that all donor commitments are met. The role of funding conduits rotates amongst members who have the capacity to manage and dispense funds and is subject to funder's requirements.

The general members meeting held in 2017 was the fifth meeting of the full membership after the Steering Committee was formally established in 2013. The last members' meeting was held in November 2016 in Johannesburg.

2. INTRODUCTION

The general members meeting provides Shukumisa members with the opportunity of meeting face-to-face, to network and discuss matters directly related to the Shukumisa Coalition.

It serves as a platform for collective sharing and planning, to present the financial overview and to elect the Steering Committee. It also helps to bring all members up to date with the latest developments of Shukumisa.

The objectives of this meeting were:

- Creating a platform for networking, sharing and building the coalition
- Formulating advocacy goals for each theme

3. FACILITATION AND PARTICIPATION

60 representatives from member organisations in Gauteng, Western Cape, Mpumalanga, Kwa-Zulu Natal, North West, Free State, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape participated in the meeting. The full list of participants is attached separately (Annex 1).

The facilitator, Penny Parenzee, leads the ON PAR team, a consultancy based in Cape Town, with a focus on social, political and economic issues. Penny has been working with Shukumisa before. She developed the Shukumisa Dossier in 2014 and also facilitated the strategic meeting in November 2015 that saw the launch of the Care Work Project.

Penny and a small team of Steering Committee members worked in close collaboration to develop the programme for the Shukumisa General Members Meeting.

The programme was carefully drafted around the issues that came up at last year's General Members Meeting. It took particular notice of the need to share information among member organisations and networking, to celebrate achievements, and to create an enabling environment for consensus building and inclusivity. It also tried to address the gaps in strategic planning from the previous year and to focus on the themes and reviving the task teams.

The programme was designed to recognise and welcome the new members and representatives that had never been at a Shukumisa meeting before. Therefore the meeting started with a welcoming session in the evening on 14 August 2017.

Unfortunately Penny had a family emergency in the afternoon just when she was about to board the flight to Johannesburg for the meeting and was unable to facilitate the meeting. The Steering Committee divided the tasks of facilitating among themselves. Venessa Padayachee (NICRO) took on the overall facilitation of the meeting and other members assisted her by taking charge of different programme slots.

4. WELCOME SESSION

About 50 members joined the welcome session on 14 August from 18:00 until 20:00 and received their conference packs as well as a welcome gift, including Shukumisa stickers. The aim of the session was to include new members in a separate briefing meeting in order to encourage a fuller sense of participation in the meeting, starting on the following day so that new people could feel a little more settled in before we began.

Aniela, the coordinator, welcomed everyone and introduced the steering committee who all had colourful name badges for members to be easily recognisable in case of any questions and to create an awareness of the steering committee being the accountability structure of the Shukumisa Coalition.

After introductions, members participated in a number of exercises which successfully encouraged them to relax and getting to know each other. The exercises also provided a good idea of how differently provinces were represented and the different age groups that form part of the Coalition as well as who was new to Shukumisa.

Kathleen Dey from the Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust (RCCTT) explained the different documents contained in the information pack and orientated those present to the process of the meeting, allowing opportunities for questions.

Participation was high and by the end of the meeting it seemed everyone was confident to voice their thoughts and ideas and would continue to do so at the meeting the following day. Some even had ideas of the how the coalition could improve its operations.

Aniela presented the History Project and the website. The full document of the Shukumisa history will be shared with members for further input and to finalise ahead of Shukumisa's 10 year anniversary in 2018.

5. WORKING AS A COALITION

Contextual Exercise: After a quick round of introductions of all delegates on 15 August 2017, Jenny Bell from Justice and Women (JAW) and Dumisile Nala from Childline National facilitated a creative drawing activity. Individuals were invited to draw a picture, which represented their view of themselves and their work within the Coalition of Shukumisa. Tables were then asked to discuss their individual drawings and then create a group picture which incorporated the individual drawings and the group discussion. Nine groups then presented their drawings and feedback on their discussions.

These were the broad themes that emerged:

- The importance of social networks and connectivity in sharing energy, ideas, and support. Shukumisa as an example of that between the individual organisations.
- The role of self-care and encouraging one another in order to combat fatigue, discouragement and burnout.
- The need to develop and grow the Coalition with keen attention to diversity of race, age, and geographic location (a variety of provinces and the inclusion of rural communities).

Learning and Reflection: Individuals then formed themselves into groups of three and discussed what the three key points were that they learned from the discussion and drawing activity. Groups then wrote their key points on individual slips of paper and posted them on the wall. Ideas were then grouped by themes. What emerged was not only a list of the strengths and challenges of the Coalition but also a broad set of values that members share working in their organisations, within the coalition and in the sector. These values are summarised in chapter 10. Lessons Learned, later in this document.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1. Terms of Reference

(Presentation by Aniela Batschari)

The presentation (Annex 2) emphasised the responsibility for members to work together and share information. There were no questions or comments concerning the terms of reference presentation.

6.2. Financial Overview

(Presentation by Aniela Batschari)

Shukumisa's income from donor funding was reviewed as well as the particular expenses that each grant was used for. The financial overview (Annex 3) included the period from November 2016 to July 2017. Aniela explained that an external finance professional was chosen after sharing the need for external financial assistance with all Shukumisa members.

Surplus funds (savings) were discussed and members voted to transfer them into a contingency fund for emergency use at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Some of the issues raised by members were as follows:

A question arose concerning the status of Shukumisa and its designation as a legal entity. One of the new member's was in favour of Shukumisa being registered as a legal entity. He assumed that one reason Shukumisa had not made steps toward registering as an NPO was perhaps because it would require more formalised reporting. He argued that the current process was quite similar to what would be required as an NPO. The member expressed that taking the step towards becoming an NPO would increase accountability - "What should I do if I find a mistake [in this report]?" and "What would happen?"

Some members responded that there is accountability because the Steering Committee is democratically elected and apply their minds to planning, implementation and reporting in their oversight role. Other members expressed that if Shukumisa was an NPO then the accounting would be more formal with employees and required outside auditors. The General Members' Meeting would become an AGM with a focus on finances rather than capacity building. This would then become an expensive structure to maintain.

Another member responded that this topic should be discussed at provincial level and possibly the next general members' meeting. It was stated that open discussion should not be suppressed on this topic but that all members' opinions should be canvassed and aired.

Another member suggested that individuals reflect on the founding of Shukumisa and how the organisation would shift if it became an NPO and if that would be financially viable. The member stressed that funding is scarce and this Coalition could provide opportunities for resource sharing and the ability to support smaller organisations through subgranting if it were not afraid to "think bigger".

Another member suggested that a cost-benefit analysis be taken on the topic of registering as an NPO and examining what some of the unintended consequences might be, such as Shukumisa then competing with its own member organisations for funding. The decision was that the steering committee will look at this topic and then develop either a survey or some way in which members can communicate a way forward on this topic.

A question was asked concerning the credentials of the external financial expert and how they were chosen. The given response was that an email was sent to all Shukumisa members asking for recommendations. One response was given and this expert was then chosen from this response. Details of the auditor and her website and contact information will be shared with the members through the bi-monthly email update.

7. OVERVIEW OF 2016/17 ACHIEVEMENTS

7.1. Theme 1: Strengthening Law & Policy

Presentation by Jeanne Bodenstein, Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust and Matt Clayton, Triangle Project (Annex 4)

The presentation drew heavily on organisations and work done in the Western Cape. The presentation discussed the history of the work and the rationale behind focusing on a single advocacy issue, that of specialised sexual offences courts. The rationale was that many member organisations in the Cape Town area focused on law and policy and they were geographically close to the Parliament. The goal of the group was to research and influence the implementation and rollout of these courts.

The activities that this group of organisations worked on included:

- Capacity strengthening exercises which focused on providing training on the government budgeting process and how NPOs can influence the process.
- Training and capacity strengthening around the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA).
- Lobbying activities such as looking at draft legislation concerning the sexual offences courts and submission to a high level panel on key legislation such as the Hate Crimes Bill.

The presenters raised the question of how this work will then be translated, expanded, and include the input of rural areas and communities.

7.2. Theme 2: Strengthening Criminal Justice System

Presentation by Fiona Nicholson, TVEP and Colleen Rogers, Lifeline Vaal (Annex 5)

The history of the work of the organisations under this theme was explained as well as the recommendations of the report *A Critical Assessment of the Role of NGOs in the Delivery of Services to Sexual Gender Based Violence Survivors at Thuthuzela Care Centres* presented.

The recommendations consisted of the following:

- NPOs will provide services under the TCC model while acknowledging the limitations of the TCC model as an urban rather than a rural best practise.
- Expansion and entrenchment of the current TCC model while also investigating alternative and more cost-effective models at the provincial and municipal level especially in rural contexts.
- A conversation around minimum standards, benchmarks and standardisation of training with an emphasis on team building and soft skills.
- Focusing attention on cases after the TCC visit and regular follow up.

A question was posed by the presenters asking how [Shukumisa] can move beyond monitoring since so many cases [of GBV] are falling through the cracks and more direct action is needed if this is ever going to change.

7.3. Theme 3: Strengthening the Non-Profit GBV Sector

Presentation by Lisa Vetten, Wits City Institute and Sanja Bornman, LHR (Annex 6)

The history of the Care Work Project and the different partners involved was described, as well as accomplishments such as working with Treasury around the framework they use for transferring funds to NPOs. Additionally work on the National Minimum Wage and how it pertains to social and care work as well as building capacity and public knowledge around the value of care work.

The goals include a coherent and rational policy and costing model based on social care services with uniform subsidies for these services across all provinces. Additionally a national liaison to push for other sources of financial support beside DSD. Strategies to obtain these goals include coalition building beyond Shukumisa while also using litigation, research, seeking legal advice, the development and use of popular material, and workshops.

The question asked by the presenter concerned the expansion of the project and if it may need a separate coalition because it focuses more heavily on the provision of social work and care work than on gender based violence and the Sexual Offences Act. The other question concerned how these events and processes can come to fruition and retain an inclusive democratic process.

7.4. Theme 4: Strengthening the Shukumisa Coalition

Presentation by Nkosingiphile Thiye, Tipfuxeni and Nompumelelo Nabo, Ikhwezi Women's Support Centre (Annex 7)

This presentation described the avenues of communication between the coordinator, the steering committee and members including finalising the Term of Reference. Additionally, the presenters described the process of updating the website, the development of a social media strategy, and the production of promotional materials such as pens and stickers. The working document on the history of Shukumisa was introduced and inputs were encouraged.

8. MARKET PLACE

The meeting then took a break from its formal proceeding in order to engage in a networking activity to allow members to get to know one another better and become more familiar with one another's work as a way of fostering collaboration. Organisations interacted with each other in a market style format in which individuals were able to visit stalls set up at the back of the conference venue, much like a mini market place with posters, banners and pamphlets on each table. Members shared best practices and challenges and exchanged information. This activity was meant to take place in two parts to give all organisations the opportunity to trade information as well as to visit traders. However due to time constraints only one trading slot was offered. It was noted that not all member organisations participated in this exercise.

9. ADVOCACY PLAN

Kathleen Dey gave a presentation called the Six Steps to Advocacy in order to guide the three thematic groups on discussing advocacy asks and actions going forward. A handout on the Six Steps to Advocacy was distributed to all members.

Members then divided into three groups according to where they thought they could give input and derive benefit. Each thematic group worked on creating their own set of advocacy demands and actions aimed at achieving them. The groups met again on Day 2 to continue refining these advocacy demands and actions, and furthermore to assign the roles various members would play in a task team for each group that would drive implementation and report back to the rest of the Coalition members. The groups then reported back on their action plans in plenary.

9.1. Theme 1: Law and Policy

The group divided their presentation into actions already taken and then problems to be addressed as focus areas for advocacy.

Actions

- Monitor the drafting of minimum standards, regulation and the roll out of sexual offences courts with a focus on when and where they are going to be rolled out
- Engage parliament and the government on improvements to the Sexual Offences Act
- Make submissions on relevant legislation dealing with or relating to sexual and gender based violence

Problems/focus areas:

- Ensure that all courts have access to information concerning sexual offences
- Issues around The Legal Practitioners Bill - making the connections to rural communities and bridging the gap between urban and rural service provision/input
- Making submissions on The Traditional Courts Bill
- Holding relevant stakeholders accountable for poor service delivery

Plenary discussion: Comments for further exploration were that some member organisations needed more information on laws and government policies so that they could better inform themselves, their communities, and their clients about the problem statement in order to better understand and garner support for the planned advocacy actions. It was suggested that it would be helpful to share information about policy and legislation. The issue of the severe isolation of Shukumisa organisations and individuals in more rural areas was raised as a concern, especially in emergency or urgent situations in which they might need assistance in a hurry and which could be provided to them by fellow coalition members with relevant expertise. Would it be possible to create a WhatsApp group that could provide quick information on the ground? Member profiles including areas of expertise and contact details will be a useful feature of the new website but not all members have access to the Internet.

Action Plan

Goals	Thuthuzela Care Centres have a formal legal framework
	Government rolls out well-resourced sexual offences courts
Key Advocacy Message	Holding government accountable for strengthening the CJS
Activities	Monitor and influence the draft regulations and minimum standards for Sexual Offences Courts
	Monitor and influence the roll out of Sexual Offences Courts
	Monitor the Legal Practitioners Bill
	Make submissions to parliament on the Traditional Courts Bill
	Hold service providers accountable for good quality services to survivors of sexual offences through sharing complaints from members
	Monitor the quality of services provided by DSD, DoH, the National Prosecuting Authority and the SAPS
	Monitor parliament and engage on any issues relating to the Sexual Offences Act
	Share information on law and policy with members
	Give input into the DoJ Dialogue on implementing the Sexual Offences Act
Task Team Communication	Finalise the email list of group members
	Conduct regular meetings and teleconferences between members
	Develop a chat function or chat room on the website

Group Members

Aisling Heath (GHJRU), Jeanne Bodenstein (RCCTT), Matt Clayton (Triangle Project), Johanna Matsemela (African Empowerment Agency), Shaheda Omar (TTBC), John Moerane (Lethabong), Kim Pillay (New World Foundation), Jenny Bell (JAW), Venessa Padayachee (NICRO), Fezeka Matakana (Peddie's Women Centre), Nomalinge Mlindi (Umbono), Sam Waterhouse (DOI), Seehaam Samaai (WLC).

9.2. Theme 2: Criminal Justice System

Actions:

- Identify, support and track existing and potential client centred models of trauma services. Action Item: Conduct a consolidated mapping exercise and SWOT analysis of client centered models of trauma services, including but not limited to TCC's.
- Expand access to accountable health rights based support. Action Item: Using the existing accountability framework contained in the National Strategic Plan on HIV, STI's and TB to develop a similar framework relating to trauma services and GBV.
- Share information with members in order to build internal campaign capacity on:
 - The mandate of prosecutors
 - The context in which convictions are successful
 - How prosecutors make the decision whether or not to prosecute a case
 - Consider the implications of this reality for Shukumisa members and their advocacy work

- Expand access to psychosocial and health rights based support. Action Item: Conduct an assessment of the treatment gaps, both psychosocial and medical within the different facilities including and beyond TCC's

Plenary discussion: The first question arose concerning the focus on conviction rates and asked for clarification on the timeline for cases. A respondent explained that the actual conviction rate is low because the NPA only takes on cases that it believes will result in a conviction. Another respondent explained that research had shown that this focus on conviction rates had resulted in a “perverse incentive” for prosecutors to turn down cases.

Another member brought up the problem of cases being delayed going to court because of a lack of forensic evidence. Another member responded that the case may be remanded until the forensic evidence is available in order to avoid the possibility of a mistrial and that this could actually strengthen some cases.

Another member said that moving away from a focus on conviction rates would be a positive step forward and further suggested that the focus should be on looking at cases that are not reported and are never opened. This member challenged this group to address barriers to reporting and the social stigma/power dynamics that influence this.

Action Plan

Advocacy Goals	Minimum standards for trauma services and an essential package of care is in place for post rape care from reporting to prosecution and case finalisation
	Criminal Justice System stakeholders deliver quality services to survivors of sexual offences according to their mandate
Key Advocacy Message	We need to hold one another as well as state service providers accountable for good quality services
Activities	Use the existing NSP on HIV to develop an accountability structure for stakeholders and then hold stakeholders accountable for quality service delivery through (1) complaints brought forward by members about what is happening on the ground and (2) through Shukumisa representation on the National Operational Intersectoral Committee on Sexual Offences
	Review the TCC model for a clear set of minimum standards
	Share the TCC report on service gaps to survivors of sexual offences through the process from reporting to prosecution
	Strengthen the case for support for NPO services to survivors of sexual offences by showcasing the benefits of these services
	Review our understanding of conviction rates as an indicator of the success of offering services to survivors of sexual offences by conducting round table discussions
Task Team Communication	Email list set up within the group
	WhatsApp for shorter messages

Group Members

Felicia Boqwana (Masimanyane), Nompumelelo Nabo (Ikhwezi Women’s Support Centre), Nokulunga Magubane (Childline Pietermaritzburg), Towera Sichinga (TLAC), Sandra Ntshona (Coping Centre), Margaret Jantjies (VMTEC), Garret Barnett (MSF), Jan Thatiah (Lifeline Durban), Molelekeng Ramosebi (Lifeline Free State), Tian Johnson (AAHP), Fiona Nicholson (TVEP).

9.3. Theme 3: Strengthening the GBV Sector

Issues raised by the Care Work Project working group:

- The need to raise public awareness and community mobilisation activities through workshops and dialogues including topics such as:
 - the urban and rural gaps in access to resources
 - The urban and rural gaps in access to advocacy
 - Sharing of research results
 - Sharing useful frameworks between organisations
 - Showcasing the true value of care work
- The need for a communication strategy by mapping networks within the Coalition and begin to connect with one another and these potential new stakeholders through group work. Develop key messages across these groups and ensure that each group has mechanisms in place for delivering these key messages to target audiences in order to advocate for fair service level agreements with DSD and increase funding to NPOs from the corporate sector.

Plenary discussion: The DOJ Deputy Minister agreed to hold a dialogue scheduled for 23-24 or 30-31 October. They plan to invite 50 delegates each from Health, SAPS, DOJ and NGOs. This should not end up as a shopping list of changes. We should prioritise three or four specific challenges. There needs to be some actions by Shukumisa.

Action Plan

Advocacy Goals	Fair and rational service level agreements between DSD and the NPOs they fund
	Increased funding made available to NPOs through local Corporate Social Investment
	Treasury accepts the case for support to NPOs
Activities	Monitor the current funding scenarios experienced by NPOs
	Develop a media campaign on the need for NPO funding
	Offer training to NPOs on law and policy on formal relationships between DSD and NPOs
Task Team Communication	Email group is set up to communicate within the group
	Google Group is set up for discussion forums around identified issues for the Task Team and other members
Key Advocacy Messages	To Treasury: Quality not quantity
	To DSD: Equal pay for equal work – quality care for care workers
	To the General Public: 1. You don’t know what you’ve got until it’s gone 2. Quantity/ratio of beneficiaries to service providers 3. Services are under threat

Group Members

Lisa Vetten, Sakina Mohamed (GRIP), Sanja Bornman (LHR), Zarina Majiet (Mosaic), Dumisile Nala (Childline), Nkosingiphile Tiphe (Tipfuxeni), Mxolisi Nyuswa (KRCC), Nompumelelo Nabo (Ikhwezi Womens Support Centre), Lucinda Evans (Philisa Abafazi), Charlene Roberson (Tears).

9.4. Optional Session: The Traditional Courts Bill

A group of interested members met on the evening of 15 August 2017 to discuss the Traditional Courts Bill. The question arose whether this was something within the mandate of Shukumisa, which has a focus on the Sexual Offences Act or whether it was completely outside of its mandate. The consensus was that a focus on the Bill could be on how it has an impact on survivors of gender based violence and their access to justice and other services.

Other issues that were raised in the group discussion:

- We need to cultivate a bottom up approach to activism and amplify the voice of Shukumisa on the ground
- We should address the isolation of organisations acting alone to address critical issues and provide support by putting an advice system in place
- We need to conduct advocacy activities in a way that allows for mentoring between organisations
- We need to drive increased capacity building for campaign members

10. LESSONS LEARNED

Members revisited the cards they had put up as part of the learning and reflection exercise on Day 1 to summarise strengths and challenges of the Shukumisa Coalition and also its values.

Strengths	Challenges
The Coalition is very diverse with many different kinds of organisations	The current operating structure may need to be reviewed in terms of its formal registration
We are survivor centred in our approach	Decision-making is not always participatory
A lot of information is made available to members	Self-care is something we all lack; many need things like debriefing and mutual support and do not have this
Participation is encouraged and members feel free to participate in meetings	The diversity of the member organisations is not always used to strengthen the Coalition when it could be
There is a high level of mutual respect between members and mindfulness of diversity	Rural communities cannot always be reached through Internet based platforms like email, the website and Facebook
There is a sense of unity within the coalition	Information is not always accessible (not always that readable)
Members are willing to work and all work very hard in their own organisations	We tend to work in isolation within the GBV sector and don't seek ways to work together

Teamwork and collaboration is very high	Race and power discussions do not take place in Shukumisa
There is a willingness to slow down the pace and take a step back	We are lacking a learning environment for young activists
There is a humanity that allows for a shared understanding	We lack opportunities to share information and ideas with one another and with our constituent communities
There is a sense of accountability and responsibility	Networking is done in a top-down fashion and needs to become bottom-up
We give each other hope. Being connected to others doing the same.	There is a lack of awareness of the voices of Shukumisa on the ground and a lack of grassroots activism
We share knowledge, information, resources and skills with one another	Those working outside the grassroots level do not always understand or share the grassroots experiences as a reality
We support and listen to one another	
Through learning from each other we adapt and improve	

Values: Commitment, Transparency, Honesty, Passion, Accountability, Participation, Integrity

11. STEERING COMMITTEE

The present Steering Committee that was elected in November 2016 only met for the first time in February 2017 and has effectively only been in action for seven months. Given that the Terms of Reference states that The Steering Committee be in place for 12 months, the Steering Committee proposed to members that the elections be held in November 2017, and suggested that elections be done using an online platform that can be viewed on www.electionrunner.com. Matt from the Triangle Project gave a short presentation on how this online tool works.

Questions were raised about whether there will be nominations prior to the election. The response was that the nomination process will be the same as last year. Information will be sent via email prior to voting and members can nominate electronically by email. Then information on the rules and how to use Election Runner will be shared. There were no objections to the online voting method in spite of ongoing concerns that rural organisations lack access to Internet based platforms including email. The elections for the Steering Committee in 2017 will be held in November 2017, using the Election Runner tool.

12. WAY FORWARD

1. A Steering Committee meeting to bring together the results of the General Members Meeting and summarise this as a written action plan will be held within two months
2. Shukumisa will give input into the Department of Justice’s Dialogue on Sexual Offences Legislation between 25 and 30 October 2017
3. Task Teams will begin to implement planned activities once the Steering Committee has finalised the written action plan unless these are already ongoing

13. EVALUATION

Before closure delegates were handed out evaluation forms. Below is a summary of the responses of the 44 delegates who handed in their forms. Delegates had to rate the workshop on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being “very satisfied” and 5 being “very dissatisfied”).

	1	2	3	4	5	No answer
Programme of the General Meeting	12	21	8	-	1	2
Facilitation of the General Meeting	12	18	11	2	1	-
Level of participation or opportunity to participate	14	17	10	3	-	-
Evening Session	8	12	9	1	-	14
Day 1: Introduction	17	16	7	2	-	2
Day 1: Overview of Achievements	14	15	9	3	-	3
Day 1&2: Market Place	19	13	11	1	-	-
Day 1&2: Advocacy Plan Activities	7	23	9	2	3	-

One delegate rated the market place with a 3 (ok) and indicated that this needs to be done more but to provide more time for it.

35 delegates felt that the meeting met its objective of formulating advocacy goals for each theme and seven thought it didn’t, while two didn’t provide an answer. 40 delegates felt that the meeting met its objective of creating a platform for networking, sharing and building the coalition, while two felt it didn’t and two didn’t provide an answer.

Delegates were asked to describe how the meeting helped them.

- The meeting capacitated me. In the conference I learned about powers of enquiring “why a case is not being prosecuted”. During tea brakes and lunch I got insight on various strategies to improve my work (hubs of info e.g. SASSAA illegal debits and loan sharks, another member informed me of Black Sash). I learned that there are numerous other organisations that experience similar challenges as the organisation I am from.

- I enjoy being together in a feminist/activist space and think the value there is huge. I do think that the structure of the group is not sustainable and does not make best use of its flexibility as a coalition. Trying to find a common purpose between “grassroots and “high-level” advocacy results in this musty middle suitable for no one. The law and policy group spent two days wrestling over nothing and none of the new people will end up taking part.
- I came here with questions based on pending cases. The meeting enriched me. The work of the only staff coordinating Shukumisa is amazing.
- Making contacts, learning from others, and validation of what we do.
- I learnt a lot about other organisations and what they do. I could network. Strengthened sector through relationship building
- It was my first time at a meeting of this nature, I learned so much. Some of the terminology etc. are still foreign to me but I am able to go back home and implement it. Thank you so much.
- The meeting helped me networking. I learned a lot from sharing ideas on how to go about advocating for sexual violence survivors and calling the system to account.
- Get more understanding of what other members are involved with and doing.
- The meeting was very enlightening of the level of advocacy needed to achieve the goals of the collation, NGOs and even individuals.
- A platform in the Criminal Justice System strengthening group. To engage with other role players in TCCs to grow, expand the services to victims of sexual abuse in our country beyond the 55 TCCs. Networking with other NGOs on other funder issues. Interact with academic research based NGOs to address gaps in my organization
- Very informative and we get to understand what other organisations are doing. Also to learn ... this coalition is growing
- It helped me to understand some of the things that are happening outside my area and to also get contacts that will help me to refer to other people who will need them. Especially in my organisation.
- It helped me to do networking on a personal level but the meeting itself was really not helpful, e.g. the presentations were long and people were reading directly from the screen the facilitators were not even bothered about low level of participation. The lack of race and gender equality kept me a bit worried. The list is endless. Thank you.
- To understand how some government departments work and how we can make them accountable.
- Meeting new contacts. Understanding national context of GBV. Deciding joint plans that can be worked in.
- I got to learn more on the Law and Policy issues as well as DSD services and how the NGO sector struggles with DSD.
- It helped with a deeper understanding of the different themes and on the way forward.
- Networking
- The meeting has helped me to understand the coalition. However there are limitations with the current arrangement of a coalition. The organization or coalition will remain stagnant and static for years to come. It does not look like it will achieve anything in its current form.
- It has opened up a space for me to take networking seriously. It helps to share ideas and build coalition.
- Meeting provided info, but sadly you have missed chunks of participants who have wanted to give some other inputs. In future planning please ensure that you call for all. Academia vs. non-academia.
- Strengthened relationships in the group. Strengthened our network.
- Networking is always very helpful and valuable. A great idea to have a trading station.
- Networking and understanding our capacity as a coalition.

- So many people, so many levels of engagement, so much to discuss... - can be a problem to try to develop plans without making sure that we all get to first talk it all out. So I'm happy that we didn't get further in terms of plans because the time was very well spent in conversation to build our mutual understanding and developed out thinking about problems and possible solutions.
- Networking with all Shukumisa members. Reflecting on progress so far but also on action plans going forward.
- Networking. Understanding projects better. More engagement than last year. Strengthening coalition.
- Networking. Sharing experiences
- The issues of the sexual offences courts and how this works.
- I got a chance to network and also get to hear and share experience with others.
- Connecting with potential collaborators.
- I will go back to the organization and emphasise the high need of self-care for employees because you can't help a client to the best of your ability if you are not ok. As organisations we need to support each other in projects and share information with organisations in need. I must go back and assist to finalise and lodge a complaint against DSD based on the research we have done as a network.
- Fantastic newtokring session, thank you 😊
- I now have a little light with regards to the whys? What? And the for?
- 10x no answer

When asked what could have been done to improve the meeting, delegates made the following suggestions:

- I think it was a best AGM
- Develop engagement rules which enforce every attendee/participant to communicate thoughts, ideas, etc. in group. I believe some people spoke more than others. There is a need to eliminate feeling of fear to raise thoughts or ask questions.
- External chair still to be pursued for future meetings
- Smaller and more focused groups. Stop the same dude speaking five times in a row in the interest of "making voices heard". People need to be heard, which is why we don't let the same dude speak for 30 minutes.
- Honestly, none!
- A facilitator 😊
- The market place could have been longer as it was very interesting and good networking. Those hosting tables could not go to other people to engage with other organisations.
- The agenda and expectations and invitation be done early.
- Facilitators be more representative ... colour, age, etc.
- The issue of time. Even though time or lack thereof is indicative of the challenges /issues that are faced.
- Preparations for ... items before arrival.
- More time given to trading.
- Methodology of facilitation. I personally felt it to be heavy or old fashioned.
- We need diverse representation when it comes to presentations of Shukumisa work.
- It was unfortunate the external facilitator could not make the meeting.
- More detailed financial report is important.
- More continuity in the thematic groups. Better guidance for the groups regarding what is expected – keeping to the brief.
- I feel each members meeting should have one slot which is focused on capacity building in terms of deepening knowledge of SOA – CJS process.

- The coalition should have ... and open agenda and not just a pre-determined items for the programme of agenda.
- We need a week to learn about advocacy it was for a short period of time.
- This was well organised, well communicated and time allocated to each topic was great.
- I am happy that the meeting brought everyone together even though there was a hiccup with the facilitator.
- Facilitators for individual groups should be chosen before the meeting.
- I think it is a good idea to create time for overarching inputs and conversation on state of Sexual Offences in SA based on recent research and on people's/organisations' experiences. Also try create time for conversations on politics and sexual offences so we can give voice to analysis and ideas for how Shukumisa can engage directly on those overarching political leadership issues.
- Ran a lot better than last year's meeting 😊 Focus on activities for 16 Days.
- Forecasting. Context analysis (review about year passed). Budget landscape. SWOT process of the campaign itself – perhaps in groups conducted ...
- More group work.
- I think it could have made a huge impact if all members joined the Monday meeting (networking meeting).
- Time. As a new members I felt as though there wasn't enough space for us to be filled in as to how they got to what the team is at.
- Everything was well organised.
- 14 x no answer

The evaluation form also included a question about the evening session (14 August) and delegates were asked if they found this helpful and to suggest improvements.

- Yes, I like the way that members were engaged.
- All good.
- I hear it was excellent but was not able to attend.
- That was a brilliant idea. I would go for a horse shoe sitting arrangement that allows everybody to be seen and heard by all.
- I enjoyed meeting the newcomers.
- Yes and no. Yes because the games worked to bring us together. No, because only those long at Shukumisa were asked how long were they in Shukumisa but those new to Shukumisa were not asked so we couldn't know that info. As if we were being divided negatively favouring one over one other.
- Unfortunately I misses it.
- The evening session was very good. It's good to see that the coalition is growing and it comprises of different organisations and there is youth amongst the members.
- The evening session was very valuable. It helps give a sense of what level of participation is needed.
- Have had more information of what Shukumisa is to individuals and NPOS and how cross functional information can help grow organisations.
- I was so hungry as I left home at 6am without having even my cereal.
- Definitely, it was a very nice session and it was facilitated really well. I think it set the tone for the rest of the meeting.
- Too much talking – more needed are building knowledge of who is in the room - linking members to new members - sharing informative concerns.
- The introduction part was positive, but there is a need for an opening day to have a look at the agenda and adopt it first so that it takes into account others views in relation to the agenda.

- It was good. It showed us how long the programmes have been going on.
- Shorter presentations on history, other forms of welcoming new members, thank you for gifts.
- It was helpful to know all the people faces to names and working together.
- Yes – very helpful.
- Too heavy for so late in the day, hard to absorb information.
- Sorry, didn't attend.
- A bit. I felt it was a little forced and just really late. However, it was important to have.
- Good intro to meet all. Good group bonding.
- Yes, it helped.
- Everyone made us (the ones who were attending for the first time) feel at home.
- For the evening session, I suggest we add days if possible, e.g. four days so to take the fourth to replace the evening.
- 19 x no answer

Delegates were then asked what they took away from this meeting to take back to their organisation and their work.

- How to strengthen coalition
- Improvement of our organisation profile. Basic practical steps of advocacy. Innovative ideas of documenting our work. Available technical assistance for CSOs and a lot more.
- Group activities and themes very helpful and informative.
- Better working relationships with exiting partners and making new connections with other partners. Thank you for all the hard work!
- Improved understanding of how DSD operates. How can Shukumisa help to amplify rural voice?
- Lots!! Contacts, ideas, energy.
- I work in community development and we can't meet all the needs of one community. We make referrals as much as possible, so we have expanded our networks of referrals.
- Too much to mention, but just our approach towards victims, etc. Getting even more actively involved in advocacy.
- It is important to advocate for sexual violence survivors even at a lower level.
- Information shared.
- Call for action and participation of the activities of Shukumisa. As well as highlighting any injustices in own area with Shukumisa.
- Use information on website for a myriad of reasons. See help from other coalition members for lobbying, etc.
- The pamphlets (information) and the easy ways of fundraising to sustain our financial status in our organization. The powerful or using technology was amazing.
- I'm not sure, maybe the website was a good thing and getting the opportunity to do network on a personal level. The trading opportunity was a positive move for me.
- Partnerships/collaborations with other organisations. An opportunity to work together/empower other organisations.
- Understood more clearly how we fit onto the coalition, Joining advocacy groups of care (DSD funding) and TCC.
- Work with Shukumisa partners at a provincial level. Get more information on the Traditional Courts Bill to enhance our rural GBV work.
- That there are so many different organisations with different needs and wants, which makes it very difficult to reach consensus about a single advocacy goal (even in the thematic groups).

- Working with what is aligned to the work, i.e. integrating Shukumisa into current organisational work.
- These has really nothing new significant for me, my view is that the coalition should embrace new ideas and open to the idea of growing it to the next point/level. I would not want to form part of something that will not grow or shows no prospects of growth.
- They should know about their rights more.
- Networking and partnerships
- How to strengthen the sector standing together and working towards a common goal.
- Some interesting alternative methods and additional information on how to do things differently.
- Partnerships and sharing knowledge.
- Information from practitioners in CSOs across the range of contexts.
- Better understanding of issues on the ground and with TCCs.
- What people are working on. Influence on positions as an ongoing Identifying how we can support the campaign.
- The fact we are able to network with other organization in Nelspruit and take the message to them. I hope to bring them to this meeting to become members.
- Link to work in primary schools. Supportive CBOs receiving funding from DSD.
- Dedication to the work we are doing.
- So many people/organisations or support system in place. Draw from the Shukumisa support system, voice out and get info as well as empowerment.
- To be more responsible, to be involved to nets such as Shukumisa to gain knowledge.
- 11x no answer

Other Comments

- Members must be encouraged to share their report back to organisations with Shukumisa. Perhaps using a readily developed template.
- Let's create ways outside of the meeting - in it to be sharing info regarding the framework so people can call government to account.
- With reference to Day 1: Overview of Achievements - could include more forecasting on context analysis. Review of political environment through 2016-17.
- With reference to Day 1&2: Advocacy Plan Activities - the advocacy activities could have allocated more time to this one. Perhaps more prep from task team suggesting and using as reflection. Can we do a three year plan?
- With reference to Day 1: Overview of Achievements - consider representation of presenters compared to demographic of Shukumisa/Country/...
- Absence of "original" facilitator was not visible. Great improvement on 2016.

14. LIST OF ANNEXES

Annexes in separate attachments

Annex 1 - List of participants

Annex 2 - Terms of Reference

Annex 3 - Financial Overview

Annex 4 - Strengthening Law & Policy Presentation

Annex 5 - Strengthening Criminal Justice System Presentation

Annex 6 a&b - Strengthening the Non-Profit GBV Sector Presentations