Mobilizing a Christian response to address the high incidence of child abuse/rape on a national level by implementing appropriate reporting, support, intervention and community driven programs.
Sexual abuse and rape

- 50% of South Africa’s children will be sexually abused before they are 18.1
- About 85% of them by perpetrators known to them.
- The rape graph rises sharply from 3 to 25 year old girls and peaks at girls age 8 to 11 years.
- Rape is one of the most under-reported crimes in our society because of lack of support for rape survivors and a reporting process fraught with problems.

Why so much rape and abuse?

- South Africa’s legal definition of rape in no way condemns all forms of rape, and we have some of the lowest conviction rates for rapists in the world. (Sexual Abuse of Young Children in southern Africa - HSRC Press)
- Social deprivation, included, for example, financial insecurity, poverty, poor housing conditions, unemployment, alcohol abuse and poor childcare conditions have all been associated with increased risk of child abuse. (Sexual Abuse of Young Children in southern Africa - HSRC Press)
- South African society has a ‘rape culture’ in which violence against women and children have become tacitly accepted. (Sexual Abuse of Young Children in southern Africa - HSRC Press)

HIV/AIDS and rape

- The belief is that the increase in gang and child rape is due to the continued belief in the myth that sleeping with a virgin cures HIV/Aids. The belief that sex with a virgin (who will usually be a young girl) can cure HIV/AIDS appears to be widely believed in Southern Africa (Kim 2000; Leclerc-Madlala, 1997) with one in four young South Africans not knowing that this is a myth (LoveLife, 2000). The choice of younger victims is, perhaps, also a pragmatic one; rapists may be targeting younger girls in the belief that being less sexually active, they are also less likely to be HIV-positive.
- Rape may directly increase women and girls’ risk of contracting HIV. Typically, rape does not occur in circumstances where a condom will be used. The violent nature of rape creates a higher risk of genital injury and bleeding (increasing the risk of HIV transmission), while in cases of gang rape, exposure to multiple assailants will also contribute to the risk of transmission.
- An added dynamic to this is the contraction of HIV/Aids as a direct result of rape. A recent South African study found that 40% of rape survivors became HIV positive without preventative anti-retroviral treatment (PEP - post exposure prophylaxis), of which 7,000 will be children under the age of 12.
- Recent South African statistics show that there are at least 1700 HIV contractions daily. The most affected age group is the 16 - 25 year olds. This age group is also alleged to perpetrate more rapes in any one year. (Statistics supplied by GRIP)
- The risk of HIV transmission during sex for girl children is thought to be higher than that for adults. The small size of the vagina and immature nature of the mucosa increases the likelihood of tearing. (Sexual Abuse of Young Children in southern Africa - HSRC Press)

“When a community allows children to be traumatized it is essentially compromising its future, because traumatized children are less able to contribute to social survival” - Susan Greener (Celebrating Children)
GOAL
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MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL REPORTING
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. At the end of 2002 Monique Strydom was asked to chair a task team that investigated child rape in South Africa. A need for an organization which could address all the grey areas in the child protection system in South Africa arose and the Strydom Trust undertook to address this need.

The Callie and Monique/Matla a Bana Charity Trust was founded and registered as a Non Profit Organisation (036-349-NPO), with section 18A benefit. 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), Prof Lize Booysen (UNISA Business School), Mrs Annora Mostert (Business Entrepreneur), Mrs Esme Ehlers (HR Consultant), Pastor Ndaba Mazanbane (Rosebank Union Church), Mrs Alice Pitzer (Business Entrepreneur). 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 and employs four full time staff members and approximately 100 volunteers through faith based groups. The full time staff is individuals offering vast experience, administration, fundraising and marketing. All the staff has attended training courses in various fields.

AGM & TRUSTEE MEETINGS
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. The Financial Report is issued to the guests. Board of Trustee meetings hosted quarterly, unless otherwise needed.
APPOINTMENTS & REPORTING
- 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 four 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. Monthly updates on project implementation and financial reports.
- Administrative Assistant reports to the various managers.
- 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.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS
- Matla A Bana has either membership or support from the following:
  - South African Police Services (National and Provincial)
  - National Prosecuting Authority (National Office)
  - West Rand Action for Children Program (Committee member)
  - University of North West Province (Training partner)
  - Universities of Stellenbosch, Cape Town, Wits and Greys Hospital (Training partners)
  - Regional NGO’s - Teddy Bear Clinic, Childline, Friends of the Child Protection Unit, Rapcan, Bethany House (Project partners)
  - Connect Network & VIVA International (Network partners)
  - Political Leaders - Pres. Nelson Mandela, Mrs Patricia De Lile, Prince Buthelezi, Dept Minister Sue Van Der Merwe

BANK DETAILS
- Account name : Callie and Monique Trust/Matla A Bana
- Account number : 405 850 5741
- Bank : Absa
- Branch code : 632005
CODE OF ETHICS

To ensure that donors and sponsors have full confidence in Matla A Bana and the causes we support we wish to declare the following:

• That MAB will operate with honesty, respect, integrity, empathy, transparency and accountability.
• Our organization has an active board of trustees made up of people of integrity who support the vision and values of the organization and offer practical support, good advice and appropriate legal guidance.
• Our leaders are honest; willing to serve the staff; committed to personal integrity and so, able to build vision and give direction.
• That every team member, has a clear role to play, is sufficiently equipped and provided for so that they can succeed, and their success is recognized.
• That MAB has a responsibility towards our donors, stakeholders and partners and will develop long-term relationships with effective communication.
• That MAB will comply with national laws with regards to registration and operation.
• That MAB operates with open and accountable financial management and will use the funds we receive wisely and responsibly.
• That MAB acknowledges and approves of the Donor Bill of Rights and will act in accordance to this.
• MAB will design activities and projects that make measurable and appropriate difference to the real needs of the children and communities which we serve.
• That children are protected and defended from any harms arising through our projects, or in the surrounding environment.
• That MAB has developed an internal Child Protection Policy.
BACKGROUND

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OUR PROJECTS AND SUCCESS STORIES

a. National Adoption Project (Community Mobilisation)
To develop a sustainable, community support project by mobilizing faith base groups to assist the FCS detectives and SOCA officials in dealing with child victims. This will include support for the officials and children by implementing various projects unique to the needs of the individual groups.

Update:
Currently an estimated 100 volunteers and fifteen churches are taking part in this project.

b. MAB Child-Friendly Reporting facilities Project (Victim Support)
The implementation of MAB Child-Friendly Reporting Facilities at SAPS stations where FCS members are stationed (Gauteng) and FCS units (Western Cape). Such facilities will create a safe and comfortable, but also effective environment for the child to disclose. Facilities are developed on a blue print developed by MAB with the assistance of SAPS and includes state-of-the-art audiovisual recording facilities and two-way mirror facilities.
Update: MAB has implemented 6 such facilities, with the latest in Nyanga (WC), Pretoria Central & Vereeniging (Gauteng). Daveyton is next in line and should be completed by mid 2010. In the Western Cape we are planning to have Cape Town Central FCS Unit for the World Cup.

c. Comfort Pack project (Victim Support)
To supply the FCS units and detectives, SOCA courts and rape clinics with comfort packs for small and medium girls. These packs contain goods that will assist the child during the crisis time of reporting the crime (including the disclosure and medical examination).
Update: During 2009 MAB supplied more than 5000 packs to units and courts.

d. MAB Incentive Awards Project (Development)
Bi-annual awards are hosted in the Western Cape and Gauteng to award top performing FCS members for service beyond duty. Since the launch of these awards in 2005, the Gauteng SAPS management has seen a definite improvement in service delivery. Winners of these awards include the constable responsible for the investigation of the Oprah Winfrey School (Gauteng) and the detectives responsible for the capture of SA worst Serial rapist (W Cape).
Update: During 2009 two awards ceremonies were hosted in Gauteng and two in the Western Cape.

e. SAPS Specialised Training (Training)
The hosting of specialised training courses for SAPS members to equip them to effectively deal with child and rape victims, as well as sharing important knowledge by the mentorship of younger detectives. SAPS training focused on investigation, arrest and conviction and not the general welfare of the victim.
Update: During 2009 more than 150 detectives received training in Mentorship, Strength Based Leadership, Conflict management, Stress management, Client service and dealing with rape and abuse victims.

f. Medical Practitioners Training (Training)
The training of medical practitioners in the correct medical forensic examination of a rape and sexually assaulted victims, as well as expert witnessing in court.
Update: More than 40 doctors and forensic social workers were trained in the Western Cape during two different training courses.

g. Unique Projects (Awareness & prevention)
Hosting of unique projects during Child Protection Week and 16 of Activism of No Violence against women and children. This include media and radio campaigns to make the public aware of child abuse.
Update: MAB WC hosted a provincial campaign during Child Protection Week by mobilising schools and churches to become involved. Various radio programmes were recorded during the year. MAB has taken part in various other projects from liaising between the police and communities to presenting talks etc.

These projects were made possible by the sponsorship of many companies and individuals, of whom the main sponsors are:

Vodacom Foundation
Reach Africa
Rotary Claremont
Highveld 94.7 Nando’s Peri Peri Cruise
Cape Talk Nando’s Peri Peri Cruise
Murray & Roberts
Nando’s
Shellard Media
PKF Financial Solutions
Cape Garden Centre
We would like to thank all our sponsors for your continued assistance.
A FCS Officer has to remove a 7 year old girl from her home. It is 12 at night. None of the short term places of safety have space, he ends up taking her home.

GOALS
To minimize the secondary abuse of children when they report crimes against them, Matla Bana would like to implement:

- Support projects for victims.
- Support projects for officers investigating crimes against children.

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 above factors the child victim suffer severe secondary trauma resulting in extreme emotional scars and low conviction rates.

OUTPUT
- To develop community support projects by mobilizing faith base groups to take the responsibility of the emotional welfare of the child-victim and officials.
- To create safe and private child-friendly assessment rooms and waiting areas, at police stations and courts.
- To assist in providing short term places of safety for child-victims.
- To equip the FSC 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.
  - To minimize the secondary abuse of at least 5000 children in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

ACTIVITIES
- To secure working agreements with the provincial offices of The South African Police Service and the National Prosecuting Authority.
- To identify areas of high reporting of child abuse and secure working agreements with the police and courts in these areas.
- To identify faith based groups, in these areas and facilitate and manage relationships between them and legal justice system.
- To supply targeted units and court with comfort packs for distribution to child-victims.
- To convert offices, waiting rooms and assessment rooms into child-friendly environments, by painting, decorating and supplying children’s furniture and toys.
- To host debriefing sessions and team building event for officers of the law.
- To host special events for the child abuse victims.
- To negotiate with volunteers and faith based groups to assist with short term places of safety.
**TARGETS: 2010**

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<td>Adoption of units and courts by faith based groups.</td>
<td>12 adoptions (Gauteng) 4 adoptions (WCape)</td>
<td>Number of faith based groups approached.</td>
<td>Faith based groups in South Africa cannot meet the social welfare demand.</td>
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<td>Manage existing adoptions</td>
<td>Securing the continuation of existing adoptions by management and facilitation.</td>
<td>Number of adoptions secured.</td>
<td>Many faith based groups have own projects.</td>
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<td>Quarterly reports by faith based groups, legal justice system units and MAB.</td>
<td>Racism within faith based groups in rural areas.</td>
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<td>Events:</td>
<td>1 event (Gauteng) 1 event (WCape)</td>
<td>Report back from legal justice system. MAB quarterly reports.</td>
<td>The result of above is low success rate in securing the participation of faith base groups.</td>
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<td>Team building - FCS Members &amp; court officials.</td>
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<td>Christmas events for child abuse victims</td>
<td>Mobilise adoption groups to host this.</td>
<td>Report back from legal justice system. MAB quarterly reports.</td>
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*Vodacom donates comfort packs & Christmas party hosted for 40 abuse victims (ages 4 - 12) at Cape Garden Centre - Cape Town*
An 11 year old girl who was gang raped had to identify the rapists face to face because of the lack of victim friendly ID facilities.

GOAL
To implement standardized reporting facilities at police stations in high child-abuse reporting areas or were FCS units are situated. (With priority to stations where FCS skills are available.) These facilities will be implemented in police stations where space is available or in mobile homes were there is no accommodation at the police station. A mobile unit to be used for task team cases is urgently needed.

BACKGROUND
Currently there are very few police stations and FCS units in South Africa with private and safe child friendly reporting areas. Matla a Bana has developed blue prints for a reporting facility at police stations that is aimed at the social welfare of the victim. This facility will include a separate waiting area, child friendly assessment room, (bed, children’s toys, TV) and a monitoring room with audio visual recording facility, the assessment room and the monitoring room is linked with a 2 way mirror facility. The assessment room offers the child save child friendly environment to disclose and be assessed. The monitoring room offers the detective and social worker the ability to monitor the child. This facility doubles up as an identification room, where the child can identify the perpetrator from within a secure environment.

OUTPUT
To effectively minimize secondary abuse of 4000+ children per year (5 facilities per year) by implementing child-friendly reporting facilities.

ACTIVITIES
- Securing approval from SAPS provincial offices and station commissioners for the implementation of these facilities,
- Securing approval from Department of Works for the implementation.
- Securing funding or sponsorships for these projects.
- Appointing of project manager/s and contractors.
- Converting existing offices or implementing mobile homes according to the blue print.
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<td>Matla a Bana child friendly reporting facilities (Utilizing accommodation at police stations.)</td>
<td><strong>Gauteng (4 per year):</strong> Daveyton (already identified) Three accounting SAPS stations (to be identified by SAPS) <strong>Western Cape (4 per year):</strong> Cape Town Central (already identified) Three accounting SAPS stations (to be identified by SAPS)</td>
<td>Report back from legal justice system. MAB quarterly reports. Feedback from victims.</td>
<td>Government red tape can influence the outcome. As well as proposed restructuring with police which could also affect funding/sponsorships. Sponsorship/funding needs to be secured for this.</td>
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**Facilities opened in Gauteng and the Western Cape**
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.

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 experience 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 sentencings for rapists and murderers.

OUTPUT
To offer thousands of child-victims the opportunity to excellent and goal orientated service delivery by motivating the SAPS members to serve the child-victims to the best of their ability, with the knowledge that their efforts are being noticed and appreciated. A secondary goal is to motivate station commissioners to prioritize the needs of the FCS Units and the child-victim.

ACTIVITIES
• To secure the approval of the various Provincial offices,
• To secure access to the SAPS Performance Enhancement Program and to utilize this to determine best performers.
• To secure working relationships with the Provincial co-ordinators to ensure fair representation and a fair process.
• To marketing and motivate the project with the FCS commanders and members to ensure participation.
  • To secure funding for hosting the awards in the provinces. To host the awards biannually in the various provinces.
  • Secure media participation to ensure coverage of the project
  • Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
    Best FCS commander
    Best FCS performer: 1st, 2nd and 3rd
    Best FCS Unit
    Best Station commissioner (Gauteng)
    Outstanding achievement. (e.g. arrest of a serial rapist)
    Service excellence -SAPS Management and other role players
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<td>MAB Incentive Awards : Gauteng Western Cape</td>
<td>2 Events per year (Gauteng) 2 Events per year (WCape)</td>
<td>Statistics obtained from Performance Enhancement Program indicating arrests and conviction rates. Feedback from SAPS Provincial Management.</td>
<td>Changes in SAPS structures (e.g. decentralization). Securing of funding for project.</td>
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After reporting that she had been raped a 7-year old was given by 2 police constables to whom she reported the crime. This happened because they were not trained in the correct procedures or qualified to do a medical examination.

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, thereby minimizing the secondary abuse of the child-victim.

BACKGROUND
• The main priority of the police officer is to solve the crime, arrest the perpetrator and secure a conviction. Police members 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) is not available to police members, the public expect them to portray and rely on these skills when dealing with the child-victim and the family.
• Awareness campaigns promoting disclosure have resulted in an increase of children reporting crimes to the police. In many of the cases, especially in rural areas, there are no specialized FCS skills (detectives available), resulting in normal client centre staff (previously charge office staff) having to deal with the disclosure – the staff however is not trained to do deal with child disclosures and the nature of the crime and this often results in the secondary abuse of the child-victim.
• With the significant increase with the reporting of child abuse cases, combined with the high levels of other crime in SA the SAPS are experiencing a backlog in training of FCS members and can currently not deal with the demand of specialization.
• Together with the Teddy Bear Clinic in Gauteng, MAB has participated in hosting a Basic Child Protection Protocol Training in the Western Cape, training NGO’s and student constables based at FCS units in the basic principles of child protection (e.g. Crime scene investigation, new Children’s acts, medical examinations, removals etc.)

OUTPUT
To minimize the secondary trauma a child will suffer when disclosing to an untrained and insensitive officer of the law, MAB has identified or developed various specialized training programs, with the hope that this training will not only impact on thousands of children reporting crimes, but also other vulnerable victims, like women and the elderly.

ACTIVITIES
• Research of the most urgent need for training and develop or identify training programs (Done).
• Secure the support of the national and provincial offices of the SAPS in order to ensure participation (Done - Gauteng, Western Cape, and North-West Province).
• Secure sponsorship for the various training courses.
• To coordinate and facilitate training courses.
• Feedback on successes of courses.
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<td><strong>SOFT SKILLS TRAINING COURSE</strong></td>
<td>2 Courses in Gauteng</td>
<td>Evaluation by private training company.</td>
<td>Funding needed for training courses.</td>
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<td>Soft skills training for the FCS members, consisting of 4 soft skill modules. (Mentorship orientation, Project management, Conflict management, Stress and Conflict management and Emotional intelligence). Followed by an evaluation session. This is an accredited course.</td>
<td>2 Courses in Western Cape</td>
<td>Feedback from Commanding Officers.</td>
<td>Officers might be transferred to other units or resign and not complete course.</td>
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<td>Arrests and Conviction rates of trained officers.</td>
<td>Sponsorship of training by training company and continuation of sponsorship.</td>
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<td>A need for additional training might arise from this.</td>
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<td><strong>DEBRIEFING AND STRESS MANAGEMENT</strong></td>
<td>2 Courses to be hosted in the Western Cape</td>
<td>Evaluation by private training company.</td>
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<td>Three day course, including stress management, dealing with fear, EI, conflict management. Accredited course. Requested by WC Provincial Office</td>
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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.

**GOALS**

To develop effective education and reporting systems within the medical field by developing projects that will promote a more effective role by medical practitioners in the holistic care of sexually abused children.

**BACKGROUND**

- Childhood sexual abuse is common with 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys being sexually abused before the age of 16 years.
- 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.

**OUTPUT**

The prevention secondary abuse of children during the process of the medical examination by implementing the following projects:


**ACTIVITIES**

- Hosting of the Forensic Medical Evidence and Expert Witnessing Training program for doctors.
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<td>FORENSIC MEDICAL EVIDENCE &amp; EXPERT WITNESSING TRAINING COURSE</td>
<td>1 Training Course (Gauteng)</td>
<td>Feedback from hospital administrators.</td>
<td>This project can only be implemented once funding is secured.</td>
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<td>1 Training Course (WC)</td>
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<td>Will be very difficult to meet impact, however the outcome will be great.</td>
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“I considered church people easy to fool... they seem to want to believe in the good that exists in all people... And because of that, you can easily convince with or without convincing words.” [www.netgrace.org](http://www.netgrace.org) - Imprisoned Pedophile

**GOALS**
Lobbying for the rights of children and developing community driven projects with Child Protection as the main focus.

**BACKGROUND**
It is common knowledge that in between 80 - 90% of all child abuse cases reported, the perpetrator is known to the child. During the recent VIVA Cutting Edge Conference in Chicago it was noted that a large percentage of abuse takes place at faith-based organizations and schools (supposed “safe” environments) and many of these cases are never reported. It is crucial that the public and organizations are being made aware of the need for Child Protection Policies, as well as the rights of the Child.

**OUTPUT**
To prevent the abuse of children by educating children, parents, public and equipping organizations to be aware of abuse and to stop effectively stop abuse when it happens.

**ACTIVITIES**
- Approaches the faiths based groups already working with MAB and persuade them to participate in the QSI Program (Quality Service Improvement) and to formulate Child Protection Protocols.
- Secure funding for donors for this project.
- Mobilizing community groups, media and faith-based groups to participate in awareness and support projects lobbying for the rights of children.
### Unique Projects hosted in Gauteng and Western Cape

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