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## A child is raped in South Africa 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.

**Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation (Nelson Mandela)**



# stop

# matla a bana - a voice against abuse

helping 20 000+ abused children every year

Matla A Bana was founded in 2002 by ex-hostage, Monique Strydom, after the rapes of babies Leratho and Tsepang. It is the only NGO in field who has working agreements with the South African Police Services and the National Prosecuting Authority.

## ADMINISTRATION:

It is registered as a with the Master of the Supreme Court Non Profit Organisation (NPO 036-349NPO) with section 18A benefit and with SARS as a public benefit organisation (0076/12/06). It can also issue BEE Certification. The bank account is managed by Absa Trust Limited (Absa/Barclays Bank). Financial reporting is done on a yearly basis and financial statements are audited by Massyns and Partners.

## TRUSTEES:

MAB has a board of seven trustees, Monique Strydom (CEO), Mr Teunis Bennemeer (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 al Chairman of the International Bible Society (IBS) of South Africa) and Mrs Alice Pitzer (Business Entrepreneur and Business Award winner - Alice Art Galleries).

## OPERATIONS

MAB has no full time staff members and appoints contractors per project based on funding secured. MAB operates mainly in Gauteng (managed by Lizel Van Eeden) and the Western Cape (manage by Monique Strydom), but also hosts projects in other provinces (as funding permits).



Awards:



Project Managers



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AWARDS:

Johannesburg Press Club Newsmaker of the Year (2000)  
Fair Lady White Ribbon Award (2004)  
American Biographical Society - One of the Greatest Women of the Century (2008)  
Rotary International Paul Harris Award (2011)  
Lions Hero of the Year Award (2012)  
Johnny Walker Sunday Times Nations Greatest Hero Finalist (2012)



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AWARDS:

Gauteng MEC Dept Of Social Development Givers Award (2015)

# Direct impact projects 2014

(Excluding projects with indirect impact)

## 1. prevention (skills development)

### "Awe" School Project

8000 Children (Gauteng, OFS, NCape, ECape & WCape)

## 2. awareness (skills development)

### Mamncane Project:

2000 People (Cape Town & Pretoria)

## 3. reporting

### VICTIM SUPPORT:

Comfort Packs Project (2000)  
Child Friendly Facilities (20 000)

## 4. training (skills development)

Soft Skills (20 SAPS Detectives)  
Serial Rape Investigations (30 SAPS Detectives)  
Trauma Management (40 SAPS Detectives)  
Basic Child Protection Protocol (25 Community members)

## MAIN PROJECT SPONSORS : 2015



Rays of Hope  
Suzy Products

## PARTNERSHIPS

**Regional NGO's :** Teddy Bear Clinic, Friends of the Child Protection Unit, Bethany House, Women and Men Against Child Abuse, Big Shoes, Embark Foundation, Rays of Hope,

Jelly Beanz

**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, Shofar Church.

**Media :** Primedia Radio Tygerberg, Media 24, Caxton, IOL, ServamusMember of : Connect Network (VIVA International)

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## Projects 2015/16

### 1. awareness (education)

- “Getting conversation going”
- 2talk Website and Help Service
  - “Mamncane” Taxi Project

### 2. prevention (skills development)

- “Awe” School Project
- “Child Watch” Protection Protocol
  - Mamncane Healer Project

### 3. reporting (victim support)

- Comfort Packs
  - Child Friendly Facilities
- Adoption Project (Community Mobilisation)
- Incentive Awards (Community Mobilisation)

### 4. training (skills development)

- Training for Officers of the law
- Medical Practitioners Training

## GOALS

### Primary:

To minimise the secondary abuse children suffer when they report abuse against them. This abuse happens due to an unsympathetic reporting system.

### Secondary:

#### “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.

We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in any society, a life free from violence & fear... nelson mandela

# 1. awareness projects (education)



## PROJECT MOTIVATION:

During 2013, final year marketing students at the University of Johannesburg undertook a research project for Matla A Bana. The aim was to establish why children do not report child abuse.

It was established that:

- Children did not report abuse against them because society does not speak about abuse. It is still a very taboo subject and the victim is the one who is shamed.
- That people did not trust the reporting system.
- People do not know when, where and how to report.
- It also showed that there is no reliable research on numbers and prevalence in South Africa.

All the groups who participated agreed that communities should be mobilised and taught to speak out and that this will empower abused children to speak out as well.

The **GETTING CONVERSATION GOING** project was launched as a direct result of this project and various campaigns and activations, which were adopted by Matla A Bana and some of these have already been implemented. These include:

1. Development of a script for a TV campaign (2014)
2. Print advertising campaign (2014)
3. Duct Tape campaign at various public events (2014)
4. Breaking the Wall of Silence (2014 - Launched at the International Crimestoppers Conference with several high ranking international dignitaries signing the wall).
5. Mamncane Taxi Project (2014)
6. Www.2talk.co.za Website and help service
7. Voices of Hope CD (2015) In partnership with Vodacom Foundation
8. International Children's Rights Conference UNISA Partnership (2015)



UNISA | college of law





## 1. awareness (education)



### 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.

### PROJECTS:

#### 1. GETTING CONVERSATION GOING - ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Production and screening of a national TV, radio and print campaign to convey the message.

#### NEEDS:

Production and screening of TV ad.

Publication of printing ads already developed.

#### 2. GETTING CONVERSATION GOING ACTIVATIONS & AWARENESS PROJECTS (6 activations per province)

Activations, including exhibitions, unique events and partnerships with SAPS and Crimeline during high peak times (Child Protection Week) to create awareness.

#### NEEDS:

Printing of display units and flyers for activations for 2 provinces

Sponsorship of activations

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS AT PUBLIC EVENTS (10 presentations per province)

Talks and presentations at companies, schools, universities to educate the public on what child abuse is, how to report it, where to report it.

#### NEEDS :

Sponsorship of salaries for presenters.





## 1. awareness (education)

### Website and help service

#### GOAL:

To educate the general public on child abuse in order to secure more reporting and arrests. To assist with reporting of cases and other enquiries.

#### 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.

#### PROJECT:

To implement a **RESOURCE WEBSITE** in order to assist the general public in understanding abuse and how to correctly report abuse. The website will include important information like the different types of abuse, signs and symptoms, legal implications and contact numbers for the relevant agencies. A test site was implemented in 2014 and has an average of 42 new visitors per month. More than 5 minutes (average) is spent on the "Be Informed Page".



A **HELP SERVICE** is also be available for members of the public who have challenges in reporting the crimes. Currently the MAB GT and WC office assist with cases nationally.

**ESTIMATED COST : R 326 880 (All Getting Conversation Going Projects)**

## 1. awareness (education)

### ”Mamncane” Taxi Project



#### **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.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

A project activation proposed by the University of Johannesburg Marketing Students, who suggested using influential members of society to get the conversation going. The Mamncane (auntie) is someone who all respects and listens too.

In October 2014 six ladies (Mamncanes) from various high risk areas in Cape Town and Pretoria were identified. They were trained in basic child protection protocols and were honoured as brand ambassadors. They were also linked to the SAPS units working in their areas. During the 16 Days of No Violence against Women and Children these women travelled on local taxis during peak times and their goal was to start conversation about child abuse and how to report it. They also had to report back on why people are not reporting. An estimated 3000 commuters were reached with this project.

Two of the ladies have now become volunteers at the local SAPS units and one is serving on the Khayelitsha SAPS committee for Women And Children.

#### **PLANNING 2015 (first week in Dec during 16 Days Campaign):**

Pretoria : 3 Mamncanes

Johannesburg : 3 Mamncanes

Cape Town & Region : 6 Mamncanes

#### **ESTIMATED COST :**

**R 48192 (Pretoria & Cape Town)**



## 2. prevention projects (skills development)



### **PROJECT MOTIVATION:**

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. Few of them are also aware of their rights and take the abuse as a normal part of life.

As more than 80% of abuse against children is perpetrated by someone the child knows, often someone in the immediate household, the child will very seldom disclose at home. Often the other members of the family are aware of the abuse and it is not reported. In cases where the abuser is also the major breadwinner, this is often the case.

### **SCHOOLS AND REPORTING:**

Many child abuse cases are therefore reported to friend at school or to teachers. The school therefore plays a vital part in assisting children to report, but also at the same time to educate children on their rights.

### **SCHOOLS AT RISK:**

Schools however are one of the places where children are at their most vulnerable. More and more cases of child abuse in crèches and playschools are beginning to surface. This is due to the fact that perpetrators will seek out an environment where there is a trust relationship and people perceive their children will be safe. Once parents discover that their was abuse, they often do not report the abuse, but rather just remove the child from the school. Resulting in the abuse continuing for long periods of time. (Referring to a case we assisted in a case where a three year old was raped at a crèche in Kraaifontein. The parents only reported the crime 3 years later. The crèche has now been closed, but the list of victims is very long).

In one play school children were used to produce child pornography. In primary and secondary schools free access to the world wide web has not only resulted in kids watching pornography, but it is also used as a vehicle of bullying (cyber bullying) is becoming a huge challenge in schools.

### **THE CHALLENGE:**

Currently the Department of Education in both Gauteng and Western Cape have Child Protection Guidelines with regards to sexual abuse, but very few of the teachers understand it and are even aware of the protocols. Schools are not at all empowered to address issues like pornography, let alone sexual abuse. (Referring to various requests from schools, both in Gauteng and the Western Cape requesting help on this issue).



## 2. prevention (skills development)

# "Awe" School Project

### GOAL:

To educate children on child protection and reporting and empower them do report abuse against them.

### PROJECT:

For the last 3 years, Matla a Bana has used the Xtreme for Kids Cycle Tour as a vehicle to gain access to schools and educate children in various aspects of child protection - including the dangers of keeping quiet, how perpetrators operate, rights and responsibilities. More than 8000 children is reached every year with this project in Gauteng, OFS, ECape, NCape and Western Cape.

During 2015 this project was extended by adding more visits to schools in Gauteng and the Western Cape and in this year 10 000 children were reached with this project.

### "AWE " SCHOOL PLAY

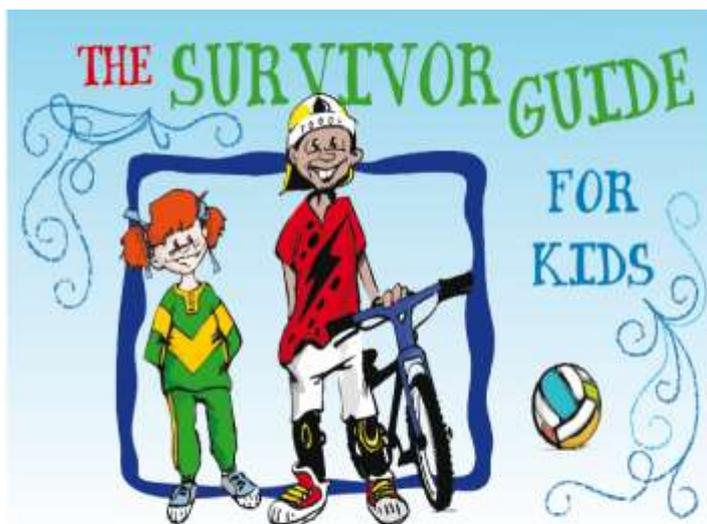
A one man play during which children are taught what tricks perpetrators use to trap them and how important it is to break the silence. Each child received a Survival Guide and an AWE badge. The Survival Guide was specifically developed to help children who do not always have access to help and therapy, which is often the case in rural areas. The guide teaches them how to deal with emotions like anger and fear and how to be street smart.

### PLANNING 2015/16:

- 10 Schools in Gauteng (5000 children)
- 10 Schools in Cape Town and region (5000 children)
- 7 Schools nationally (5000 children)

### ESTIMATED COST :

**R 210 240 (National)**





## 2. prevention (skills development)

# ”Child Watch” (Child Protection Protocol )

### GOAL

To assist schools and other organisations working with children, to write and implement own unique Child Protection Protocol, to train selected teachers and staff in all aspects of child abuse and protection, the response to it and to implement reporting facilities at participating schools. These school will also benefit from other school projects like the AWE project and partnership projects between MAB, SAPS and the NPA.

### PROJECT:

#### Development (Currently underway)

- Developing of a Child Watch Protection Protocol unique to the South Africa environment and needs. This will not only focus on sexual abuse, but also all areas where children might be at risk at the school. Developing a training course for the implementation of the protocol in schools and compiling a handbook for protocol to be used by the schools.



### Per School:

- Workshop session with nominated staff members to train on child safety risks, identifying own risks at each school and writing the Child Watch Protocol. Second workshop session to analyse, revise and finalise the protocol once it is completed by school.
- Training of teachers tasked with implementing this protocol and the reporting process.
- Assisting and implementing reporting facilities at each school.

### GOAL 2015

Development of the Child Watch Protocol

### GOAL 2015/16 :

Implementation:

Cape Town (10 Schools)

Gauteng (10 Schools)

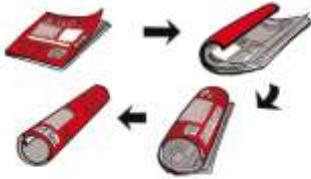
### NEEDS:

R 4000 per school (Includes 1 day training course, 1/2 protocol submission, training guides)

## SURVIVAL TIP 5

If you are very angry – then you can also **YELL AS LOUD AS YOU CAN!** This will also help you get rid of the anger!

Why not make a **YELLING TUBE?**



1. Roll up a magazine or newspaper.
2. Put your mouth over the one end and your hand over the other end.
3. Take a deep breath and then yell as loudly as you can!

## 2. prevention (skills development

# Mamncane Healer Project

### GOAL:

To implement a community based counselling program where members of the community can assist children with basic trauma counselling, educate parents on parenting skills, actively participate in community (talks, serving on committees) and do information talks.

### BACKGROUND:

There is very little trauma support for abused children in local communities. The cost of a trauma counselling session can be up to R 500 per hour and most of the victims and families cannot afford this. A laymen's healer course was developed by Rapcan a few years ago. The course is aimed at training appropriate members of communities to assist with basic trauma counselling for both the child victim and the parents.

### THE PROJECT:

1. Training the 6 Mamncane volunteers in this healer course
2. Equip them with the necessary training material , flyers and banners
3. Provide supervision by a social worker
4. Pay them to host the course for selected children and parents (guided by SAPS in their areas) in this course (food parcels will also be provided to these families)
5. Pay them to serve a certain amount of hours in community driven projects, like hosting talks at schools and gatherings on child protection, serve on committees in their own looking out after the interest of our children and mobilise their own communities to host child protection programmes.

### PLANNING 2015/16

3 Mamncanes in Gauteng

3 Mamncanes in Western Cape

**ESTIMATED COST : R 576 720 (Cape Town & Pretoria)**

### 3. reporting (victim support)



#### **PROJECT MOTIVATION:**

Often the secondary abuse children suffer after reporting a crime against them, are more traumatic than the primary abuse. This is because of the very unsympathetic reporting system currently in place. 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 sever secondary trauma resulting in extreme emotional scars and low conviction rates.

During the last 13 years Matla A Bana, together with partners like SAPS, have developed various project to minimise this secondary abuse. All of these projects have been implemented with great success and these projects assist more than 20 000 children every year who report crimes.

These projects have mainly been implemented in city areas and lack of funding for rural areas have not made it possible to always assist where it is most needed.

#### **SUCSESSES:**

- Comfort Packs :** More than 30 000 comfort packs have been distributed
- Child Friendly Reporting Facilities :** 15 Full facilities implemented (Average cost R 80 000) and 28 Child Friendly Rooms implemented (Gauteng, Western C Cape, Southern Cape, Mpumalanga)
- Adoption Project :** Currently 20 community groups are supporting SAPS units and courts
- Incentive Awards :** More than 2000 officers of the law has been rewarded for service beyond the call of duty



## A **COMFORT** Pack for an **ABUSED** Child



### Emergency Items

Sanitary towel, panties, packet of tissues, facecloth, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush.

### Need Items

Packet of soup, packet of biscuits, energy bar and fruit juice.

### Comfort Items

Teddy bear or ball, colouring book and crayons.

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## Comfort Pack Project

### GOAL :

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

### BACKGROUND:

In many 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.

During the first 6 months of 2015, MAB has been able to supply packs in all ages to units in the Western Cape, Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Kwazulu Natal and Orange Freestate. An average of 250 packs per age group is needed every second month per province. Costs per packs can vary depending on supplier prices and quantities ordered.

For a full list of packs, ages and content please visit our website [www.matlaabana.co.za](http://www.matlaabana.co.za).

### GOAL:

To supply 100 packs per month per province - Gauteng, Western Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga, Orange Free State (alternating between small and medium girls)

### ESTIMATED COST :

**R 17 000 (Per hundred packs Small girls)**

**R 18 720 (Per hundred packs Medium girls)**





## Child Friendly Reporting Facilities

### 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 blue print 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.

Where there is no accommodation for such a full facility a child friendly victim room is implemented. Where there is no accommodation for a room, a container facility is implemented. Most of these facilities are based in metro areas but MAB has been able to implement facilities in Mosselbay and Witbank. The challenge however is the lack of funding for rural areas.

MAB often use the services of volunteers to help with the actual work, like painting of murals, so apart from victim support this project also mobilises community groups and volunteers.

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

### PROJECT 2015/16

Gauteng Rural : 1 Full Facility

Western Cape : 1 Full Facility

Cape West Coast : 1 Full Facility

### ESTIMATED COST :

**R 117 600 - R 129 600**





### 3. reporting (victim support)

## Adoption Project

#### GOAL:

Mobilizing community and faith based groups to take the responsibility of the emotional welfare of the child-victim and officers of the law. 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:

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.

#### PROJECT:

Currently more than 20 units and courts have been adopted by community groups. These group offer spiritual and emotional support, will assist with hosting team building days, trauma counselling and also support for victims.

**ESTIMATED COST : R 108 000 per province**



### 3. reporting (victim support)

## Incentive Awards

#### 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

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. More than 1000 officers in Gauteng and the Western Cape have been rewarded for going beyond the call of duty.

#### PROJECT 2015/16:

Hosting of two award ceremonies in Gauteng

**ESTIMATED COST : R 45 000 per province**

## 4. training (skills development)



### **PROJECT MOTIVATION:**

In Limpopo a few years ago a 7-year old who was raped was given a medical examination by 2 police constables to whom she reported the crime. In another case, an 11 year old girl who was raped had to wait for more than 7 hours in the casualty section of the hospital before undergoing the medical examination. 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. These are just some of the examples of how the reporting system fails the children.

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.

In response to the above challenges MAB developed several training courses to assist medical practitioners and SAPS members.

### **SUCSESSES:**

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

Up to date Matla a Bana has trained more than 4000 police officers, mainly FCS detectives in various sessions, including Mentorship, Trauma Management, Emotional Intelligence, Stress Management, Basic Child Protection Protocol etc.



## Training (skills development)

# SAPS Specialised Training

### 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.

### PROJECT

During the next two years, MAB would like to focus specifically on three specific training courses:

#### **SOFT SKILLS TRAINING (3 days):**

3 Day training course (30 detectives and forensic social workers) focussing on Emotional Intelligence, Stress Management and Conflict Management and hosted by partner, Reach Africa Training.

#### **TRAUMA MANAGEMENT TRAINING (1 day maximum 50 people):**

Hosted by internationally renowned trauma specialist, Dr Friedman, focussing on Exposure to Trauma, Negative Resilience, How to deal with fear and trauma.

#### **SEXUAL ABUSE ADVANCED MANAGEMENT COURSE (2 days for 20 people)**

Focussed 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 and 20 SAPS Client Service centre staff at Honeydew Police Station were trained.

### **ESTIMATED COST :**

**Soft Skills R 129000 (Gauteng & Western Cape)**

**Advanced Sexual Abuse Management course ( R 86 000 - 110 000 per province)**

**Trauma Management Training (R 92 000 - R103 000 per province)**



## 4. Training (skills development)

# Medical Practitioners Training

### 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.
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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.

### PROJECT:

To host CPD accredited training courses in:

GAUTENG X 1

MPUMALANGA X1

WESTERN CAPE X 1

WEST COAST X 1

SOUTHERN CAPE X1

EASTERN CAPE X 1

**ESTIMATED COST : R 61 000 - R 77 000 per province**



# How you can help...

## 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
- Comfort Pack goods

## 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.

## SOCIAL MEDIA:

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