

## ENHANCING THE ROLE OF MCF MEMBERS IN THE CHARITY GRANTS PROCESS INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY

- It was suggested information sent to Members could be better timed (Members stated that there was a feast/famine approach at present).
- There could be a MCF Members section in each Provincial newsletter/gazette.
- Members should receive information on charity grants at the same time as Provincial Secretariat. [it was noted that this should already be happening].
- Consider the use of technology to encourage more effective two-way communication between MCF and Members.
- Each Province should be at the centre of the communications chain.
- Longer term relationships can be built up through regular visits to charities being supported.
- Members stated they would be happy to see/visit charities in their area.
- It was noted that there were specific issues around photographing children when visiting charities.
- Monitoring visits: -
  - Duplication should be avoided
  - MCF to send the report/application, or a summary, to the Member[It was noted that not all Members were aware that MCF request impact reports from charities that receive grants].