



# DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME QUARTERLY REPORT DECEMBER 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

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# PROGRAMME MISSION

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**Implementation of the Ezrah Drakenstein Child Protection Programme with the goal of empowering identified organisations as child protection champion organisations and to strengthen the child protection system within the Drakenstein and Cape Winelands-area.**



**"We want to strengthen the child protection system through innovative models, capacity building and value-based collaboration. Results? Ethical service delivery where children matter."**

**— Mariette Jacobs**

**(Managing Director of Ezrah Community Training and Development NPC)**


# OUTPUTS ACHIEVED:

December 2021 to February 2022



NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTION EVENTS AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

8



NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO FORM PART OF THE WORKING GROUP ON REFERRAL PROTOCOLS

11



NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS MENTORED ON CHILD PROTECTION

3

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE PARENTTALK OVERVIEW SESSION BY CASE-SA



24

NUMBER OF CHILD-FOCUSED ORGANISATIONS REACHED



36

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED EZRAH'S LEAD CHILD PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP



45



# DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

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Caring. Equipping.  
Informative. Valuable.  
Empowering. Networking. Innovative.  
Collaborative. Shared resources. Support.  
Community. Connection. Vision. Excellent.  
Educational. Fruitful. Practical.  
Creative. Important. Inspiring. Strengths.  
Positive. Hope. Forward-thinking. Thought-  
provoking. Meaningful. Refreshing. Insightful.  
Relevant. Effective.

ANNUAL EVALUATION FEEDBACK  
(NOVEMBER 2021)





# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

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## **Programme goal:**

### **Drakenstein Child Protection Programme**

To strengthen the larger child protection (CP) system in the Drakenstein and Cape Winelands through collaboration and by empowering child-focused organisations as child protection champions.

## **Direct beneficiary reach:**

The following Valcare members have committed to join the Drakenstein Child Protection Programme for 2022 so far (sign-up still in progress):

- The Pebbles Project
- Khula DG
- Aitsa Aftercare
- Kin Culture NPC
- Grassroots Sport and Culture
- Badisa Wellington
- Change within Development
- Salt and Light Kids
- Ikamva Foundation
- Orchard Africa
- Ma's vir Wellington NPC
- Drakenstein se Jong Doudruppels
- Mosaic
- ACVV Paarlvallei
- Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective
- Athlone House of Strength
- The Grape Community
- Paarl Youth Initiative
- Rise up with Advocacy and Action

In addition, the following child protection stakeholders are participating in this programme through the working group, stakeholder meetings and capacity building opportunities: Thuthuzela Care Centre (Paarl), Childline Western Cape, the Department of Social Development, Stellcare Stellenbosch.

## **Monitoring, evaluation and reporting tools:**

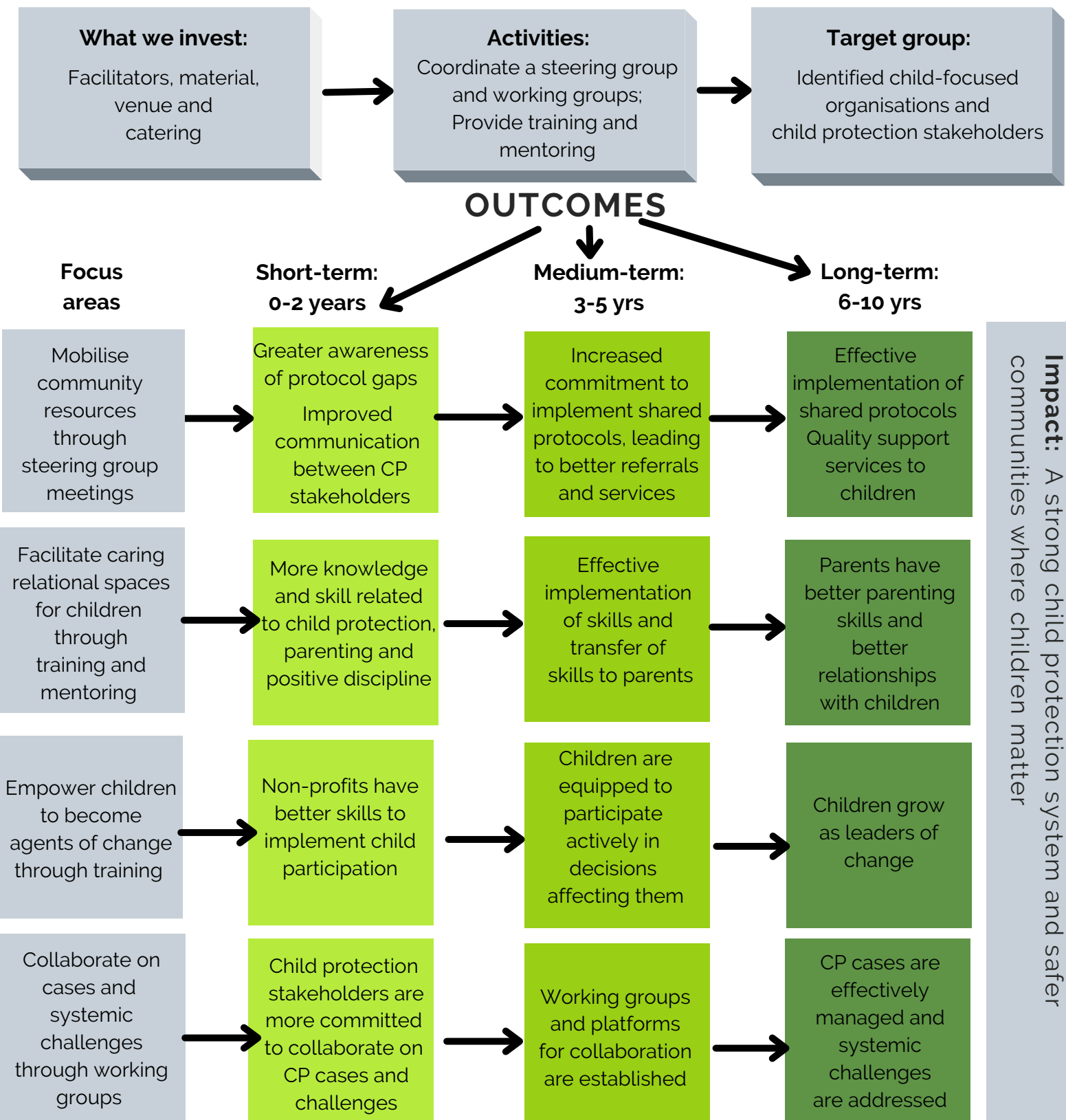
- Attendance registers
- Feedback forms
- Meeting summaries
- Email communication (where organisations share their progress)
- Stories of change
- Time-logs
- Project reports and photos



# THEORY OF CHANGE: DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME



**Goal:** To strengthen the larger child protection (CP) system in the Cape Winelands through collaboration and by empowering child-focused organisations as child protection champions.



**Assumptions:** Commitment from child protection stakeholders to implement training and to collaborate on child protection cases and protocols as well as to participate in child protection campaigns, working groups and case management discussions

# Outcomes:

## Feedback on LEAD child participation workshop (24 February 2022)

### Most important knowledge and skills learned

- Spending more time with children and giving them time to speak their minds.
- Build connection. Motivate. Champion.
- Creating a safe space for learners, identifying possible risks and the importance of debriefing and have children exit in a safe way.
- Discipline, communication and mentoring.
- LEAD and resilience to empower our children in our communities.

### Application planning

- I will use the workbook to work with children.
- Our office has a program for challenging kids and the training has helped us a lot on how to implement this program.
- I can use aspects of LEAD to encourage the children towards a solution-focused perspective.
- Start with yourself - be an example and use the knowledge and skills to implement LEAD.
- Information sessions with youngsters.
- Empower children to be leaders.





# Outcomes:

## Feedback on LEAD child participation workshop (24 February 2022)

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### Growth in professional development

- Be professional, don't share information of the child to other people that is not relevant.
- Reminder of the importance of boundaries as well as the role you take on as a mentor needs to be professional.
- It showed me the importance of child participation and how to connect with children.
- It made me aware of the importance of ethical practice and professional development.

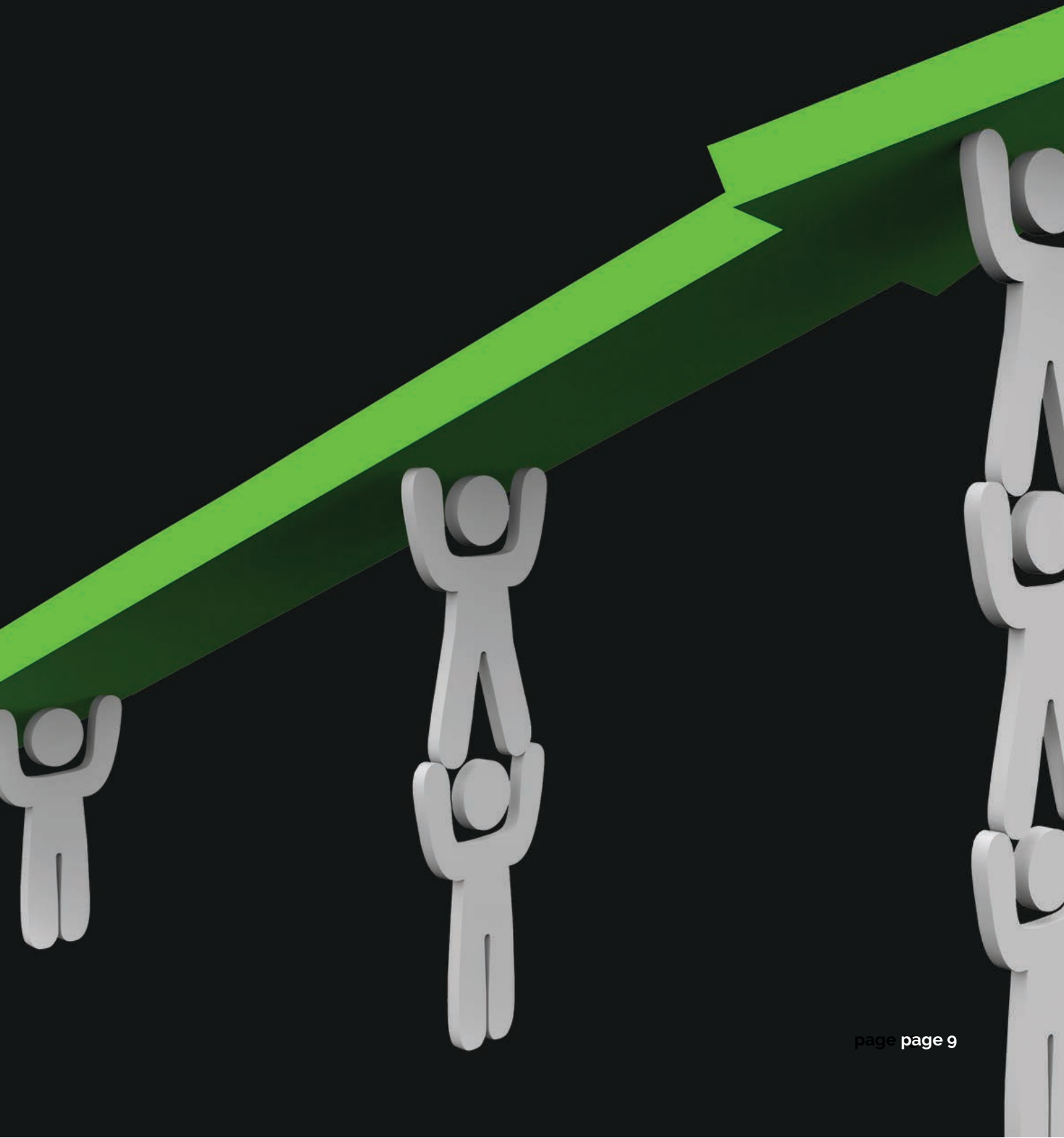
### General comments

- The workshop boosted my self-esteem in doing good to others. LEAD is empowerment that I can apply in my family and society at large. I can make a difference in many children's lives.
- With all the brainstorming, it makes the information clear as well as the ethical practice to develop and to be professional.
- It helped a lot. I am geared up now to go and make a difference in my community.
- Fantastic manual to use.



# COLLABORATION ON COUNTERING CHILD TRAFFICKING

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# PROGRESS

A forum was established between Ezrah, the Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety and A21 to counter child trafficking in Drakenstein and the wider Western Cape during 2021. As a result of forum meetings, the following outcomes were achieved during this time period (December 2021 to February 2022:)

- Ezrah drafted the terms of reference to strengthen services in line with the National SOP for Integrated Assistance to Victims of Trafficking. These terms of reference were accepted by the delegates of the forum with the understanding that it may be updated as the work of the forum develops. Since the start of the forum, we have added the following stakeholders: Freedom Ports Alliance, Free to Fly, WC Dept. of Social Development and S-Cape and updated the terms of reference accordingly.
- Ezrah led a process to identify training gaps for SAPS related to child trafficking - further input will be obtained from forum delegates as a work in progress.
- The gap analysis that was drafted by Ezrah with input from the Drakenstein Department of Social Development was not only shared with the delegates of the forum, but also with delegates of the Western Cape Department of Social Development. We are planning a 1 day workshop to provide more in-depth input to the gap analysis by all the stakeholders on the forum.
- A follow-up online meeting was hosted by the WC Dept. of Social Development on the 2nd of February 2022, where further action plans related to child protection were identified. The next meeting with the WC Dept. of Social Development is scheduled for 7 April 2022.
- The meeting dates for forum meetings for the rest of 2022 were scheduled and shared with stakeholders.

*Collaboration*

*teamwork*

*exchange*

*support*



# FUTURE PLANNING



## CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP EVENTS FOR 2022

- 16 March 2022
- 4 May 2022
- 1 June 2022
- 10 August 2022
- 12 October 2022
- 9 November 2022



## EZRAH CHILD-FOCUSED WORKSHOPS FOR 2022

- Child Protection Workshop: 13 April 2022
- BuildSmart Parent Mentoring Workshop: 8 September 2022

## REFERRAL WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

We will continue with working group meetings to draft a referral and communication flowchart to support child victims of exploitation in the Drakenstein-area.

## #PARENTTALK SESSION WITH CASE-SA

At our first Drakenstein child protection steering group event on the 22nd of January 2022, the Centre Against Sexual Exploitation introduced their #Parenttalk course to assist parents to navigate through the harmful effects of porn on children. We will continue to collaborate on this



## SOCIAL WORKER CASE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

We have applied with the SACSSP to obtain CPD points for social workers attending our case management discussions that will be hosted from March to November 2022 to empower social workers and social auxiliary workers with better child protection case management skills.



## COLLABORATIONS

We value our collaborations with the Western Cape Department of Social Development, the Western Cape Department of Community Safety, Orchard Africa, A21, Sp(i)eel Collective, Valcare, the Thuthuzela Care Centre, Cause for Justice, Freedom Ports Alliance, Free to Fly and the National Freedom Network to address child protection challenges.



# SUPPORT NEEDED

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The Drakenstein Child Protection Programme has grown with leaps and bounds over the last two years as the Covid-crisis magnified the need for an integrated response to child protection. Ezrah responded to this challenge by stepping up our efforts to promote quality support services to children through collaboration, the development of innovative models and capacity building.

Ezrah's main focus for 2022 is to expand our flagship programme even further. This will be done through additional activities such as case management discussions for social workers, online courses and more collaborative projects with other child-focused stakeholders. In order to implement these activities with excellence, we welcome the engagement with new stakeholders, who share this dream of safer spaces for children with us.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Thank you **Valcare, Ackerman Family Foundation and our individual donors** for your continuous financial support to the Drakenstein Child Protection Programme. We so appreciate it.

Together with other child protection stakeholders we can do so much more to strengthen the child protection system in order to enable change for children that really matters.

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