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INTRODUCTION

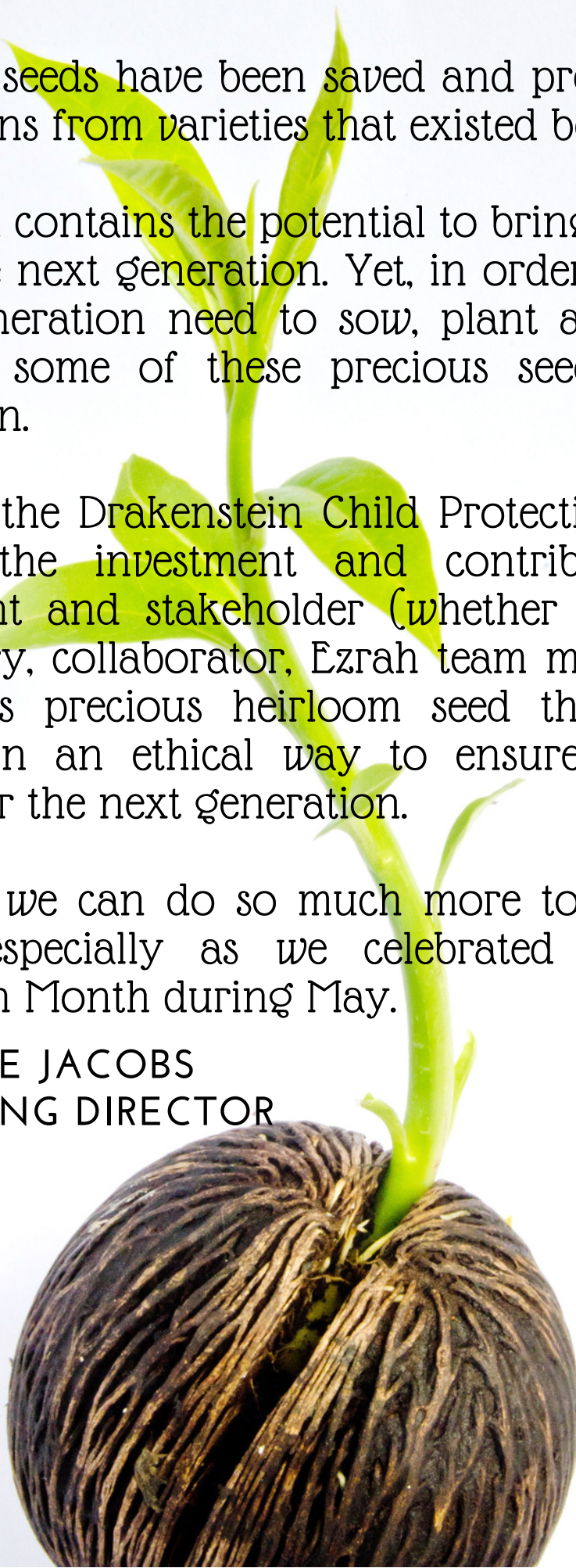
Heirloom seeds have been saved and preserved through generations from varieties that existed before 1950.

Each seed contains the potential to bring the richness of life to the next generation. Yet, in order to nurture life, every generation need to sow, plant and harvest and maintain some of these precious seed for the next generation.

Through the Drakenstein Child Protection Programme, we see the investment and contribution of each participant and stakeholder (whether donor, partner, beneficiary, collaborator, Ezrah team member or Ezrah friend) as precious heirloom seed that we need to steward in an ethical way to ensure the maximum benefit for the next generation.

Together we can do so much more to leave a lasting legacy, especially as we celebrated National Child Protection Month during May.

MARIETTE JACOBS
MANAGING DIRECTOR



PROGRAMME MISSION

Implementation of the Ezra 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 Ezra Community Training and Development NPC)



DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

Positive. Interactive. Impactful.
Productive. Informative. Energising.
Encouraging. Responsive. Reflective. Innovative.
Awesome! Ground-breaking. Supportive.
Keep on hoping. Take courage. Keep on moving.
Connect. Reflect. Dare.
On top of their game.

(WORDS PROVIDED BY CHILD PROTECTION STEERING
GROUP PARTICIPANTS OF 2022 TO DESCRIBE THE
CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME)





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

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:

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| • ACVV Noorder-Paarl | ACVV Paarlvallei |
| • Aitsa Aftercare | Amazing Brainz |
| • Athlone House of Strength | Badisa Wellington |
| • Change within Development | Drakenstein se Jong Doudruppels |
| • Good Hope Psychological Service | Ikamva Foundation |
| • Grassroots Sport and Culture | Khula Development Group |
| • Kin Culture NPC | Marge Soup Kitchen |
| • Ma's vir Wellington | MCM |
| • Mosaic Community Development | Orchard Africa |
| • Paarl Youth Initiative | Rise up with Advocacy and Action |
| • Salt and Light Kids | Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective |
| • The Grape Community | The Pebbles Project |

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, and Stellcare Stellenbosch.

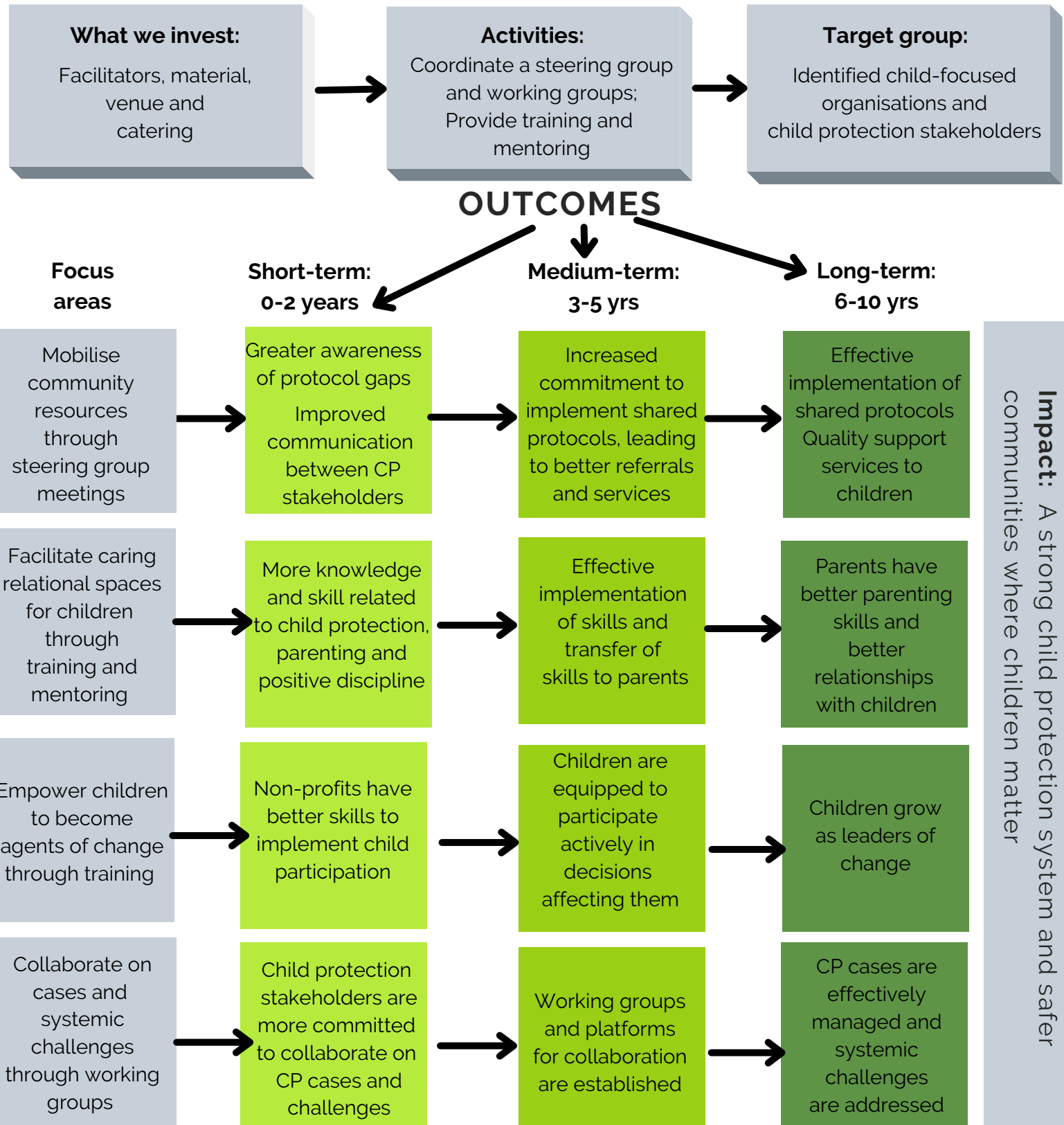
Monitoring, evaluation and reporting tools:

- 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

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED:

MARCH-MAY 2022




NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTION EVENTS AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

16⁺



NUMBER OF ORGANISATIONS WHO FORM PART OF THE DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP

28



NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO JOINED THE CASE MANAGEMENT FORUM

32

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY MAPPING SESSION



38

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED EZRAH'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY WORKSHOP IN APRIL

37

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO CAN POTENTIALLY BE IMPACTED BY THE DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME*



11 322

*AS SHARED BY OUR STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

Outcomes:

Launch of case management forum for social workers (16 March 2022)

Growth in professional development

- The skill of networking must be used to ensure effective service delivery.
- This was a good networking space to share resources.
- The importance of intersectoral collaboration - working as a multi-disciplinary team with organisations in the sector.
- Helped me to manage my case files.
- The importance of doing what is in the best interest of the child.

General comments

- Case study was well presented and clear.
- Finding a way forward in a difficult case created such hope - that is a protective factor against burnout. The session provided a space to explore as group what was in the best interest of the child.
- This was valuable to unpack and discuss the case to help explore alternatives. Thank you - this was awesome!
- Was great to learn from social workers and to think together about solutions.



Outcomes:

Case management forum for social workers (4 May 2022)

Growth in professional development and application

- Make decisions in the best interest of the child.
- Learned about new legal pathways and articles in the Children's Act.
- The importance of a parenting plan and steps to change it.
- Start with the definitions in the Children's Act.
- POPI Act and boundaries.
- Empower my clients with knowledge and their rights as parents.

General comments

- Excellent presentation, clear and concise.
- Thank you for relevant information, whether it is legally or work-related. Information very useful.
- Very good session. Thanks for reminding us of the POPI Act and confidentiality.
- Eye-opening and reminder of the importance of ethics.
- I definitely have a clearer understanding of the practical implementation.



Outcomes:

Feedback after child protection (CP) policy workshop (13 April 2022)

Most important knowledge and skills learned

- I have learnt a lot especially about the different types of forms.
- I have learned to care and provide for children and how to deal with parents.
- The framework to compose and build a child protection policy.
- It is important that the staff participates in the process of developing, implementing and maintaining the child protection policy.
- I have an action plan of all the CP things I want to implement.

General comments

- The more we get the workshops, the better we become and the better the children are protected.
- We have a huge responsibility when we work with children to ensure that they are safe.
- Really enjoyed how many examples of scenarios there were to help when someone asked a question. This indicates years of experience and a depth of knowledge. Thank you for a wonderful experience.
- Brilliant, thank you so much!



Outcomes:

Celebrating a successful child protection policy workshop (13 April 2022)



General comments

- Thanks so much for the amazing training! Wonderful practical examples.
- Information clear to understand and make things easy for NPO to operate.
- Every person should live their life without harm no matter their age, gender, ethnicity or religion. It's vital that everyone (child or adult) is kept safe.
- Thanks for the assistance and guidance about child protection and safety.
- Thanks a lot for your time. Keep it up with the positive trainings Ezrah!!!
- Thanks for investing in our lives!
- Love the way the facilitator presents all information and makes NPO life easier.
- The workshop was excellent and the facilitator explained clearly.

Such a comprehensive and valuable tool. Thank you Mariette!!! Grateful and feel equipped to implement it.

Outcomes:

Child protection working group (March to May 2022)

GOALS:

- a) To establish clear mandates as well as roles and responsibilities for the stakeholders on the flowchart.
- b) To establish clear standard operating procedures (SOPs) with time-frames for each stakeholder.
- c) To strengthen communication and collaboration between service providers so that children can receive quality support services from the child protection sector through a victim-centred, trauma informed approach to child protection care.
- d) To implement a community-based resilience approach (building circles of support around children and community members) so that social change can happen from the bottom up (that acknowledge people's lived experiences).
- e) Liaising with SAPS/FCS and exploring long-term practical and debriefing support to them.
- f) Increasing community awareness around issues such as human rights, child trafficking etc.
- g) Strengthening of the Thuthuzela Care Centre.

CURRENT FOCUS:

For 2022, the working group has identified the big need for trauma debriefing of child protection stakeholders. Together, we are exploring how trauma-informed service providers look like and what is needed to support child protection stakeholders with resilience-building skills and debriefing opportunities through collaboration.



COLLABORATION ON COUNTERING CHILD TRAFFICKING

Celebrating collaboration on countering child trafficking

"The growing collaboration is conducive to the implementation of approaches that bridge gaps. As each of us change the ways in which we approach tasks, the promise of a domino effect can become the new reality.

Thank you, Mariëtte Jacobs for hosting and facilitating a very constructive discussion. We expectantly look forward to helping you and your core team make it the new standard."

- Anita du Plessis (Freedom Ports Alliance)

PROGRESS

A forum was established between Ezrah, the Department of Social Development and the Western Cape Department of Community Safety together with several counter trafficking non-profit organisations. As a result of forum meetings, the following outcomes were achieved during this time period (March-May 2022:)

- Since the start of the forum, the following stakeholders joined the forum and are actively participating in it: A21, Freedom Ports Alliance, Free to Fly, Department of Social Development, Cause for Justice (CASE-SA), Love Justice, The Justice Desk, Dr. Joan van Niekerk, Missing Children South Africa, Cape Winelands Department of Health, Molo Songololo, the Real Deal Trust, Stop Trafficking of People and S-Cape.
- An online forum meeting was held on 9 May 2022 to prepare for the Think Tank in line with the SOP for Integrated Assistance to Victims of Trafficking.
- An in-person Think Tank was hosted by Ezrah Community Training and Development NPC on the 23rd of May 2022 to pave the way forward. Several action points were identified including the establishment of a training task team as well as a multi-disciplinary task team for the Cape Winelands.
- We are also looking forward to strengthen value-based service principles in our joint approach such as Batho Pele (People first) and to advance training for all stakeholders as an outcome of expanding our gap analysis.



ONLINE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION

In line with our digital strategy, Ezrah is very excited about the progress we are making to empower more people through our online resources and courses.

Our website resource page on child protection provides valuable free resources for child protection stakeholders - see <https://www.ezrah.co.za/child-protection-resources/>. This includes ideas to celebrate Child Protection Month, resources that create awareness around child trafficking as well as the following protocols:

- a) Recommended use of photos of children
- b) Reporting protocol to report child abuse

We believe ethical thinking is key in providing quality services to children. During May 2022, the Ezrah team was delighted to launch our first Ebook, Think Ethics for Non-profit organisations on our online shop - see <https://www.ezrah.co.za/shop/>. Within the next few months, we aim to add an Ethics workbook, facilitator's handbook as well as short courses to our online platforms.

We are also planning to launch child protection online courses within the next few months in our effort to encourage churches, ECDs and other organisations working with children to develop and implement child protection policies.



FUTURE PLANNING

(June-December 2022)

CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP EVENTS

- 1 June 2022 (Child protection week)
- 10 August 2022
- 12 October 2022
- 9 November 2022



COLLABORATION ON CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES FOR CHURCHES

- Collaborating with Sikunye and Orchard Africa to equip churches to implement child protection policies.
- Ezraah also wants to make more online resources and courses available to reach more people..



EZRAH CHILD-FOCUSED WORKSHOPS

- 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.



#ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION RESOURCES

We are continually uploading valuable child protection resources onto our website for stakeholders to access and are looking forward to launch our online child protection short courses soon. Watch this space...



SOCIAL WORKER CASE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

We will have forum meetings on the following dates: 1 June, 10 August, 12 October and 9 November 2022.



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, the National Freedom Network and others to address child protection challenges.



SUPPORT NEEDED



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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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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