MATLA A BANA
A VOICE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE
PROJECT PRESENTATION
In South Africa a child is raped every 3 minutes. Most of them are young girls between 8 and 12 years old. 80% of them are raped by someone they know - a father, brother, uncle. More than 88% of all child abuse are never reported.
• Operational for 13 years.

• Started in Gauteng, now hosting projects Nationally (dictated by funding secured)

• Only NGO to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the South African Police Services.

• Approval and working relationship with the National Prosecution Authority.

• Awards and certificates:
  • Various SAPS awards and certificates.
  • Unashamedly Ethical Award
  • White Ribbon Award (Monique Strydom)
  • Rotary International Paul Harris Award (Monique Strydom)
  • Lions Hero of the Year Award (Monique Strydom)

• Serves on the Gauteng SAPS Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences NGO Task team (Lizel van Eeden).

• Close working relationship with local media. MAB is considered by the media in WC as a spokesperson on child abuse issues.

Last year our projects reached 28 000 children.
**Why?** A need for an organization which could address all the grey areas in the child protection system in South Africa arose in 2002 after the rapes of babies Leratho and Tsepang. Matla A Bana is a charity project initiated and managed by the Callie and Monique Strydom Charity Trust. The Callie and Monique Trust were founded upon the return of Callie and Monique Strydom after a 4-month hostage ordeal in Southeast Asia.

**What?** The Callie and Monique/Matla a Bana Charity Trust was founded and registered as a Non Profit Organisation with section 18A benefit and can issue BEE Certification. The bank account is managed by Absa Trust Limited (Absa/Barclays Bank). Financial reporting is done on a yearly basis with the publication of the audited Yearly Financial Statements as well as the hosting of an annual AGM. MAB has a board of seven trustees, Monique Strydom (Chairman and CEO), Mrs Martie Prinsloo (Absa/Barclays Bank), Dr Corne Davis (University of Johannesburg), Mrs Annora Mostert (Business Entrepreneur & founder of Casual Day), Ms Esme Ehlers (Executive Coach - Coaching for change), Pastor Ndaba Mazanbane (President of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa (AEA), Chairman of the International Council of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) and Chairman of the International Bible Society (IBS) of South Africa), Mrs Alice Pitzer (Business Entrepreneur and Business Award winner - Alice Art Galleries) and Mr Roger Latchman (CEO - International Desk South Africa. Chairman World Information Technology and Services Alliance, Finance/Audit/Compensation committee and also Community Policing Forum Sector).

**How?** A yearly planning and budget is presented to the trustees for approval. Any changes or additions to the planning or the budget have to be approved by the trustees. Matla a Bana is a National organization, with predominant focus in Gauteng and the Western Cape. The projects are managed by two projects leaders based in the two provinces and supported by approximately 100 volunteers through faith based groups. Additional staff is employed as funding is secured per project. An AGM is hosted annually during which the finances is presented by the Administrative Trustee (Absa/Barclays). Project reporting is done by CEO and the Provincial Project Managers. Audited Financial Statements is prepared by auditors.
HOW?

- Appointments to the Board of Trustees are subject to nomination of possible candidates and approval from all the members of the Board of Trustees.
- Currently there are seven trustees and three trustees constitute a quorum and these appointments are voluntary.
- New positions within the organisation need to be advertised and at least one board member must take part in the Interviewing process.
- MAB is a trust registered with the Master of the Supreme Court, as well as a Non-Profit Organisation with an 18A benefit. The Board of Trustees have to report to the Department of Social Development annually.
- The CEO reports to the Board of Trustees quarterly (general matters) and on all other serious matters which will have an implication on budget or project roll-out.
- The Managers report to the CEO, Administrative Assistant reports to the various managers and volunteer groups report to the project managers.
- Three year project planning and one year fundraising planning compiled by staff and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- New projects not included in the planning with financial implications, must be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Should this organisation close down, all assets will be donated to the Strydom Trust, who will in return donate the assets to other NGO’s, to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

ACCOUNT NAME: Matla A Bana
BANK: Absa 632005 ACCOUNT NO: 405 850 5741
NPO NO: 036-349

LIZEL VAN EEDEN (GAUTENG OFFICE)

MONIQUE STRYDOM (WESTERN CAPE OFFICE)
With whom?
Matla A Bana has either membership with or working agreements with the following:

- South African Police Services (National and Provincial)
- National Prosecuting Authority (National Office)
- Regional NGO’s: Teddy Bear Clinic, Childline, Friends of the Child Protection Unit, Bethany House, Women and Men Against Child Abuse, Big Shoes, Embark Foundation, Rays of Hope, Jelly Beanz (Project partners)
- Faith Based Groups: Verskilmakers, Rosebank Union Church, Mosaiek, Embark Foundation, Kerk sonder mure, Ruimsig Church, Linden Bible study group, Randburg Dutch Reformed Church, Christian Heritage, Woord & Lewe
- Media: Primedia (Cape Talk, Highveld, 702), Radio Tygerberg, Media 24, (Burger, Huisgenoot, Beeld), Caxton (Rooi Rose, Caxton papers), Tygerburger, IOL (Cape Argus, Cape Times)
- Member of: Connect Network (VIVA International)

MAIN PROJECT PARTNERS 2013/14
ADOPTION PROJECT (Community Mobilisation)

Direct Impact: 1400 children (Gauteng)

16 Faith based groups mobilised to assist SAPS FCS Units and Sexual Offences Courts. Includes comfort packs for victims, therapy services and spiritual support for members.

CHILD FRIENDLY REPORTING FACILITIES (Victim Support & Community Mobilisation)

Direct Impact: 20 000 child victims

Creating child-friendly reporting facilities or rooms at police stations or hospitals. Up to date MAB has implemented 9 full facilities in the Western Cape, 6 in Gauteng and 1 in Mpumalanga. There are also 4 child friendly rooms in the Western Cape and 17 in Gauteng.

COMFORT PACKS (Victim Support)

Direct Impact: 2000 children

Supplying comfort packs to SAPS FCS officers and rape clinics to give to the child when the crime is first reported. The pack contains items that will assist in the emotional, physical and emergency needs of the child.

XTREME FOR KIDS PROJECT (Education)

Direct Impact: 8000 children (GT, EC, WC)

School outreach program using athletes to educate kids on healthy living and the importance of speaking out.

INCENTIVE AWARDS (Lobbying) Indirect impact: 2500 child victims

Awarding Gauteng Child Protection Detectives who have gone beyond the call of duty in helping child victims by hosting a bi-annual award ceremony. 40 Detectives were honoured during the last year.

SPECIALISED TRAINING (Education) Indirect Impact: 9000 plus victims

Training of officers of the law in special skills and legal aspects needed to deal with rape and abuse victims.

UNIQUE PROJECTS (Advocacy and crime prevention) Indirect Impact: 500 000 Plus

Awareness, advocacy, crime prevention, support and training projects. Includes national media campaigns, community awareness projects, implementation of child protection policies etc. Xtreme for Kids Cycle Tour had a direct impact on 8000 children.
1. prevention (education)
   - 2talk Website and Help Service
   - “Be a Hero” School Project

2. awareness (education)
   - “Getting conversation going” campaign

3. reporting

   VICTIM SUPPORT:
   - Comfort Packs
   - Child Friendly Facilities
   - Play Therapy Project

   OTHER:
   - Adoption Project (Community Mobilisation)
   - Incentive Awards (Community Mobilisation)
   - SAPS Trauma Training (Skills Development)
   - Medical Practitioners Training (Skills Development)
   - Unique Projects (Research)

GOAL
Secondary:
To minimise the secondary abuse children suffer when they report abuse against them.

Primary:
“Getting conversation going”
To prevent more child abuse from happening by securing more reporting.
To mobilise communities to start speaking about child abuse.
To educate communities on what child abuse is, signs and symptoms and how to report it.
To educate the public and children on reporting, highlight myths and facts of child abuse and to mobilise the community to start reporting.
**1 PREVENTION PROJECT**

**GOAL:**
To educate the general public on child abuse in order to secure more reporting and arrests.

**BACKGROUND:**
During the first month of 2014, 5 cases of child abuse were reported to the MAB WC office. They were reported by mothers or family members and in all the cases the father was the alleged perpetrator. All these people came from educated, affluent families. We found it very alarming that people with resources, did not understand the processes involved and did not have the ability to report. What was the case then in areas where people were completely disempowered? With the access to internet via cell phone systems, it made sense to implement a web based resource facility.

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**2TALK WEBSITE:**
Development : R 15 000
Running costs : R 36 000 per year.

**2TALK HELP SERVICE**
Service and admin R 72 000 per office
R6000 per month per office
(Two offices will serve all the provinces)
CASE STUDY:
John has been sexually abused by his father since the age of 4. When he was 6 he did the same to a friend who’s told his mother. John was threatened by his father - that is why he never told his mother what was happening.

“Be A Hero” School Project (National)

GOAL:
To educate children on what they should tell about and how to tell.

BACKGROUND:
It is estimated that more than 88% of child abuse is never reported. Children have been disempowered to tell what happened to them due to various factors, including being threatened or being bribed or simply just not knowing how and where to share. As the perpetrator is known to the child in most cases, it is likely that this abuse will continue for the duration of their lives. At the beginning of 2014, MAB hosted a “BE A HERO” school campaign at schools in Gauteng, OFS, ECape and WCape, in conjunction with the “Xtreme for Kids Cycle Tour”. More than 8000 children were reached and at each school one child who pledged to be a hero won a bicycle. This project was very successful and it was decided to continue the program throughout the year in the Western Cape and Gauteng.

PROJECT:
A school outreach project in partnership with the National Prosecution Local office and SAPS FCS units. A small theatre show is envisaged during which kids will be taught to “speak out” (this is in line with the Getting Conversation Going campaign planned for 2014 by MAB). The focus of the show will be the methods used by perpetrators to get children not to tell. It will teach them to share and who to share with.

Each child will receive a “Hero” pledge form and they will be asked to complete it. Here they pledge not to abuse, to help those who are abused and report abuse. A lucky draw will be done at each school and one child will win a fantastic prize. Each child who have completed the form, will receive a hero badge. Each child will also receive a Survivor Guide. This guide was developed by MAB and is designed specifically for children who do not have access to help. It teaches them to deal with emotions like anger, fear, etc and also helps them to write their own emergency plans. 50 000 of these books will be printed in Afrikaans, English and Xhosa - a sponsor for this has already been obtained. Officers of the law will accompany MAB and will be able to assist if a child wants to disclose.

Our aim is to reach 20 000 children in Gauteng and the Western Cape and 8000 more with the Xtreme for Kids Cycle Tour 2015 (Gauteng, OFS, ECape, Garden Route, Boland and Cape Town).

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CASE STUDY:
Elaine was raped by her mother’s boyfriend for more than a year. Her mother allowed it because he was the breadwinner. She eventually told her friend, who told a teacher, who reported the abuse. Both adults were prosecuted.

“Getting conversation going” (National)

GOAL:
To influence the general public to start talking about abuse in order to create an environment where children can talk freely and are listened to. This campaign include the Hero School project and various other media and community projects.

BACKGROUND:
“GETTING CONVERSATION GOING” is a result of a research project done with Matla A Bana and child abuse as focus by the 3rd year marketing students at University of Johannesburg. Their research showed that people have no idea of the real status of child rape in SA and how to respond to it. The general recommendation was to create a society that will speak about this issue - this will hopefully result in children speaking out and communities taking action.

PROJECTS:
1. GETTING CONVERSATION GOING - ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN (May 2014 - Ongoing)
   Billboard advertising and electronic advertising at Lanseria Airport. (Sponsored by Clearwater Mall and Lanseria)

2. GETTING CONVERSATION GOING - OPINION LEADERS (29 May 2014 - Child Protection Week)
   Hosting of a Conversation session during which 20 high profile leaders from various areas are invited. Marketing students will share their findings with them. The aim of this session is to ask these leaders to get the conversation going and for the media to cover this event.

3. DUCT TAPE DAY (29 May 2014 - Child Protection Week)
   500 students of UJ will get conversation going by lining the street in front of UJ with mouths taped closed and banners promoting “Getting conversation going” and “2talk.co.za”.

4. CLEARWATER MALL CAMPAIGN (30/31 May & 1 June 2014 - Child Protection Week)
   Breaking the wall of Silence. Mobilising communities to sign the Wall of Silence and share their stories by posting them in a special Conversation box. Junior beauty queens will participate by handing out green ribbons.

5. DUCT TAPE DAY - MEDIA (August - Women’s month)
   Celebrities will be joined by media on a flight between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Their mouths will be covered with tape but during the flight they will share the real purpose and get conversation going. This project will include extensive media coverage.

6. MAMANCANE PROJECT (November - 16 Days of No Violence against Women and children)
   “Aunties” will be mobilised to travel in taxis for a week in GT and WC during peak time. Their objective - to get conversation going in the taxi. They will tackle issues like children at risk in their communities, what can be done and why it is happening. Feedback will also be used for a UJ research project on child abuse.

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1. ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN R 42 000
2. OPINION LEADERS EVENT R 23 000
3. UJ DUCT TAPE DAY R 12 300
4. CLEARWATER MALL R 10150
5. DUCT TAPE MEDIA R 22 430
6. MAMANCANE R 22 500 per province
3 Victim Support

CASE STUDY:
SAPS OFFICER: “On Monday, I had a 9 year old victim in a sexual assault case. The girl was not in the mood to speak. I gave her a comfort pack. She opened the bag, had a good look into it as if she cannot believe was for her. She took out the body spray and sprayed it on her to get rid of the smell of the ‘man’ who hurt her. Then she told me what happened to her”.

Comfort pack project (Gauteng & Western Cape)

GOAL:
Prevent secondary abuse the child-victim suffer when reporting the crime.

BACKGROUND:
In most cases it can take up to 12 hours for a child victim of rape to be processed, from statement taking to the medical examination. During this time the child often does not eat, drink or has other support. MAB, together with the Adoptive groups, sponsors and in partnership with other NGO’s, has been supplying comfort packs on a national level.

These packs, handed out by the police detectives to the victims, has resulted in quick disclosures by the victims. This in return has resulted in fast arrests and much quicker medical help (including ARV’s) to victims.

In 2014, due to limited funding, MAB supplied packs according to the greatest need which is for the age groups mediums (8 - 12) and small girls (4 - 8) and could not supply in other ages or provinces apart from Gauteng and the Western Cape. 1000 Old Mutual Volunteers took part in packing sessions during Mandela Day.

For a full list of packs, ages and content please visit our website www.matlaabana.co.za.

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PER PROVINCE:
SMALL GIRLS (100 per month) R 18 600 (12 months) R 223 200
MEDIUM GIRLS (100 per month) 17 520 (12 months) R 210 240
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CASE STUDY:
An 11 year old girl who was gang raped has to give her statement in an office where there is no privacy and then has to identify the rapists face to face because of the lack of victim friendly ID facilities.

Child Friendly Reporting Facilities/Rooms

GOAL
To implement standardized victim friendly reporting facilities at SAPS Child Protection units, courts and hospitals in high child-abuse reporting areas. At high incidence units and courts where no accommodation is available, a child-friendly room will be implemented.

BACKGROUND
Currently there are very few reporting areas in South Africa which is geared towards the needs of the child-victim. Matla a Bana, has been upgrading rooms at hospitals and courts and also implementing dedicated wings at SAPS FCS Units to assist in this need.
Together with SAPS, Matla A Bana developed a blueprint for a reporting facility at police units. This facility includes a separate waiting area, child-friendly assessment room and a monitoring room with audio visual recording facility. The assessment room and the monitoring room are linked with a 2-way mirror. The assessment room offers the child a safe and child friendly environment to disclose and be assessed in. The monitoring room offers the detective and social worker the opportunity to monitor the child. This facility doubles up as an identification room, where the child can identify the perpetrator from within a secure environment. Where there is no accommodation for such a full facility a child friendly victim room is implemented.

Currently more than 20 000 children per year are assisted at facilities implemented by Matla A Bana.

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GAUTENG:
Container Unit Soweto R 150 240
Room GT Provincial Unit R 45 240

MPUMALANGA:
Container Unit Soweto R 163 440

WESTERN CAPE:
Container Unit Saldanha R 163 440

NORTHERN CAPE
Container Unit Port Nolloth R 163 440
Room Vredendal R 45 240
CASE STUDY:
I am 4. I live with my sister and brother who are 1 and 2 under plastic sheets in Bellville South. One day workers from a factory heard me crying. When they found me they also found that I was raped. I was actually so torn apart that I will have to wear a little urine bag for the rest of my life. My father is very violent. He threw boiling water over my 2 year old sister. Half her scalp is burnt, she does not speak or walk. They want me to tell them who did this, but I cannot talk. We now live with my grandmother a block away. I need therapy to help me to talk and tell.

Play Therapy project (Western Cape)

GOAL
To implement a pilot play therapy project where children who have to testify to one crime can be assisted to deal with previous crimes against them. The purpose is to ultimately assist the child to disclose so that the child can be ready to testify.

BACKGROUND
There is currently no such assistance for any victims at courts. Parow Court is currently having to deal with many children who are so traumatized that they cannot testify. They need extensive therapy and help. At R 500 plus a session many of these families cannot afford the therapy and if the children cannot testify, the offenders might go free. MAB has agreed to launch a pilot project here. Each child will need an approximately 10 one hour sessions to have a real affect.

After upgrading an office at Bellville Court and finding the suitable play therapist, the project has been fully operational since 1 January 2014. The therapist is currently seeing up to 13 children at a time in the afternoons. These children are referred by the court or the FCS units in the area. Our therapist spends a minimum of 6 sessions with a child. A travel allowance is given to the family and snacks are also supplied. The therapist is also responsible for 2 outreach projects per month into the communities where the children come from.

PROJECT PARTNERS 2013/14

Western Cape:
Funding secure until October 2014
Funding needed for 1 November 2014 - 30 October 2014 R 172 500
CASE STUDY:  
The severe rape of an eight year old girl is too much for an over-worked FCS officer. He is on the brink of burnout and is considering suicide, when a faith based adoptive group representative walks in at his unit for a debriefing session. He has been in therapy since then and today is a productive member of this team responsible for several successful arrests.  

Adoption Project (Gauteng & Western Cape)  

PROJECT GOALS:  
Developing and implementing support projects for officers of the law and victims that will minimise secondary abuse and be instrumental in securing higher conviction rates. Mobilizing community and faith based groups to take the responsibility of the emotional welfare of the child-victim and officers of the law. To create safe and private child-friendly assessment rooms and waiting areas, at SAPS units and courts. To equip the FCS units and courts with products and tools needed to effectively deal with the child-victim and successfully complete the investigation. To offer emotional debriefing to the officers dealing with these cases, in order to keep them sensitized to the needs of the child-victim.  

BACKGROUND:  
Although children are a number one priority, the main focus of the legal justice system in South Africa is to investigate a crime, arrest the perpetrator and secure a conviction. The mandate of the legal justice system does not allow for taking care of the social welfare of the victim. Due to the high incidence of the violent crimes in South Africa, specialized units dealing with the child abuse cases are understaffed with little resources and operate under extreme physiological stress and trauma, often resulting poor service delivery. Because of all these factors the child victim suffer severe secondary trauma resulting in extreme emotional scars and low conviction rates.  

SUCCESSES:  
Currently 16 SAPS FCS Units and courts have been adopted in Gauteng. More than a hundred volunteers are involved and 1300 children are directly affected by this project. There is however limited funding for this project in Gauteng and no funding to implement this project in the Western Cape.  

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CASE STUDY:
Supt Jan Legwabe (Randfontein FCS Unit) has been the recipient of this award twice. He has a high arrest rate and secured long term convictions within a short period, resulting in minimizing the secondary abuse of the child-victim and creating confidence in the police and the legal justice.

Incentive Awards (Gauteng & Western Cape)

GOAL
To keep the SAPS FCS detectives motivated to deliver outstanding service and reward successes in arrests, conviction rates and community involvement, by hosting biannual awards programs in the various provinces.

BACKGROUND
Investigating child abuse cases are more complex than normal cases due to factors like, age of the victim, circumstances of the crime, perpetrator being known to victim, intimidation, and to protect family members. Investigators often experience psychological stress and trauma because the horrific circumstances in child abuse cases. Because all of the above, most (or all) detectives suffer from burn-out and depression. This often results in the resignation of the officer, creating a scenario where valuable experience and expertise is lost. Due to a shortage of experienced officers and a backlog in training, these members are often replaced with police members with little or no experience, creating an environment for secondary abuse to take place. Previous award winners had outstanding success rates with investigations resulting in several life sentencing for rapists and murderers. Previous winners include the police officer who tracked and arrested the Sunday Rapist (who was responsible for the rape and murder of young girls), as well the prosecutor on this case.

This year Gauteng will host 2 awards ceremonies and the Western Cape one award ceremony.

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GAUTENG:
- Project cost: R 93 000
- Admin costs: R19 750
- Product and services sponsorship: R 73 250

WESTERN CAPE:
- Project cost: R 46 750
- Admin costs: R19 750
- Product and services sponsorship: R 27 000
CASE STUDY:
After reporting that she had been raped a 7-year-old is given a medical examination by 2 police constables to whom she reported the crime. This happened because they were not trained in the correct procedures of how to deal with a rape victim.

SAPS TRAINING PROGRAMMES (Gauteng & WC)

GOAL
Hosting various specialized training courses in order to give child victims who report crimes against them, the benefit of a sensitized, knowledgeable and balanced investigator and prosecutor, thereby minimizing the secondary abuse of the child-victim.

BACKGROUND
The main priority of the police officer and prosecutor is to solve the crime, arrest the perpetrator and secure a conviction. Police members and prosecutors receive training in this regard. They however do not receive any training in the life skills needed to deal with the child-victim and the trauma related to the investigation of such cases. Although this Soft skill training (stress management, conflict management, emotional intelligence), client service and the trauma and expectation of the victim is not available to the police and prosecutors The public however expect them to exhibit these skills when working with children and rape/abuse victims. MAB developed two training courses for SAPS.

Up to date Matla a Bana has trained more than 4000 police officers, mainly FCS detectives. This training has mainly been sponsored by partners like Reach Africa, who has agreed to sponsor the training fees for the Soft Skills training course this year.

SOFT SKILLS TRAINING COURSE (30 detectives)
3 soft skill modules.
Conflict management, Stress management, Emotional Intelligence.
Followed by an evaluation session.
This is a SETA accredited course.

SEXUAL ABUSE ADVANCED MANAGEMENT COURSE
(2 days & 20 police officers)
Focused on client service staff management, to equip these staff to deal with victims who report at police stations. A pilot training project has been used as theme for Masters project in 2010.

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**Western Cape**
- Soft Skills Course x 1 R 50 280
- Sexual Abuse Management Course x 1 R 80 580

**Gauteng**
- Soft Skills Course x 1 R 40 800
- Sexual Abuse Management Course x 1 R 68 040
CASE STUDY:
Eleven-year old, Thumi, has been sitting in the casualties ward at her local hospital for the last 7 hours, waiting for a doctor to do a medical examination after being raped by her step-father. None of the doctors on duty knows how to properly complete the medical evidence form. They are waiting to go off shift, so that one of the new doctors will have to do the examination.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS TRAINING (Gauteng & WC)

GOAL
The training of medical practitioners in a specialised course, Forensic Medical Examination and Expert Witnessing to promote a more effective role by medical practitioners in the holistic care of sexually abused children.

BACKGROUND
Sexual assaults account for up to 90% of cases on court rolls throughout South Africa and just under 30 000 cases of sexual assault were finalized in the courts during 2002 and 2003. In 44% of these cases the survivor of the sexual assault was a child below 16 years of age. Only 51% of these cases reached a verdict with 23% of cases ending with a conviction.

Reasons for this low conviction rate are multiple and include:
- Prolonged delays within the legal system resulting in poor testimony by witnesses.
- Poor medical examination, evidence collection and reports.
- Poor police investigations.
- Poor prosecutions.

It is evident in the number of cases thrown out of court due to incorrect or bad medical examinations, that many medical practitioners are not equipped to correctly perform a forensic medical examination on a child abuse victim.

The main reasons for this are:
- Very little training in procedures and dealing with a child abuse victim during training
- Very seldom being exposed to dealing with a case of child abuse
- No or very little practical training in the field of child abuse.

SUCCESSES:
More than 200 doctors have been trained in the Western Cape and Gauteng in this training course. One of these has gone on to complete further courses and is now qualified as a training expert. The course will count for CPD points.

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Western Cape
One training course (30 doctors ) R 73 080

Gauteng
One training course (30 doctors ) R 61 680
UNIQUE PROJECTS

GOAL
Securing more up to date information on child abuse and rape in South Africa

BACKGROUND
Currently Matla A Bana still uses the statistics supplied in a report by Solidarity done in 2009. According to this a child is raped every 3 minutes. The average age of the girls are 8 to 12. Our partners however feel that more children are being raped and that the average age is rather 4 to 8 years. Boy rapes have also escalated. Another alarming problem is the prevalence of child pornography on the internet and production of material for these websites. Matla A Bana assisted SAPS FCS with the investigation into Project Spade, an international paedophile ring. Seven South African men were arrested.

ACTIVITIES
UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG RESEARCH PROJECT:
Matla A Bana will assist in a research project to be undertaken by Dr Corne Davis of University of Johannesburg. This research will also include the implementation of a White Box for a month at a internet service provider in order to track the viewing of child sexual abuse images and websites. Matla A Bana has secured sponsorship of this service for a month and this will hopefully give a good indication of what the real status is.

CENTRE OF DISEASE CONTROL:
Matla A Bana has been approached by a PhD student based at CDC in Atlanta to assist with a research project on Child Abuse in Africa.

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Project Costs will be covers under the Administration and 2talk Help service Budget. Please refer to the detailed project budgets.
Donate funding
We need to pay our staff, phone bill, fuel, other admin costs and project service providers and for that we need funding.

Please note that your donation is tax deductible (Form 18A) and you will be issued with a BEE Certificate for your BEE Scorecard.

Donate products or a service
We need the following products:
- Paint sponsorship
- Audio Visual sponsorship
- Sponsorship for containers
- Venue and catering sponsors for training

Reporting Crimes Against Children
If you know of a crime committed against a child, you must report this. Please contact your closest police station or phone 10111.

Or contact the MAB Office closest to you (Gauteng & Western Cape). Although we are not a reporting facility, we will try our best to assist.

Adopt a FCS Unit or Court
Get your church or congregation to adopt a FCS Unit or court in your area.
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PROJECT BUDGETS
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