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Kidz Clinics
FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

Quarterly Report

October to December 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. South Africa has seen several protests in the past few months as women have demanded that government come up with concrete plans to prevent violence on Women.

A total of R1.6bn has been allocated for the implementation of the Emergency Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), which outlines intervention areas that can be implemented soonest.

In 2017/8, 2930 adult women were murdered.

According to the most recent data from 2017/18, a woman is murdered every three hours in South Africa.

25 Nov - Newzroom Interview

Today we ask, has the South African system done enough to protect children? We also consider what needs to be done to strengthen the child protection system.

Thabo Mdluli is joined in studio by Miranda Jordan, Director at Women & Men Against Child Abuse and Luke Lamprecht, a Child Protection and Development Specialist.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5PmODRqFUo>

SABC News spoke to gender activists from the different NGOs in South Africa. Ngaa Murombedzi from WMACA, and Keitumetse Fatimata Moutloatse, founder of the Black Women Caucus, were in studio in Johannesburg; and Mo Senne, Communications Manager at NotInMyName was in Pretoria.

Ngaa Murombedzi on SABC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEOlWJpzVrU>



26 Nov - MEETING WITH THE PREMIER'S OFFICE

We attended a very productive meeting with the Gauteng Premier's Office and the Gauteng Department of Social Development. For the 16 Days Of Activism, WMACA met the Chief Director of Transformation, Ms Zulu. WMACA were represented by the former Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature [Ms Lindiwe Maseko](#), [Miranda Jordan](#), [Vincencia Dlamini](#) and [Luke Lamprecht](#).

We made great progress in reviving the Gauteng Plan of Action and making this province fit for children.

22 Nov - CITY PROPERTY CYCLE CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

We had the great honour again, of being the recipients of funds raised by City Property and their associates, during the 94.7 Cycle Challenge.

Every year a City Property team ride in the cycle challenge, and get colleagues, clients and partners to sponsor them in aid of our Kidz Clinics.

WMACA Directors Miranda Jordan and [Kevin Hugh Barbeau](#) were in Pretoria to receive the cheque.



PARLIAMENTARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN TO TACKLE GBV

<p>2019/09/18 Newzroom Afrika PM Edition</p>	<p>President Cyril Ramaphosa says necessary amendments are needed to South Africa’s laws and policies to ensure that perpetrators of gender-based violence [GBV] are dealt with. The President has been addressing a joint sitting of both houses of Parliament. Ramaphosa says government will have funding packages that will focus on interventions to curb gender-based violence.</p> <p>The President says the scourge of violence against women in the country reflects on a general problem with the fabric of South African society. He says government will be implementing a number of mechanisms as part of various interventions to deal with the issue.</p> <p>Executive Director of Women and Men against Child Abuse Miranda Jordan, Founder of the Tears Foundation Mara Glenn, Rise Up against GBV Fundraising Director Mandisa Khanyile and Commission for Gender Equality Commissioner Jennifer Smout join Thulasizwe Simelane on Newzfeed to discuss the different perspectives and expectations after the parliamentary debate.</p>
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Miranda Jordan said:

We must hold the President accountable to every word in his speech! He has taken on this massive task and now we urgently need a proper plan.

We need an overhaul of the Dept of Justice which includes the poor quality of Prosecutors who simply do not do their jobs, treat victims as liars and do not communicate with victims. All this is true in countless Courts around SA including the special Sexual Offences Courts.

Another overhaul is needed in the Police Dept where SAPS members treat victims so appallingly, in fact SAPS are one of the main problems as far as Gender based violence is concerned and the lack of training in their treatment of victims of sexual assault..so many members can hardly take proper statements down.. I can go on an on .. but the pressure to get what we need as women needs to happen in every province .. with marches and Protests until all these promises are delivered !!



Women and Men Against Child Abuse is a Non-Profit organisation, established in 1997.

Now in our 22nd year of operation, we continue to be at the forefront of raising awareness around the many and complicated issues of child abuse, while at the same time providing free quality treatment services to victims of child abuse through our Kidz Clinics.

25 Nov - WMACA PRESS CONFERENCE - Beginning of 16 Days of Activism

Hosted by founding director Miranda Jordan, the 90-minute conference at the Balalaika Hotel featured an insightful discussion by WMACA Advocacy Manager, Luke Lamprecht and forensic expert/operations director Vincentia Dlamini as well as advocacy spokesperson Ngaa Murombedzi.

The topic of the conference was **South Africa's endemic system failure when it comes to the protection of our children**, juxtaposed against President Cyril Ramaphosa's recent emergency plan to tackle Gender-based violence.

A variety of case studies highlighted the plight of our children and offered remedies across the spectrum - child abuse protection by parents, responsible adults as well as state institutions were discussed.



- Luke Lamprecht spoke about the low rates of success of state intervention to child abuse and neglect cases.
- Miranda Jordan started with an introduction to barriers to entry to the criminal justice system for children who are victims of physical and sexual abuse and deliberate neglect
- We highlighted some of the cases we have dealt with through the year, starting with Bryanston High School teacher, accused of sexual assault.
- Points of entry to people that are seeking opportunity to abuse children from within the school and sporting fraternities - Luke Lamprecht
- Barriers to entry to the child protection system, as pertains to the Carletonville Creche Case - Ngaa Murombedzi
- Barriers to getting justice for children under the age of 7yrs old
- Barriers to justice for cognitively impaired victims
- Barriers to entry into the justice system for teenagers with perceived behaviour problems - Vincentia Dlamini
- Barriers due to consensual underage children not being believed - Vincentia

Dlamini

- Medical barriers to successful prosecutions with Vincentia Dlamini
- Barriers within the prosecutorial system
- Delays in the justice process and secondary victimization
- Barriers to justice in the prosecutorial system
- The unseen court cases and secondary victims
- Triumphs of a well-executed criminal justice system
- Systems that allow abuse of children and keep the silence as the barrier - Michelle Hobkirk, Mothers



Abuse Accountability

- Calling out the Department of Correctional Services to become more transparent and accountable and change the parole process
- The power of Activism to address historical abuse cases
- Historical sexual abuse
- GBV Emergency Plan
- Enhancing the legislature framework and enhancing care

4 Nov - Miss World SA visit

The [#WMACA](#) team spent the morning with Sasha -Lee, Miss World SA, talking child sexual abuse, her own personal story as a seven year old child and her campaign Beauty With Purpose. Sasha is taking on fundraising for 10.000 Rape comfort packs. This incredible initiative was started by [Penelope Stein](#) to give survivors of sexual violence some dignity comfort and has had huge support from a fantastic NGO [The Angel Network - Helping where help is needed!!!](#) -

We are so proud as [Women and Men Against Child Abuse](#) to be a part of this great Campaign together with other NGO's in this field; Matla A Bana and the Teddy Bear Clinic.



KIDZ CLINIC CHRISTMAS PARTIES

BOKSBURG

It takes a village to PROTECT a child but it takes a caring village to make sure a child gets to an exciting event.

Ahead of the Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Kidz Clinic for children who have received a variety of services at the facility, The Angel Network provided a much needed beautiful donation of 235 party packs to hand out to the children on the day. For our clients, this goes a long way in showing how large the network of care is towards them. Thank you Angel Network for putting a smile on a child's face.



The Christmas party can only be a success if the event is FUN filled and SUGAR filled! What is a kid's party without an exciting injection of energy? Thank you to community members for their equivalent of R1000 in sweets and juices for the children!



Once again we have received a generous donation of bread rolls from AB bakeries! WE appreciate your continued support in making our Christmas parties a total success each year!

A big thank you to Muffin Mate for their donation of muffins for the parents on the day!

Thank you Avis car rental for a donation of additional toys to add to our gift pile for the children!

Thank you to the **Boksburg Taxi**

Association who we rely on every year for the safe transportation of children to and from the Christmas party venue, Mac Moos. Their service towards the clinic is absolutely free of charge. Thank you BTA for the continued support of our clinics annual event!

The Alexandra Christmas party was held on the 29th of November, for our children from 3-12 years old. It was hosted at the Methodist church in Lombardy East and the little ones all enjoyed it tremendously.

STAFF CLOSING SESSION

After a year of serving children daily and committing to fighting for their rights and wellness our social workers wound down the 2019 year with a light lunch and closing session.

The staff extend a massive thank you to the Head Office and Operations staff for the beautiful gifts provided! The team has had a wonderful year. We look forward to a great 2020!



WMACA'S BOARD

Message from Miranda: Last Board meeting for 2019! Thank you to all our fantastic Board Directors at Women and Men against Child Abuse for your incredible support, giving your time and expertise voluntarily to our Kidz Clinics in Alexandra and Boksburg, our Advocacy Campaigns and to Kevin Barbeau, Boogie Vincentia Dlamini and myself.

To our Chairman Janyce Harper Dalziel, and deputy Chair and CA, Peter Upton (missing from pic today) it has been a privilege working with you this year.

Since the opening of the first Kidz Clinic in 2000, WMACA have provided more than 144,089 treatment sessions to **23,856 children** and 23,969 parents/ caregivers.

Kidz Clinic Beneficiaries & Services

Together with the children who came for their follow-up services – assessment, play therapy, follow-up therapy and court preparation – we saw a total of **3608 children and 2083 parents/caregivers** on a one-on-one basis.

SERVICES PROVIDED - Jan to Dec 2019			
New Intakes	Girls:	695	1149
	Boys:	454	
Children: First Visit, Follow-up visits - Psycho-social & Forensic Assessments, Trauma Evaluation, Risk Factors, Play therapy, Counselling, Further Therapeutic Work			3524
Children: Juvenile Offenders and Life Skills Workgroups			23
Children: Court Preparation			61
Children: Pupils addressed through preventative talks at Schools			2772
Parents / Grandparents / Caregivers: First Interview/ Intervention			867
Parents / Grandparents / Caregivers: Follow-up interview and/or counselling			1088
Parents assisted through Family Preservation & Parenting Skills Groups			673
Educators addressed at School or Daycare talks			158
Community members assisted with brief counselling and referrals to other Govt or NGO service providers			2267
Number of Forensic or Psycho-Social Assessment Sessions provided			936
In-house Forensic Medical Examinations (J88) done			100

BENEFICIARIES DEMOGRAPHICS

Girls	60%	Boys	40%
Adults	41%	Children	59%
Female	65%	Male	35%
African	85%	Coloured	2.5%
Asian/Indian	0.5%	White	12%

STATISTICS

TYPES OF CASES PRESENTED AT INTAKE	QTY	%
Behavioural Problems	234	22.2%
Rape (incl sodomy)	204	19.4%
Emotional Abuse	80	7.6%
Sexual Assault / Violation	76	7.2%
Physical Abuse (Common Assault)	65	6.2%
Bereavement Counselling	60	5.7%
Trauma due to witnessing violence/crime	54	5.1%
Suspected Sexual Abuse	46	4.4%
Juvenile Sexual Behaviour - 11 & younger	34	3.2%
Juvenile Sexual Activity - 12 & older	32	3.0%
Child Neglect	24	2.3%
Suspected abuse and/or neglect (run-aways and lost children brought by SAPS)	20	1.9%
Attempted Rape	18	1.7%
Family Conflict / Domestic Violence	18	1.7%
Assault with intent: Grievous Bodily Harm	16	1.5%
Statutory Rape	14	1.3%
Juvenile sexual experimentation - 5 and younger	12	1.1%
Pornography/Sex Acts - child exposed to	9	0.9%
Alleged abuse in Divorce/ Custody cases	7	0.7%
Kidnapping	7	0.7%
Suicide Ideation - child	6	0.6%
Robbery /armed robbery victim (child)	5	0.5%
Bullying at school	3	0.3%
Attempted Suicide - Child	2	0.2%
Sexual Harassment	2	0.2%
Competence to testify report (re an accident)	2	0.2%
Public Indecency (Flashing)	2	0.2%
Compelled Rape	1	0.1%
Suspected Child Trafficking	1	0.1%

TYPES OF CASES PRESENTED AT INTAKE	QTY	%
35.5% Of 1054 cases were Sexual Offences against Children		
46 Cases of problematic sexual behaviour of children under 11		

Social/Legal/Other Services - Referred to Govt or other NGO's	946
Disputes Mediated by Kidz Clinic Staff	2012

Kidz Clinic Cases of Interest

BOKSBURG

CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

1.	Perpetrator gender:	Male
	Perpetrator age:	18
	Relationship to victim:	School mate
	Charge:	Attempted rape
	Victim gender:	Female
	Victim age:	15
	Sentence:	4 Years Imprisonment

Background: As per file

The mother reported that they are living in a shack and they use coal with a mixture of cow dung to make fire. On the 10th of June 2018, she reported that the child concerned went to fetch the dung accompanied by her friend. Upon arrival, they saw one of their schoolmates sitting on top of sewerage concrete, and when they got close he threw stones at the child's friend, chasing her off. He told the victim that "it is a perfect time" for both of them. He then raped her.

CHALLENGES OF STATUTORY RAPE (Consensual sex with a minor)

A 12 year old girl was seen by the Social Worker Tendai for assessment. The request for service came from SAPS Elsburg.

The rape case is still pending in court. After an assessment was done, the report was given to the investigating officer.

BACKGROUND : An intake was done on the 24th of July 2019 for services to be provided to a 12 year old who was allegedly raped by her **26 year old boyfriend**.

During the intake the details given by the biological mother of the victim were that one day the mother went to the child's School to give her pocket money, but she couldn't find her and after school the concerned child's friend showed the mother the boyfriend's place but there was no one. The following day the mother went back to the School

and the child was not at school again, later that day the child came back and told her mother that she slept in the veld because she heard from her friends that the mother was looking for her.

The child is living with her biological mother and siblings, the father is currently in prison.

The girl indicated that she does not want to disclose what happened because the accused is her boyfriend. The Social worker explained to the child that she is still a minor even though she agreed to have intercourse with the accused but she kept on saying she will not disclose anything.

In the meantime, we will continue with therapy

Family Preservation Programme - Alex

BACKGROUND: The Family Preservation Programme (FPP) was designed to assist families to preserve good relationships and to strengthen the family support system amongst individual families and the community at large.

PROCESS: Themes discussed were as follows:

1. Communication
2. Relationship
3. Parenting styles
4. Family values
5. Family resources
6. Community resources
7. Positive Discipline

Parenting Programme

BACKGROUND: The Parenting Programme (PP) was designed to equip parents with skills to manage and cope with the challenges of raising their children, in order to develop a harmonious environment in which to be effective parents.

PROCESS: Topics that were covered were:

1. Communication
2. Relationship between parents and their children
3. Parenting styles
4. Children's rights and responsibilities
5. Positive discipline

Parents were actively involved in the project, they were helping each other to deal with the matters at hand and how to solve challenges they were facing.

From Jan to Dec 2019, these programmes were attended by 673 Adults – 417 Female and 256 Male

Outreach & Awareness



MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

12 Oct - Luke Lamprecht talks about mental health issues - SABC Digital News

The stigma related to mental illness in men often prevents sufferers from seeking help, thus resulting in the buildup of stress which leads to violence and outbursts. October is Mental Health Awareness Month and this year, the focus is on suicide prevention. To engage further we are now joined in studio by Luke Lamprecht, Advocacy manager and child protection specialist Women & Men Against Child Abuse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-5FUH1fOAE>



21 Oct - Nkosi's Haven training

WMACA would like to thank [The Angel Network SA](#), @Penny Stein, [Gail Johnson](#) of [Nkosi's Haven](#) and [Vincentia Dlamini](#) for making this training day possible.

WMACA Operations Director Vincentia Dlamini provided training on different types of child abuse and disclosure to Youth and Childcare workers as well

as care givers to vulnerable children.

We look forward to sharing our knowledge in the field of child abuse and with the current state of affairs in our country we all need to familiarise ourselves with what the different laws say and how we as community members can make a positive difference in the life of an abused child.



ALEXANDRA

On 05 December 19 a dialogue event was held with teenagers. Teenagers were discussing social issues that affect them as the youth in South Africa.

Topics were as follows: Depression, Gender Based Violence, Corruption, Public Drinking and Violence, Drug abuse, Suicide and Sexual Abuse. Children shared how these social issues affected them as youth and what they can do to prevent them.

NETWORKING WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

19 October 2019 - IMBIZO DIALOGUES: LAUNCH OF 365 DAYS CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Service Delivery Structures & Organizations That participated in the Build-up:

- Department of Social /Development: National, Provincial and Regional Office.
- Alexandra Kidz Clinic/Women & Men Against Child Abuse
- World Vision
- Joburg Africa Tikkun
- Alexandra Police Station Youth Desk
- Thiboloha
- Siyabonga Drop-in Centre
- Johannesburg Institute for Social Services
- Radisela After care Drop-in Centre
- Clean Touch Administrative Service
- Child Line
- Sanca Soweto
- Abram Kriel
- Nanga Vhutshilo
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Keep a girl child at School
- Orlando Sporting Academy
- Khayaletu Care Centre
- New Life Community Development Centre

CONCERNS RAISED BY CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Substance abuse, be it alcohol and different kinds of drugs including Nyaope, leading to school drop-outs and allegations of police officers who are selling drugs.

Children also raised concerns of parents sending them to buy alcohol and cigarettes and taking drugs in front of them. Some children stated that they were forced to take drugs by fellow learners at school and some people are selling drugs inside the school premises.

Children complained about the many taverns that operate outside demarcated operating times. Children also indicated that some fathers abuse their children Sexually when they are drunk

ORANGE FARM CHILDREN

Challenge identified is that Foreign Nationals trafficking children from other province to provide sexual services to their customers who buy five beers or more

Child neglect and abuse in all forms

There is lack of parental involvement in their children's lives. Children reported incidents of lack of parental supervision

22 October 2019 - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MONITORING & EVALUATION MEETING AT NORWOOD LIFELINE

The purpose of the meeting was that a study highlighted a weakness in service counselling. Additionally, the diagnostic report raised concerns about psycho-social services inclusive of trauma co-ordination in the provision of varied support services, such as legal counselling.

To contribute to the implementation of the improvement plan by the Inter-ministerial Technical task team for violence Against Women and children.

Our clinic Manager Elizabeth Mokoena attended the meeting and spoke about as an NGO, what services we render in the victim support unit.

Staff Training

CHILD JUSTICE ACT - LUKE LAMPRECHT

Our organisation is moving towards a culture of learning and management has done their part! On the 13 of November the social work team was treated to an informative session in line with the Children's Act.

Luke Lamprecht, Child Protection Specialist and Advocacy Manager engaged the social workers on an intensive three hours of learning. Some topics focused on were the Child Justice Act, in response to challenges of children under 10 being brought to the clinic for schedule three crimes - murder.

The social workers were taught how to handle such situations by being informed on the right referral recourse when handling such children. This initiative of learning is not a once off for the clinic and organisation.

A commitment has been reached to have such training as part of the clinic agenda for 2020! Thank you for an investment in the social workers to equip them to better serve our clients.

Thank you to Luke for sharing a world of essential knowledge with the team!

CPD TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

As part of the social workers development (Continued Professional Development), the team takes time to educate each other on areas of interest to them and to the organisation as a whole.

Topic: Domestic Violence

Presenter: Tendai Munatsi

Date: 20 November 2019

Venue: Boksburg Kidz Clinic

Tendai presented to the team the topic of Domestic Violence and its impact on children. The topic, in light of the surge in GBV



TEAM BUILDING

Engagement and team success is important to achieve the vision of our organisation. Our social workers from Alexandra and Boksburg were treated to a team building day on the 30th of October.

They went to Little Cooks Club in Bedfordview and showcased their culinary skills. They were divided into two teams, green and red and were challenged to prepare mouth-watering dishes. On the menu were lemon and mushroom

chicken bake and a gooey spotted chocolate pudding. They extended their gratitude at having a day to simply have FUN!

ALEX

- On the 16/10/19 the Social worker and Social Auxiliary attended CPD training under the topic of “How to conduct successful intake” which was facilitated at Boksburg by Violet Zwane. Violet has been with us since the start of the Kidz Clinics and has worked her way up to being an extremely competent Auxiliary.

- On the 18/10/2019 Social worker and Social Auxiliary attended a workshop at JPCCC on the topic of bed wetting.

[Johannesburg Parent & Child Counselling Centre \(JPCCC\)](#)

www.jpccc.org.za (ctrl+ Click to follow link)

23 to 25 October - CHILD PROTECTION FORUM WORKSHOP AND TRAINING: SEXUAL OFFENCES

SAW Constance Mudau attended training held at Department of Economic Development. It was organised by Soweto Forum and DSD together with NPA.

Top speakers in the field presented on the following:

Advocate Carina Coetzee From NPA: social offences and community affairs, focusing more on gender based violence and the “comfort zone” (why people stay in an abusive relationship).

Advocate Ratshidzumba From NPA: spoke about the child as an offender and about the **Child Justice Act**. She said it provides for the minimum of criminal capacity whereby 10 years and less cannot be prosecuted or diverted, and less than 14 years presumed to lack criminal Act.

Court Preparation Officer Asewa Fundi From NPA: Facilitated about Court preparation and the victim impact statement, the values of victim empowerment, norms and minimum standards and Rights and Responsibilities of the victim. She also talked about the aims of court preparation, which is to prevent secondary victimisation.

Dr Nkobi From Department Of Health: Clinical Forensic Medical Services, provided to meet the health needs of community, to provide special skills to victim empowerment, and a comprehensive clinical medico legal investigation process. Also, the types of Gender Based Violence, the cause, and the health consequences of GBV.

DAY 2 24/10/2019:

Advocate Nketsi Ntamane From Npa: The Children’s Act and the National Register for Sex Offenders (NRSO)

Captain Mogoe From Soweto SAPS: talked about the process of investigation, statement taking and docket compilation.

Advocate Joey Mabote From NPA: the Domestic violence act 16 of 1998. She said domestic violence can happen anywhere, anytime whether married/unmarried. She also talked about protection orders and that anyone can apply for a protection order even if he/she is still a minor. The procedure of applying for a protection order.

DAY 3 25/10/2019:

Advocate Carina Coetzee From NPA: The importance of child witnessing, how to gather the information and to make her/him feel comfortable talking to you. Building relationship and rapport, and explaining the importance of why they’re doing it.

Advocate Pule Mathaha From NPA: Framework of the Thuthuzela Care Centres (TTC), how they operate and the TCC Model.

He also talked about the protective measures where he referred to Section 153 of Act 51 of 1997. It is measures for complaints in criminal trials in order to protect their dignity and to reduce secondary victimisation.

At the end of the workshop everybody was given a Manual to take back to their respective organisations, to share information with other staff members.

#DrosRape NINOW RAPE TRIAL



17 Oct 2019 - PRETORIA - Nicholas Ninow has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the rape of a seven-year-old girl in the toilet cubicle of the Dros restaurant in Pretoria. Ninow was also handed a five-year sentence for the possession of drugs and another five years for defeating the administration of justice

Handing down the sentence, Judge Mokhine said he took into account the fact that Ninow is a young adult, has an infant child of his own and that there was a good chance that he could be rehabilitated. He said that Ninow had failed to prove that he

was genuinely remorseful.

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2019-10-17-dros-rape-nicholas-ninow-gets-life-sentence/>

After the Sentencing...

2019/10/18 - ETV - The Morning Show

Convicted child rapist, Nicholas Ninow was sentenced to life in prison by Judge Mokhine Mosopa - Advocacy Manager from Women and Men Against Child Abuse, Luke Lamprecht joins The Morning Show to unpack this and also speaks about the Sexual Offenders' Register

<https://youtu.be/a19AVdkI2GY>



PUBLISHING THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF SEX OFFENDERS: WILL IT WORK?

The escalation in gender-based violence has sparked a mass mobilisation of South Africans in recent weeks.

With many accusing the government of turning a blind eye, President Cyril Ramaphosa's address to the nation on September 5 was met with hostility.

Many have called for a return to the death penalty as a solution, as well as making the National Register for Sex

Offenders (NRSO) public.

Advocacy group Women & Men Against Child Abuse (WMACA) has expressed its concerns regarding the functionality and mechanisms of the register, however. Ngaa Murombedzi spoke to Times Live.

Ramaphosa has since outlined the government's action plan to fight gender-based violence, including launching a special fund.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=154&v=Pc_xiWEXpA0&feature=emb_logo

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT LAW

2019/10/06 Nuusdag	The Constitutional Court upheld a South Gauteng High Court ruling declaring corporal punishment at home unconstitutional. Luke Lamprecht from Women and Child Abuse, elaborates.
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In essence: Common assault, Assault GBH and attempted murder have always been crimes. The new sets of rules are an attempt to engage parents in more positive parenting.

The media and the Freedom of Religion SA got the message wrong. If parents are found to be reasonably chastising, think about discipline in positive ways.

Challenge with ruling is how to equip parents with another set of skills to discipline their children other than reasonable chastisement

The argument of reasonable chastisement has been misconstrued to thinking "if you smack your child we will call the police". The intention of the ruling is to assist parents by opening options to them by opening skills for them to discipline children.

It does not mean you don't do anything to discipline your child. We need to inform through research, the best possible ways.

We must pull it away from "the police will come arrest you" but to make a call to DSD and other organisations to say what other skill sets can we bring forth and get parents to make use of.

WMACA NEWS & VIDEOS

Check out some of our older news clips of previous cases here:

https://www.wmaca.org/category/videos/page/3/?page_number_0=73

(Ctrl + click on link)



CHILDREN'S ACT AMENDMENT

18 Oct -Africa News - Bid To Amend Children's Act To Ensure The Arrest Of People Who Fail To Report Child Abuse

"Women and Men Against Child Abuse recommend that Section 110 (2) of the Children's Act No 38 be amended to make it mandatory for anyone with reasonable suspicion of child abuse [to] report it," advocacy Manager Murombedzi Ngaa told News24 on Friday.

"Currently, the obligation to report is voluntary for non-professionals, meaning any citizen or persons, and only mandatory in the professions listed in subsection 1 of Section 110," she added.

<https://www.africa-news.info/news/south-africa-news/2019/10/18/south-africa-bid-to-amend-childrens-act-to-ensure-the-arrest-of-people-who-fail-to-report-child-abuse/>

The majority of women don't even know what to do when they are abused

"A lot of the women that I have dealt with were dependent on their abusers. They had no careers of their own. They have kids, but they have no money of their own. The perpetrator gets a bed, three meals, medical care and can learn a trade — all for abusing a woman."

Often survivors of abuse can't even access free counselling services because they do not have transport money.

"I firmly believe we should spend an equal amount of time and money on the survivors of rape and abuse. The majority of women do not even know what to do when they are abused — many women do not even know there is a shelter where they can go for temporary safety."

"If you don't take a violent domestic abuser off the street that piece of paper is useless. I can't tell you how many women came to me with protection orders that were ripped up by their abusers. Many don't even want to leave the house because the man they fear might be standing around the corner."

— **Activist Lindsay Ziehl**, who has received an MBE for her work in this sector.

21 October - DOCTOR SLATES JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR DELAYS IN CHILD ABUSE CASE

Gross negligence and no communication between court and welfare systems

Medical doctor, Dr Pat Dorman has slated the justice system for apparently failing two girls who have been removed from the custody of their parents, following allegations of sexual abuse.

The children are said to be too young to testify and so the strength of the case is entirely contingent on Dorman who has examined them and recorded their injuries.

While she has been called to court several times, the hearing had to be shelved as the state was not ready to proceed.

Joanne Joseph (702 Afternoon Drive presenter and WMACA Board Member) speaks to the Doctor and to Luke Lamprecht here:

<http://www.702.co.za/articles/364509/doctor-slates-justice-system-for-delays-in-child-abuse-case>

The problem that there has been no criminal finding means that people say 'oh well the parents haven't been found guilty' but they have in fact been found as people whose children are in need of protection....

— *Luke Lamprecht, Advocacy manager - WMACA*



31 Oct - Oelofse: LIFE + 16 Years for rape of a mentally challenged child

WMACA are extremely satisfied today with the sentence handed down to Johannes Marthinus Oelofse (60) for the repeated rape of his mentally challenged stepdaughter over a number of years.

Oelofse was convicted on 28 May 2019 in the Palm Ridge Court on charges of rape, sexual assault, sexually grooming a mentally disabled person, exposing her to pornography and compelling her to witness self-masturbation, for which he was sentenced today to life (count 1), as well as six years (count 2), four years (count 3), three years and a further three years for counts 4 and 5 respectively.

During the sentencing proceedings the court heard how he had threatened the victim's pets and family in a concerted effort to ensure her silence, the trauma of which must have been unspeakable to this child. Oelofse was confident in approaching the court for a non-custodial sentence, claiming his ill-health as a factor, the irony of which was appalling given that he had given no consideration to his victim's age nor mental capacity.

We welcome the sentence handed down today as a strong message to perpetrators of sexual violence against the vulnerable - we will not tolerate the abuse of children, and thank the judge for maintaining the minimum mandatory sentence for rape.

R1.6 billion has been allocated to dealing with issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV)

2019/11/04 - SABC News Morning Live

Parts of the plan to spend the R1.6 billion allocated to the emergency fund to fight gender-based-violence were revealed in parliament last week.

President Cyril Ramaphosa detailed how education, programmes to assist survivors and employment of social workers would be prioritised. But some civil society groups are concerned about proper implementation and accountability.

To discuss this further, we're joined by Vincentia Dlamini, Operations Director for Women and Men against Child Abuse.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tiodex-Ttc>



<p>2019/11/15 SABC News</p>	<p>Justice for UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana</p> <p>Luke Lamprecht is the Child Protection and Development Specialist at Women and Men Against Child Abuse and he talks about the prison sentencing of Luyanda Botha for the rape and murder of UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDjxocve368</p>	
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By **Tankiso Makhetha**

Justice system 'not kind to abuse victims'

Civil society organisations have urged the government to implement a victim-friendly mechanism that will assist to end the scourge of violence against women and children.

Luke Lamprecht, the Women & Men Against Child Abuse advocacy manager, said this would help to assist minors who have been sexually violated in not only dealing with the trauma they have experienced, but also in fixing a criminal justice system that appears to be slanted in favour of perpetrators.

Lamprecht was speaking to Sowetan yesterday, against the backdrop of the launch of this

Advocacy groups punt for reforms

year's 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign.

Lamprecht said there were systemic failures experienced by child victims in the criminal justice system.

He highlighted the dangers that children faced as a result of adults whose professions required them to work with minors on a daily basis.

"There needs to be a sexual offences register specific to those professions – professions

such as teaching, coaching and faith-based leadership. This will mean that those offenders will need to answer to their professional bodies and then answer to the law," Lamprecht said.

He said this would prevent those who have been found to have sexually abused minors from working in an environment that gives them access to minors without being picked up. He argued that children were let down by the system as only a fraction of cases reported to the police yielded convictions.

He said President Cyril

Ramaphosa's five-point emergency plan to tackle gender-based violence was not working. Ramaphosa launched the emergency action plan in August amid widespread criticism of government's failure to tackle gender-based violence.

"One of the reasons is that the criminal justice system is not kind to the victims – in this case being children – in that while a perpetrator has numerous chances to plead his case to the criminal justice system, the victim is only a state witness. The system has to work more efficiently for the victims," Lamprecht said.

WMACA ADVOCACY reflect on the 16 Days of Activism campaign of 2019, and provides insight as to how we can move forward.

The 16 Days, when the country focuses on issues related to the abuse of women and children, is reflective of WMACA's **Advocacy Work 365 Days a Year**. At the outset, we planned to highlight our place in the #NewDawn dream and the role we play in the realisation of four of the five points of the Gender Violence Emergency Plan launched by the President.

We focused on Prevention, Strengthening the Criminal Justice System, Enhancing the Policy and Ensuring adequate care, support and healing for victims of violence.

For prevention of child abuse to be successful, the community needs to understand how those who abuse children operate. Firstly, there is their motive to abuse, and these are as varied as the types of offenders. Secondly, there is the need to overcome their internal resistance to hurt children as they know it is wrong. We know they know it is wrong because they create and maintain secrets, and this is where the power of abuse lies. The abuser also needs to overcome external resistance - this is us, the whole of the South African community and its institutions. Finally, they need to overcome the resistance of the child which is via force or grooming. -Luke Lamprecht

Read the full article here:

<http://www.wmaca.org/women-and-men-against-child-abuse-reflect-on-the-16-days-of-activism-2019/>

BRYANSTON HIGH SPORTS COACH CASE

13 Nov - Former Bryanston school coach applies for dismissal of sexual assault charge

The 33-year-old was dismissed from the school in March after a disciplinary hearing in which he was found guilty of sexually harassing three pupils, and of financial mismanagement.

The matter was previously postponed to allow him to make representations to the director of public prosecutions (DPP). This was after his representations to the senior public prosecutor were unsuccessful.

The Wynberg magistrate's court heard on Tuesday that his representations to the DPP had failed.

<https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2019-11-13-former-bryanston-school-coach-applies-for-dismissal-of-sexual-assault-charge/>

13 Nov - Judges praised for ruling oral rape is as much a violation as other forms of rape

Oral rape has as much of a psychological impact on the victim as vaginal penetration and should be treated like any form of sexual violation.

This is according to Women and Men Against Child Abuse's spokesperson, Ngaa Murombedzi, who was commenting on a Western Cape high court judgment which dismissed an appeal by a [man who had raped his daughter](#).

The man, from Vredenburg, had pleaded guilty to two counts of rape. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2017.

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2019-11-13-judges-praised-for-ruling-oral-rape-is-as-much-a-violation-as-other-forms-of-rape/>

OTHER CASES IN THE NEWS

Sunday, 6 Oct 2019 - Mnet CARTE BLANCHE - School of Shattered Dreams

Some Carte Blanche segments are hard to watch, and this is one of those. Their look into what's been happening at a well-known dance academy based in Gauteng is pretty jarring.

For a number of girls attending a well-known dance academy in Gauteng, dreams of making it big on the stage have turned to dust as they say they were exposed to a sex grooming ring in the school. Speaking out for the first time, three of the learners and their mothers reveal how the allegations of grooming and sexual assault have impacted their lives while their cases remain in the hands of police. Then the teenage boys at the centre of the investigation respond but what's really behind allegations?

The police are still conducting their investigation, so the charges remain unproven, but multiple witnesses point to serious crimes having been committed.

WMACA'S Luke Lamprecht appeared: " A cautionary tale about how we sacrifice our children to privilege and children who want to get ahead in life end up in invidious and vulnerable positions. In order for children to be sexually violated the parents need to be groomed, the institutions need to be groomed and then the child is groomed.

Hence children are being sacrificed in these set ups and institutions."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B18QAQcSqU0>



<p>2019/11/06 SABC News SA Today</p>	<p>A 44-year-old Durban father Sibusiso Mpungose has been handed four life terms for killing four of his children.</p> <p>Mpungose was handed the sentence in the KwaZulu-Natal High Court in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday after pleading guilty in October.</p> <p>He had pleaded guilty to hanging Kuhlekonke, 4, Khwezi, 6, Siphesihle, 10, and his step-daughter Ayakha Jiyane, 17 on September 3, in Wyebank, Pinetown. Mpungose said in his plea that he killed his children because he believed his wife was cheating on him.</p> <p>Women and Men against Child Abuse [WMACA] Operations Director Vincentia Dlamini spoke to Palesa and shares their view on this sentence.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfMvxSLvXuA</p>
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6 Nov - A wall of remembrance for Gert van Rooyen's victims

A memorial has been unveiled in memory of the seven girls kidnapped and presumably murdered by paedophile Gert Van Rooyen 30 years ago. The monument is at a property in Tshwane that Van Rooyen owned when he abducted the girls in the late 1980s. Despite intense police investigations and widespread publicity, six of the seven girls have never been found. Van Rooyen committed suicide in 1990.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHDZNpLS5YI>

3 Dec - Daily Maverick: Murder, rape and robbery: women and children under siege

SAD INDICTMENT ON SA'S LEGAL SYSTEM

Reality for victims:

It has been said many times, by many different people, that the victims of gender-based violence - overwhelmingly women and children in SA's misogynistic society - are abused twice ... once in the actual crime and again by the justice system.

Many women who try to report rape at police stations, or get protection orders against husbands and partners, say those supposed to be enforcing the law have little sympathy at best and, at worst, actively refuse to take their cases.

When cases of rape and abuse do get to court, they are sometimes so badly investigated, or prosecuted, that they get thrown out. But now, an even more worrying aspect of the judicial system is emerging: a significant number of magistrates and criminal lawyers have a lack of basic knowledge about the laws around rape and, specifically, about the legislated mandatory minimum sentences for the crime.

According to legal advocacy group Judges Matter - which sat in on interviews for magisterial posts in the regional courts - the level of ignorance of rape law was displayed by "a significant number" of the candidates. The group commented: "Given such recent events regarding gender-based violence and femicide, one would expect that people sitting on the bench and administering justice would know the law and apply it accordingly. However, this proved not to be the case."

We suggest that concrete steps be taken to include gender-based violence awareness for all legal trainees, never mind magistrates. What about a mandatory set of sessions with rape advocacy groups, as well as time in rape trauma clinics for all aspiring lawyers?

Even if they don't go into criminal law, they can never say in future: we never knew.

The Citizen Editorial

During a press conference organised by Women and Men against Child Abuse last week, activist Luke Lamprecht said conviction rates for crimes against children are extremely low.

He said their figures estimate that only one in nine cases are reported even though one in three children will be abused by the time they are 17.

"Of the 35% reported, 40% to 60% are withdrawn by the police or the National Prosecuting Authority," Lamprecht said, adding that only 8% result in a conviction.

<https://www.msn.com/en-za/news/national/murder-rape-and-robbery-eastern-cape-women-and-children-under-siege/ar-BBxFdPL?li=BBqfWMJ>

9 Dec - "Sisters" Historical Abuse case - Cape

WMACA directors Miranda Jordan and Vincentia Dlamini were at the WYNBERG Sexual Offences Court this where the historic trial, which sees SISTERS Claudine Shiels and Lisa van der Merwe against two family members who abused them as young girls between 1974 and 1979, is set to finally start.

The Sisters were 11 and 15 when the sexual abuse began. The case was set to start in August, but was delayed by alleged illness from the defence team and accused, and disappointingly delayed to Monday, 9 December. WMACA welcomes the appointment of a new prosecutor to the case, and believe there should be no further impediments to the start of the trial.

We believe there are MANY MANY more cases like this one that hails back to the 70's and perhaps even further - a time where family name and fortunes counted more than the sanctity of a child's trust. These ladies will finally get their day in court."

The sisters followed the Bob Hewitt trial closely, but it took the ground-breaking Frankel case (which saw cabinet approve the proscition-removing bill last year, aimed at amending the Criminal Procedure Act to enable ALL sexual offenses to be prosecuted retrospectively) to convince them that justice is available to them, and they reached out to WMACA for assistance.

<p>2019/12/12</p> <p>Power FM</p> <p>Power Breakfast</p>	<p>The Constitutional judgement on rape under common purpose has been widely welcomed with civil society organisations calling it a victory for victims who have been traumatised by gang rape.</p> <p>The Apex Court in a statement ruled that the main objective of the doctrine of common purpose is to criminalise collective illegal conduct.</p> <p>The ruling involves Jabulani Tshabalala and Annanias Ntuli, who had been involved in a series of rapes years ago. The pair challenged their conviction for rape under common purpose after they were convicted of common law rape.</p> <p>The Commission for Gender Equality was the primary friend of the court.</p> <p>WMACA's Luke Lamprecht, Child Protection and Development Specialist explains.</p> <p>http://fusion.ornico.co.za/Broadcast/2019/12/12/2019_12_12_POWER_FM_WACA_07H02.MP3</p>
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<p>2019/12/17</p> <p>SAFM</p>	<p>The non-government organization, Women and Men Against Child Abuse has welcomed the decision by President Cyril Ramaphosa not to grant sentence reductions to violent criminals or sexual offenders. Ramaphosa yesterday granted sentence reductions to 51 thousand prisoners yesterday as a reconciliation day gesture.</p> <p>WMACA's Ngaa Murobedzi explains.</p> <p>http://fusion.ornico.co.za/Broadcast/2019/12/17/2019_12_17_SAFM_WACA_12H04.MP3</p>
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<p>2019/12/19</p> <p>Radio 702</p> <p>Afternoon drive</p>	<p>Social Media Specialist Emma Sadler and Advocacy Manager at WMACA, Luke Lamprecht, speak about former Bishops College polo coach Fiona Viotti who is accused of having sexual relationships with at least 5 boys at the school and her allegedly distributing pornographic material of herself to the boys she engaged with.</p> <p>http://fusion.ornico.co.za/Broadcast/2019/12/19/2019_12_19_Radio%20702_Afternoon%20Drive_WACA_16h08.mp3</p>
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WMACA FOUNDER MIRANDA JORDAN-FRIEDMANN THANKS ADVOCACY TEAM

Thank you to our amazing WMACA Advocacy team and everyone who supports us. We had a very busy last few months, involved in different ways in highlighting cases that we hope will be impactful, carry weight and give courage to the many other women and children, girls and boys involved in criminal cases.

We have spent days sitting in Courts , protesting at marches, traveling to different areas of Gauteng, writing releases and commentary, researching, answering the many calls that needed direction and assistance by our very valuable Kidz Clinic social work team where we refer children and where FCS can bring hurt children for free assistance .

THANK YOU

Acknowledgements

We're always grateful for donations in kind, or of goods, to cut down our operational costs at the clinics:

BOKSBURG

VODACOM INTERNS

Thank you to Nyameko and Mahlatse, Vodacom provided interns, for their development of programs related to WMACA and Kidz Clinic this month. They have worked diligently on their IT commitment to keep up with technological developments. The services provided by the two interns have resulted in increased case follow up capacity and results which has better informed our case reporting and challenges at the clinic. They have also been hands on with the day to day technological management of printers and laptops for the social workers. One of the important aspects of our work is the maintenance of information gathered by social workers. They have ensured weekly that important documents are up to date and backed up.

GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN

The Kidz Clinic Boksburg extends gratitude to Penny Stein who donated some hand knitted colourful blankets to our clinic. These have been given out to families with small children. Our receptionist has seen a few children who have come through our doors accompanying slightly older siblings and has gifted these blankets to them. Sometimes small children don't understand why they are in places such as a clinic offering services to abused children.

The parcel of blankets came with some note books which came in handy when our Operations Director Vincentia Dlamini presented training at Nkosi's haven to child and youth care workers.

Thank you Penny for your continued support of our organisation. All the gifts we receive are creatively repackaged and serve a lot of children and families who are beneficiaries of our service.



ALEXANDRA

19 October - 12 Children were invited to the Savoy Nandos for lunch, sponsored by the **Boikanyo Foundation**, thanks to Marilyn Bassin

23 October - Continuation of INVESTEC Amazing Race

Thanks to this amazing staff initiative, we received:

- 15 x Ladies' comfort packs
- 15 x Girls' packs
- 10 x Boys' packs
- 14 x Girls' cosmetic bags
- Cleaning Materials and tissues for the clinic
- Milk, tea and other groceries

8 Dec - A huge thank you to Amanda Dambuza for her support as a WMACA Ambassador.

This article appeared in Business Day's WANTED magazine . Amanda is the CEO of Uyandiswa Project Management Services and has earned respect as an outstanding businesswoman who left a flourishing corporate career to be at the coalface of job creation. She wrote 'Baked in Pain' a book which talks about her own abuse as a child .



Worthy cause you're supporting this Dec? I rally behind many organisations doing wonderful work in our society; however, the one I am supporting this festive season is Women and Men Against Child Abuse (WMACA). **Tell us a bit about the work it does?** It's a non-profit child protection organisation committed to fighting for both the rights of the child and to end the abuse of children in South Africa. There is a multifaceted, dynamic, and aggressive offensive against any form of abuse and gender violence. Under the umbrella body of WMACA there are three Kidz Clinics – in Alexandra, Boksburg, and Pretoria – and various prevention and diversion programmes to assist abused children. Besides actual service



Penny Stein and The Angel Network

We want to give the biggest thanks tonight to Penny Stein and the Angel network who today handed over 2000 rape survivor comfort kits to our Kidz Clinic in Alexandra.

We can't overstate the comfort that a soft toy and hygiene products bring to a girl who has been on the doorstep of the worst trauma imaginable. Bless you, Penny and each of the people who gave of their time and generously donated to this incredible project! We will be distributing these rape comfort kits through our Alex Clinic to both the local Forensic Medical centres & FCS offices

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IT IS ALL ABOUT HOPE - HOW CAN YOU HELP WMACA?

It has been and hopefully will always be a policy of Women and Men Against Child Abuse that our services are provided for FREE. This, however, requires a huge amount of resources to achieve.

We work in an environment where there is NO assured source of income. Yet despite this, we have been able to provide a free, good quality, professional service to thousands of abused children, their families, adult survivors and juvenile offenders.

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