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INTRODUCTION

From June to August 2022, Ezrah implemented various projects to strengthen child protection within communities with a strong focus on resilience and trauma-informed practice.

Through steering group event, case management discussions, working group meetings, community sessions and counter trafficking collaborations, **resilience-building**, remain the golden thread.



Through promoting trauma-informed practice and strong collaboration, we believe that we can see real change within the child protection system.

We are looking forward to build on strong foundations and are grateful for every collaborator who share our vision of ethical service delivery and quality education where children matter. Together we can do more.

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Mariette Jacobs (Managing Director)

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PROGRAMME MISSION

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)



DRAKENSTEIN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

"It is clarifying exactly what it means to be trauma-informed and how on organisational level we can put it into practice. The working tool (trauma-informed plan) is very useful in helping organisations become more trauma-informed."

2022 DELEGATE TO THE WORKING GROUP





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, Stellcare Stellenbosch, Kathy's Educare and Little Rascals Daycare.

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: 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.

What we invest:

Facilitators, material, venue and catering

Activities:

Coordinate a steering group and working groups;
Provide training and mentoring

Target group:

Identified child-focused organisations and child protection stakeholders

OUTCOMES

Short-term:
0-2 years

Medium-term:
3-5 yrs

Long-term:
6-10 yrs

Focus areas

Mobilise community resources through steering group meetings

Greater awareness of protocol gaps
Improved communication between CP stakeholders

Increased commitment to implement shared protocols, leading to better referrals and services

Effective implementation of shared protocols
Quality support services to children

Facilitate caring relational spaces for children through training and mentoring

More knowledge and skill related to child protection, parenting and positive discipline

Effective implementation of skills and transfer of skills to parents

Parents have better parenting skills and better relationships with children

Empower children to become agents of change through training

Non-profits have better skills to implement child participation

Children are equipped to participate actively in decisions affecting them

Children grow as leaders of change

Collaborate on cases and systemic challenges through working groups

Child protection stakeholders are more committed to collaborate on CP cases and challenges

Working groups and platforms for collaboration are established

CP cases are effectively managed and systemic challenges are addressed

Impact: A strong child protection system and safer communities where children matter

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:

JUNE TO AUGUST 2022

NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTION EVENTS AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

13



NUMBER OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CASE MANAGEMENT FORUM

18



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

30



NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED SESSIONS ON TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE

65

- 25 - Steering group event
- 24 - Kin Culture Stakeholder Breakfast
- 16 - Working group

NUMBER OF NEW COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

4

- Sikunye project
- Community Session: Child Trafficking
- Kin Culture Stakeholder Breakfast
- Sp(i)eel Debriefing Project

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE COUNTER CHILD TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY AWARENESS SESSION

120



NUMBER OF CHURCH LEADERS WHO WERE TRAINED ON IMPLEMENTING A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

58



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:

Case management forum discussions (1 June and 10 August 2022)

Growth in professional development

- The importance of multilevel reporting.
- Be more assertive when it comes to reporting these sensitive cases at the police station - demand to speak to station commander if case is refused and report to A21 if child trafficking is involved.
- Role of FCS in sexual abuse cases.
- I have a better understanding of how reporting, referrals and procedures work with regards to sexual abuse cases.

General comments

- Very interesting to hear information directly from FCS.
- The added knowledge gained will be used in supervision.
- Interesting presentation and well-rounded information shared.
- We have to use various laws when advocating for a child.
- Helps to provide better services to children.
- I will do a better assessment when dealing with cases of child trafficking.
- The session was so informative in giving new perspective on ethics



Guest presenter:

Captain Maria Goosen
from FCS
(Stellenbosch)

Outcomes:

Feedback after child protection week celebration (1 June 2022)

Most important knowledge and skills learned

- I learned about many resources I was not aware of - very resourceful.
- The power of reflection and learning from others.
- The much needed reflective space.
- The importance of collaboration and networking.
- Good questions - the 3 R's (reflect, relate and regulate).
- The resilience-building tools and the 3 R's.

General comments

- I managed to connect and share information and contact details.
- I connected with relevant organisations for potential collaboration.
- It was an awesome space to share and network.
- Really helpful group.
- There are amazing people with amazing services.
- Resilience-building activities energised me.
- Energising, encouraging, informative.
- Getting to know one another and share.



Outcomes:

Feedback after trauma-informed steering group event (10 August 2022)

Most important knowledge and skills learned

- Skills and exercises to help children regulate.
- Calming and regulating exercises.
- Today I've learned methods to connect with children and teenagers and will definitely use it.
- Different development phase appropriate activities.
- Reminded me of the importance of regulating myself before regulating the child.

General comments

- This was amazing. So informative and so many tools/ideas to use in the workplace.
- Well organised. Enjoyed and going to implement some of the new ideas I picked up today.
- Thank you for a lovely morning. I loved painting with tea.
- Lovely integration of the theory working with the brain with giving the practical exercises that one can do. I liked the link with younger children and babies.
- Very relaxing event. Thank you.

With special thanks to Salome Langmann from Ma's vir Wellington who facilitated this excellent session.



Outcomes:

Child protection working group (June to August 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.

Exciting progress:

- We are collaborating with Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective to promote the implementation of a debriefing project for selected child protection stakeholders: (FCS SAPS and Thuthuzela Care Centre).
- We equipped members of the working group with a trauma-informed plan to develop trauma-informed practice within their respective organisations.



COLLABORATION ON COUNTERING CHILD TRAFFICKING

Celebrating collaboration on countering child trafficking

" I also wanted to extend my congratulations for the wonderful event. My team has reported back that it was really fruitful and well received. Well done all.."

**- Katie Modrau (A21) on the success of the
Community Awareness Session of 28 July 2022**

PROGRESS

The Western Cape Counter Child Trafficking 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 (June to August 2022):

- The Western Cape Provincial Task Team on Trafficking invited Ezrah to collaborate on a Community Awareness Session to celebrate World Day Against Trafficking in Paarl. We partnered with Valcare and Inceba Trust to mobilise community leaders and held a very successful community session on the 28th of July 2022 with about 120 persons in attendance. See <https://valcare.org.za/uniting-in-the-fight-against-human-trafficking/> for Valcare's article on the event.
- As a result of the event, we connected different stakeholders within one another to facilitate collaboration around countering child trafficking.
- We had several counter trafficking planning engagements during this time period and are excited to launch two working groups related to the forum during September. The working groups will focus on counter trafficking training and multi-disciplinary case management.

Photo courtesy of Valcare



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.

During July, Ezrah collaborated with Sikunye to empower 58 church leaders on implementing a child protection policy through an online webinar :

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJVDd6RgGmM>.

We also launched our Doodly clip and blog series to empower community stakeholders with important information related to child protection:

- <https://www.ezrah.co.za/child-protection-resources/>
- <https://www.ezrah.co.za/blogs/>

As capacity allows, we are looking forward to build this strategy, which will enable stakeholders to process child protection information in smaller chunks.

This hybrid model of hosting in-person child protection events, while making online resources available strengthens the sustainability of our child protection programme and allows us to reach more beneficiaries.



FUTURE PLANNING

(September-December 2022)

CHILD PROTECTION STEERING GROUP EVENTS

- 12 October 2022
- 9 November 2022



COLLABORATION ON CHILD PROTECTION

- Launching the working groups of the Western Cape Counter Child Trafficking forum
- Collaborating with Sp(i)eel Arts Therapies Collective on debriefing



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. We are looking forward to share more Doodly clips and blogs on child protection to equip stakeholders with child protection knowledge.



SOCIAL WORKER CASE MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

We will have forum meetings on the following dates:

- 12 October
- 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 resources 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.

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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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