

# Quarterly Report

## October to December 2020

### OVERVIEW

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WMACA has successfully pulled through another year in light of the economic hardships felt by the Covid pandemic. From a financial perspective we have experienced the generosity from sources and people that usually have not sponsored our sector. Having said that, we unfortunately lost two of our long term sponsors who were also affected, which resulted in WMACA not receiving their grants.

We have a team of committed individuals who continued to perform their functions in the face of possible Covid infections, which just shows the passion they have for their duty to the children we assist. If it were not for our Kidz Clinics operating on a daily basis we shudder to think of all those children who would not get the much needed interventions we provided.

Due to limited transport for clients and other factors there are still a lot of children and families out there that were not able to access our facilities so we endeavoured to contact them via phone calls etc. I do believe that not just WMACA, but all role players in our arena, will only start to see the true damage this virus has caused once it is under control and we revert back to our old normal way of operations.

Our Advocacy team also showed their courage and determination by attending court proceedings when allowed, and continued to highlight inefficiencies in our Judicial process and for this we commend all their efforts.

I am positive that WMACA will continue to grow and maintain its presence in the child abuse sector during 2021 and many more years to come. We were all a bit concerned in early 2020 but carried on and pulled through. Our organisation will always do what is best for the voiceless in our communities.

Thank you to all my colleagues and sponsors for allowing us to do what we do best.

**Kevin Barbeau** - Executive Director

## HIGHLIGHTS

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### 2 Dec 2020 – Outcome Of Sentencing In 2020 Murder Case Of 5-Year-Old In The South Gauteng High Court.

#### **Judge Mokgoatlheng took just over 2 hours of quoting numerous case law, laying a foundation to show the Court should not deviate from appropriate punishment**

This after the children's parents - who cannot be named to protect the minors - stood trial for abusing them over a period of time. The sustained abuse led to the death of one child, while the other suffered several injuries.

The pair faced charges including murder, attempted murder, child abuse and a failure to provide medical care. The two had pleaded not guilty.

In his judgment, Judge Ratha Mokgoatlheng found accused number one saw the assault of her children but kept quiet and therefore "aided and abetted accused two".



#### **A Life sentence for accused No 2, the father**

The Judge handed a Life sentence to accused No 2, for the murder of his little son Sipho, and for the attempted murder of his little step daughter, 10 years. For child abuse and neglect - 5 years on count 4.

#### **For the mother, accused no 1**

Count 1: Child abuse - 5 years

Count 2: Acquitted of murder and found guilty of murder after the fact - 10 years

Count 4: Child abuse and neglect - 5 years

Effectively 10 years imprisonment with some years running concurrently.

We thank the Judge for sending a strong message to would-be offenders and to the Investigating officer Sgt Ngobeni for a sterling investigation.

We thank our colleague Luke Lamprecht for his excellent report in aggravation of sentence entitled "Destruction and Devastation of Innocence" which was quoted along with other case law before sentencing. "A lack of remorse and mercy (by the parents) was evident to the end" Even right at the end at the hospital the mother protected the perpetrator.

The interest of the accused, the personal interest and circumstances of the accused as a human being and the seriousness of the offense and then the interest of society are all taken into consideration in sentencing.

Arrangements were made for the surviving little girl to live with her Grandmother who was in Court for the sentencing.



## **A brilliant judgement and hauntingly written.**

### **By Luke Lamprecht**

The sentence in this child murder case was guided by the Triad of Zinn and the stated objectives of punishment:

Already considered by the Court were the offender's personal circumstances are unremarkable with no special prospect for rehabilitation.

The court must be balanced and the judgement, in this case, must be weighed heavily in favour of the nature and severity of the offence and the objectives of:

- Punishment of retribution
- Protection of society and
- Individual and general deterrence.

The murder, in this case, is a more serious offence and "barely conceivable".

Premeditated murder is considered the most serious of all crimes under common law, but this definition pales in comparison to the crime committed in this case. In this case, an innocent defenceless child was beaten to death over many weeks, by someone who was

supposed to have protected him. The beatings were sustained and severe.

The pathologist was clear that the injuries the child died from were at different stages of healing and the child could have died from any one of many of these inflicted injuries:

- The child's head was fractured and the injuries resulting from this could have caused the death
- The child's neck injuries could have caused death.
- The injuries to the internal organs, the intestines and spleen specifically, could have caused death. The pathologist had never seen injuries this severe from an assault. They were so extreme that they could not have been caused by a kick or punch but were more in keeping with injuries found in motor vehicle accidents.

If one looks at the degrees of evil, as one does when categorising the severity of injuries, this crime shows coldness and depravity that extended over weeks. The offender was not just committed to the idea of doing evil, but actually engaged in evil, the coldest depravity, over weeks. I (the Judge) can scarcely imagine a worse crime, and cannot conceive of a level of evil that is greater than what this child was confronted with for weeks. The child, by all accounts, lived an almost forgotten existence. Forgotten if it were not for the care of the great grandmother at times and the fact the WE CARE.

We care NOT just because it is a duty BUT because the screams of that child should HAUNT us. I (the Judge) can only imagine the pain and fear this child lived through. It is haunting that he would have screamed out in pain and he was heard by NO ONE., No one came to his assistance, instead, one of the people who was meant to comfort him inflicted more pain and suffering. One must imagine the physical aspect of what the offender is responsible for. What is darker

and sadder is the emotional torment the child must have experienced. He was alone with a monster who acted with impunity and vented his anger onto the child's vulnerable body. The depths of depravity inflicted on this child are almost inconceivable.

Any attempt to conceive of what this child suffered through demands a sentence that has at its centre the demands of retribution for this child's screams and deterrence to shock society from its malaise into realising that these things may be happening next door OR

that if you ever feel inclined to beat a child, the law is watching and waiting. It fails me to blend this sentence with a measure of mercy. In light of the interests of society and the severity of the crime, I (the judge) am of the view that the most severe punishment warranted is possible, and only the most severe. I am also aware that in the execution of this sentence our

society shows mercy by the possibility of parole and that is appropriate in a case like this.



SENTENCE:  
Life for Murder

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## Brave Heart Bears Launch Event

25 November

WMACA in association with legendary fine jewellery designer Jenna Clifford together with over 36 top South African designers, popular brands and well known South African personalities today launched the first annual BRAVE HEART BEARS Initiative to co-inside with the launch of 16 Days of Activism.

BRAVE HEART BEARS is a unique and rare collection of over 100 beautifully dressed and exquisitely styled teddy bears. The aim of creating this collection is to help raise funds to ensure every child gets the various therapies they need, after being abused.

"This is the perfect initiative to launch for what we are working towards' explained **WMACA founder Miranda Jordan** and further adds, 'The LIFE LONG impact of child sexual abuse which may cause a range of negative consequences for the mental health and adjustment in childhood, adolescence and adulthood



for the victim, is well documented. I often refer to abuse not only stealing the childhood but also stealing the adulthood of the victim, and that is why early intervention work at our Clinics is often followed by later work with our Advocacy team. Important aspects of the abuse, including the relationship with the perpetrator, the betrayal of trust, the age and gender of the child, and the particular form of abuse are all significant factors. The BRAVE HEART BEARS Initiative will help us with raising funds for our Kidz Clinics, where we can provide these early intervention strategies."



[#WMACA](#) would like to officially thank everyone for their support and involvement in making our first Annual Brave Heart Bears fundraising campaign such a great success!!

### Thank you

- To Penny Stein, for conceptualising such a magical event and all the hard work over so many weeks ensuring everything was perfect.
- To Jenna Clifford, for donating the most spectacular venue and for all your generosity and support to WMACA.
- To all the great designers who showed

their passion for our cause through their wonderful Bear creations To YFM for sharing the day and for generously giving the event so much publicity as well as the best presenters.

- To the evergreen and stunning Soweto Gospel Choir for their beautiful performance
- To Sharon Smith, for the absolutely beautiful flowers
- To Kim Tobias for the Teddy Bear cake which was raffled and donated to the Kidz Clinic for their 20th Birthday celebration
- To Sydney Molife Mekingwe, for adding all your magic to this special event
- To Paul Mills, for filming everyone on the day and capturing the essence of why we were there
- To everyone who has bought our Brave Heart Bears



**PARTICIPATING DESIGNERS**

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 Anel Botha  
 RUBICON  
 TN Collectiv  
 Fundudzi by Craig  
 Jacobs  
 JJ Schoeman  
 ERRE  
 Palse Homme  
 JULIAN  
 George Malelu  
 Lloyd Hot Sense  
 Sun Goddess  
 Warm the World  
 Henrietta by Calvin N  
 Lindani Styling  
 Young and Co  
 House of Velour

AMEN  
 House of Conee  
 Touch Of Bling  
 The Bam Collective  
 Mavromac Fabrics  
 Cee Jay  
 Tshepo Jeans  
 NAKED APEX  
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**PARTICIPATING WELL KNOWN PERSONALITIES**  
 Ricky Rick – Hip Hop Artist  
 Sasha Lee Laurel – ex Miss SA  
 Kim Jayde – Award winning TV Host  
 Leanne Dlamini – Artist / Founder END GIRL HATE

Soweto Gospel Choir - Artists  
 Lee Toselli – Stylist  
 HYPRESS – Renowned African Publicist  
**PARTICIPATING SOUTH AFRICAN BRANDS**  
 Jenna Clifford –South African Jeweller  
 Anti Aging Art – Leading Wellness Centre  
 Thirst – Leading Mobile Bar Company  
 Coffee Excellence- Leading Coffee Company

These families of BRAVEHEART BEARS are available for purchase and are on display at Jenna Clifford studios in Morningside, Johannesburg.



We thank each and every one of you for all your efforts and for allowing us to continue doing the work we do every day at our Kidz Clinic facilities.

**And most of all, we honour each little Brave Heart; those who have been able to speak out and those who haven't.**



**Thank you to Paul Mills for this fabulous video of the launch event.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Do8CwYCn7bc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2r9XusSi21CH2zRtGhdXe-wlEdSBdHQ5fn3A7COnQJzsQ0tBJVtfN-0so>

## *Message from the Chairman*

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2020 has been a year of extreme upheaval for the world, South Africa and especially for the economy. This has put tremendous pressure on Non-profit organisations doing the work so needed at the very grass-roots level of our society.

It is with great pride that we report that Women and Men Against Child Abuse has managed to maintain its quality and free professional services to victims of child abuse and their non-offending parents and caregivers this year. The management and staff of WMACA are to be applauded for their commitment to the care of these vulnerable people.

WMACA continues to be relentless in our advocacy fighting to get effective sentences for offenders, and this with our strong media presence reinforces us as the definitive organization fighting child abuse in South Africa.



To my fellow directors and all our staff a big 'thank you' for the commitment and energy you bring to WMACA. To our sponsors and donors, much gratitude for continuing to support our cause, for without this support we could not continue the fight against child abuse.

-Janyce Dalziel

## **Reality for victims:**

### **SAD INDICTMENT ON SA'S LEGAL SYSTEM**

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

# KIDZ CLINICS

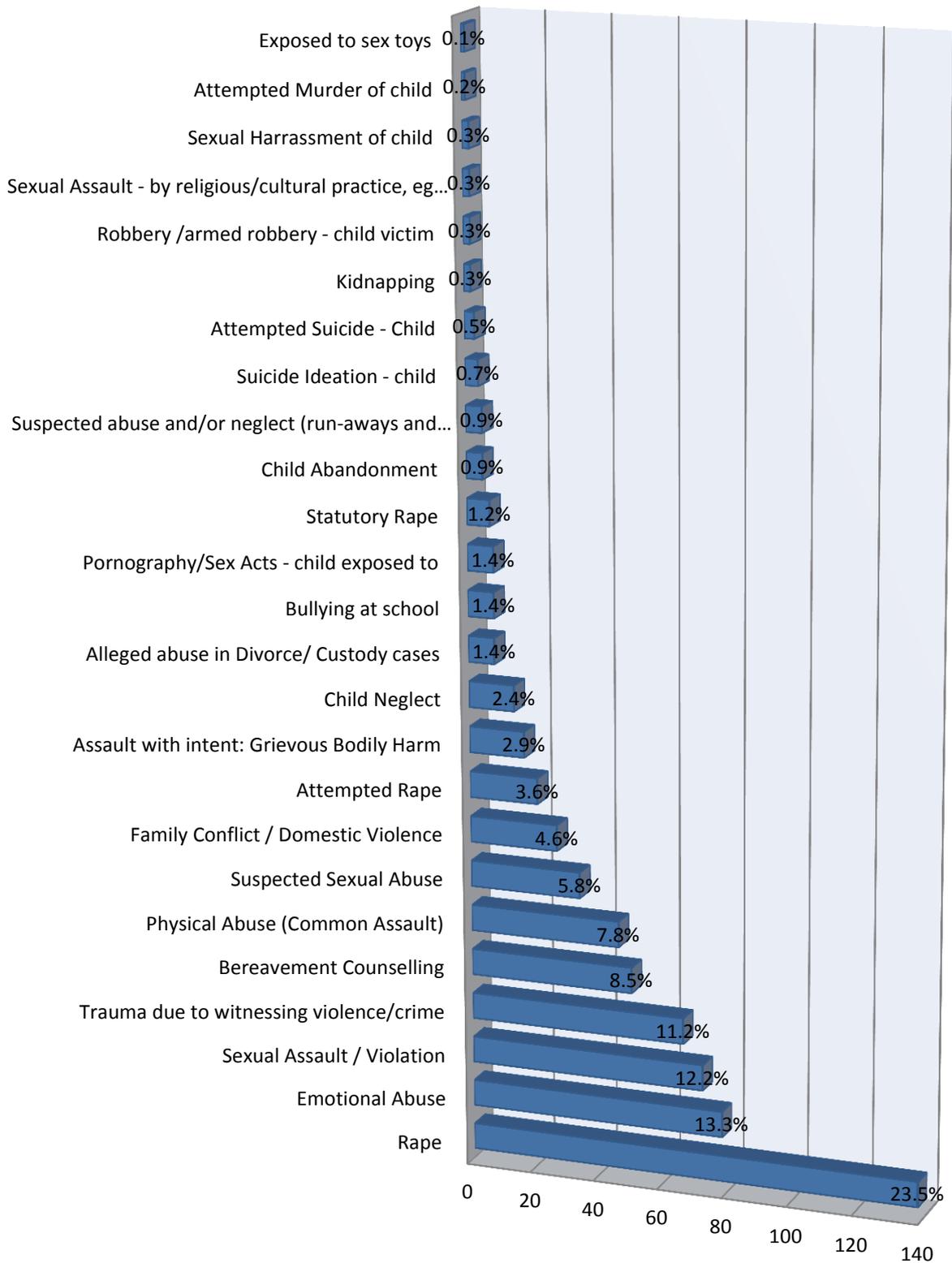
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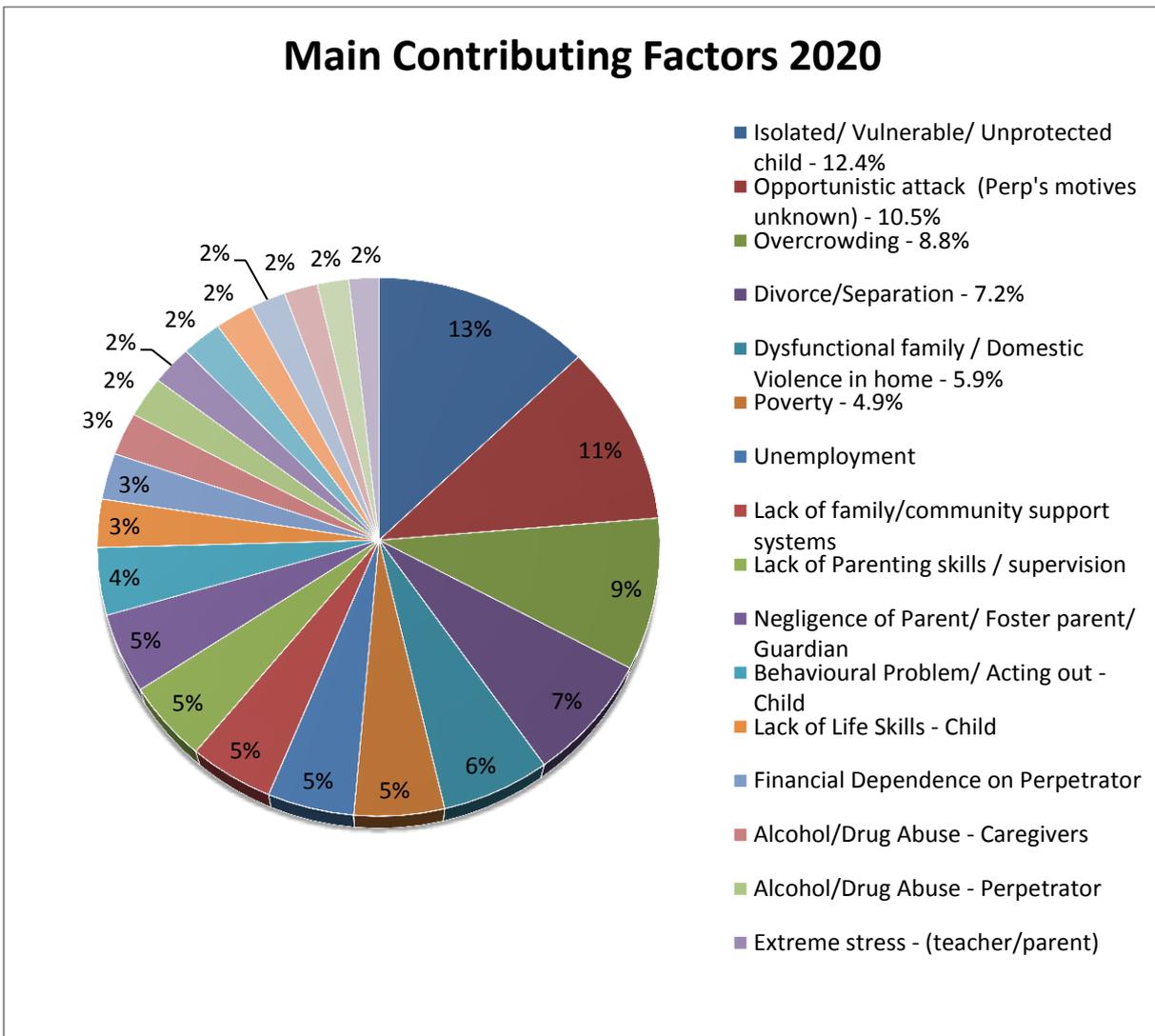
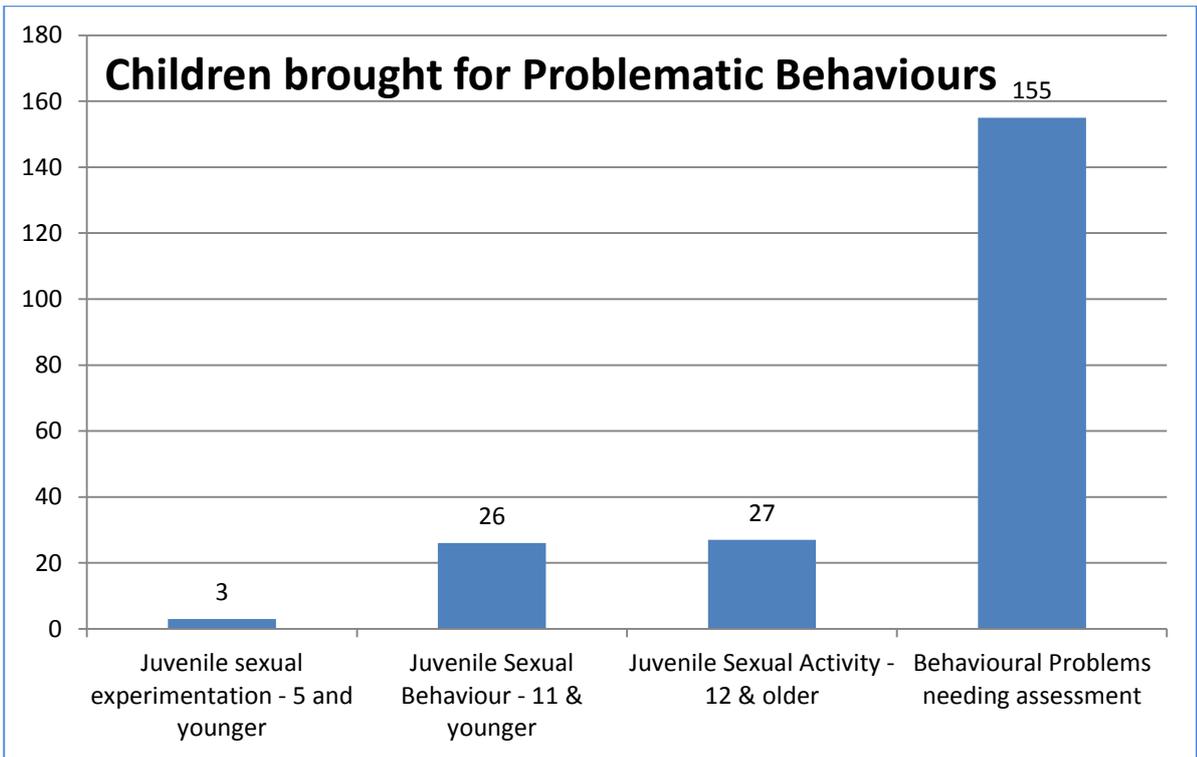
SERVICES PROVIDED – Jan 2020 to Dec 2020			
<b>New Intakes</b>	Girls:	588	947
	Boys:	359	
Children: First Visit, Follow-up visits - Psycho-social & Forensic Assessments, Trauma Evaluation, Risk Factors, Play therapy, Counselling, Further Therapeutic Work			3078
Children: Juvenile Offenders and Life Skills Workgroups			20
Children: Court Preparation			2
Children: Pupils addressed through preventative talks at Schools			
Parents / Grandparents / Caregivers: First Interview/ Intervention			725
Parents / Grandparents / Caregivers: Follow-up interview and/or counselling			2743
Parents assisted through Family Preservation & Parenting Skills Groups			613
Educators addressed at School or Daycare talks			
Community members assisted with brief counselling and referrals to other Govt or NPO Service Providers			1141
Number of Forensic or Psycho-Social Assessment Sessions provided			836
In-house Forensic Medical Examinations (J88) done			70

62%	Girls	38%	Boys
10.3	Average Age	1	Youngest

Social/Legal/Other Services - Referred to Govt or other NGO's	1626
Disputes Mediated by Kidz Clinic Staff	1539

## CASES REPORTED





## Message from the Operations Director

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Our dedicated team at the clinics have managed to keep services running through the most challenging times by adapting to changes which involved offering non contact therapeutic services telephonically which also posed challenges as the contact makes it easy to create a rapport between client and their therapists , the team continued to exercise caution in ensuring we follow the necessary safety measures in preventing the spread of the virus, our cleaners put extra efforts in creating a safe space for all.

This time of uncertainty created a lot of anxiety for everyone, our team managed to pull through and make sure they continue offering services during this time, our supervisor continued to offer debriefing.

We have offered food parcels to some of our clients , thanks to Covid Care, the comfort packs from which came in handy during this difficult time.

We continued exercising caution which also meant our annual Christmas parties for the children was differently organized, had drive throughout so for both clinics to minimize contact.

- Vincentia Dlamini -



## ACTIVITIES

### CLINIC OPERATIONS

November saw the start of 16 days of Activism. The theme for 2020 is an end to gender based violence. We often find that our cases which come to the clinic, have elements of gender based violence, in particular exposure to violence within the home context. We encourage social workers to extract other contributing factors which may lead to the child seeking services the clinic provides and this year in particular an increase in witnessing violence has been reported.

In the midst of the pandemic we are aware through research and thorough assessment of the cases that we have worked with between May and November 2020 that children suffer emotionally when exposed to GBV and unfortunately some become victims of the physical, verbal and emotional trauma.

In line with observing the regulations that are set out by the President to curb the spread of the corona virus our clinic took to social media to spread the word. The message,

**Since the opening  
of the first Kidz  
Clinic in 2000,  
WMACA have  
provided more  
than 148,929  
treatment sessions  
to**

**24,803 children  
and 25,248  
parents/  
caregivers.**

distributed via Facebook was put together by the social workers in a collaborated effort.

## **Kidz Clinic Boksburg**

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The case currently in the High Court – A Kempton Park couple whose children were assessed at the Boksburg Kidz Clinic was on the roll in the South Gauteng High Court for sentencing proceedings. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen personal circumstances on the part of the Prosecutor Mrs N Muller, the case has been postponed for sentencing in January of 2021.

This case is particularly important as it highlights the advocacy call to sentence mothers who neglect children DELIBERATELY and prioritise their role as partners over caregiver to their children, with as much sentencing might as allowed by the Legislature. This case, we feel is one that is reflective of the reality of children around South Africa and thus informed the greater child protection narrative.

Earlier this year we acknowledged the efforts of social workers Leilani Mare and Teresa van Staden for their competency reports and testimonies in the High Court which were relied on heavily but the Judge to reach a point of conviction. Further, their assessments reflected the goal which we strive for as an organisation, detailed, impartial and of assistance to the judicial process for the purposes of reaching a verdict that brings justice to child victims of abuse.

We will continue to monitor this case which gained significant media coverage after the conviction of the two accused.

We closed off our year with a “drive through” Christmas party in line with Covid19 Regulations! We truly appreciate of the continued dedication the team has given to their work at the clinic in 2020. It has been a truly new and different way of working together and assisting our communities. We thank our social workers for rising up to the occasion and delivering a consistently friendly and authentic service to clients.



Thank you to team members that have performed their duties and other duties and have made our clinic a happy place. We saw as 2020 drew to an end, an additional service that we have been able to provide, we were able to, from continuous donations, support families of victims that have been negatively affected by the pandemic, through toiletries and food parcels. We thank all our generous sponsors who have made this possible.

## How will we spoil the children at Christmas?

Amidst this unbelievably challenging year, impacted by the pandemic we were able to provide the highlight event of our Kidz Clinic, the annual Christmas party.

This year, to observe the COVID19 Regulations set out by the government, the Boksburg team hosted a successful exciting "Drive-thru" Christmas party. The idea was to maintain social distance but still be able to bring a smile to our 2020 beneficiaries! Thank you to the team for stepping up and going with the flow! There have been many changes and the Clinic team have all adjusted and taken them in their stride!

We thank our sponsors and donors for their continued support throughout the year. The generous donations were put together and children and their families were gifted with essentials and exciting toys!



## Kidz Clinic Alexandra

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### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

In Alexandra we held the traditional parties, but divided them up to keep the attendance within Covid regulations.

#### First Party, 5 December

Clinic Manager Elizabeth Mokoena, secured sponsorships of gifts from Santa Shoe Box for 100 children and food from the South African Chefs Association. (The involvement from the chefs started in 1996, when Elizabeth worked for Mr Bill Gallagher. After his passing the chefs continue with his legacy of support to the Alexandra project.)

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December we hosted 90 children at a party at the Alexandra Police Station Hall. We provided a lunch of boerewors roll, chips, mini loaf cakes and juice. We had enough party packs to give each child two to take home!





### The Second Party, 6<sup>th</sup> December

A church in Orange Grove sponsored a venue, lunch and gifts for our second batch of 100 children. They also paid for jumping castles and a taxi to transport the children. We only had to pay for two taxis.

The Sunday school children sang to the Alex children and they read the Christmas message for them. After lunch we had braai queens cake for dessert!



We had great volunteers from the church and the Alex community who jumped in to help make it a success.



## THE WIDOWS PROGRAMME

In July 2020 it occurred to Clinic Manager Elizabeth Mokoena, while assessing available programmes, that no support was being given to women and men who lost their partners and are left with children. Some of them are also not working.

So the Alex Kidz Clinic called a meeting with the Ladies of Alex, where a number of distress cases were identified. They then implemented a programme for these widows and widowers to attend counselling sessions with a Volunteer Social Worker and to receive food parcels afterwards. There are 50 people in the group and they attend 10 at a time.



The purpose of the sessions is to facilitate discussions about the difficulties and problems experienced through the period of them losing their partners. Issues like unemployment, sources of income through grants and temporary employment are also discussed.

Most of the clients live with, and look after their grandchildren, and survive through grants.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December we had a group of 12 for parenting sessions, facilitated by our Volunteer Social Worker. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had a different group of 10 people. All the attendees received food parcels after every session.

More of the donated grocery hampers were handed out to struggling single parents of our child clients.

**We have a partnership with the VHADZIMU FOUNDATION in Centurion**, who helped us with the food parcels for the widows programme and provided the Volunteer social worker. They also painted two offices for us, as well as the passage ceiling and varnished the bricks on the stairs.

## FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAMME

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

**PROCESS:** Themes discussed are as follows:

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

## PARENTING PROGRAMME

**BACKGROUND:** Parenting Programme (PP) was designed to equip parents with skills to manage and cope with challenges of raising their children in order to develop harmonious environment to raise their children.

**PROCESS:** Topics covered:

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 January to December** the programmes were attended by 554 adults who were experiencing challenges with their children. (185 Male and 428 Female)

## NETWORKING & TRAINING

► On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, Auxiliary Social Worker Constance Mudau, attended training facilitated by the Department of Social Development, on the topic of Human Trafficking.

The purpose of the training was to improve the understanding of human trafficking,

- to educate the service providers about the different elements in human trafficking,
- to assist service providers to differentiate between human trafficking and smuggling,
- to identify the roles of different role players in ensuring that the victims of trafficking have access to comprehensive assistance programmes and services,
- to empower service providers with the relevant information and tools with regard to trafficking in persons so that they are able to raise awareness with one voice and prevention and combating human trafficking and also
- to encourage integration of services and collaboration of role players to ensure on-going prevention, awareness and education.

They also taught us that human trafficking is a process and it consists of three stages which are:

- Recruitment of a person from the country of origin,
- Transportation of the person to country of transit and then
- exploitation of a person to the country of destination

Human trafficking is an organised crime from spotter to recruiter then buyer to seller until they reach the clientele.

► On the 24<sup>th</sup> of November Constance attended a meeting (via google meet) with the Stakeholders involved in the Masiphephe Network, GBV: who are mostly affected by GBV and how can we assist them.

Each stakeholder also shared the services they rendered at their respective organisations, to make it easier for all to work together and to know where to quickly refer clients whenever they come into our different organisations.

## CASE STUDY

**Victim:** Female      **Age:** 24 years (Mentally Challenge)

A rape case came to our attention in October. The parents of a mentally challenged girl came to our offices after being referred by the SAPS.

The mother said that the client has been impaired since birth and functions below her age. The mother reported that her daughter was complaining about pain in her abdomen. They took the client to the Doctor, who discovered that client was a few weeks pregnant. The Doctor asked if the client had boyfriend and the mother replied that she didn't. But the Doctor wanted the client to respond on her own. The girl disclosed that a male adult "family friend" raped her on several occasions. The mother was very surprised, as the girls spent all her time at home and never went out. But the man used to come to their home when the mother was away, and he told (or threatened) the client not to tell anyone about the incidents.

A termination of pregnancy was done.

**Services rendered:** the girl has already attended a number of therapy sessions, and seems to be coping fine. The parents however, needed a lot of emotional support and counselling to work through their sadness about what has happened to their daughter.

**Court outcome:** A criminal case was opened and the perpetrator was arrested. Unfortunately he was given bail after a few weeks.

## Top coach accused after 40 years

KARISHMA DIPA, SANKER NAIR  
AND ROBINNA COOTE

A PROMINENT swimming coach stands  
accused of sexually assaulting girls as  
young as 10 years old from the time he

"He would threaten me that if I  
didn't do what he wanted his mother  
would kick me out of the squad," the  
woman told The Saturday Star.  
She said her ordeal lasted for about  
six years.

## \*\*\* SEXUAL ABUSE IN SPORT \*\*\*

### 24 Nov 2020 – WMACA Hosts Press Conference About Alleged Historical Abuse By Prominent Swimming Coach

#### Sexual abuse victim opens up about swimming coach at press conference

Debbie Wade, 51, faced the media for the first time on Tuesday and, after fighting back the tears for several seconds, she spoke about the sexual abuse she suffered more than 40 years ago and which has consumed her life since.

She spoke with anger at how she had been ignored for nearly 20 years, and she spoke with determination about how she would like to see her abuser, now a prominent swimming coach, kept away from young girls and even jailed.

Wade's abuse started at a Durban swimming club in 1979, when she was 10, at the hands of her female coach's 13-year-old son.

She knows of at least three other victims. Suzanne, in her training squad at the time and two years older than Wade, wants to remain anonymous. Wade and Suzanne have laid charges with the police.

The other two victims Wade learned about while undergoing psychotherapy in the early 2000s, two girls, one aged 12 and the other 13.



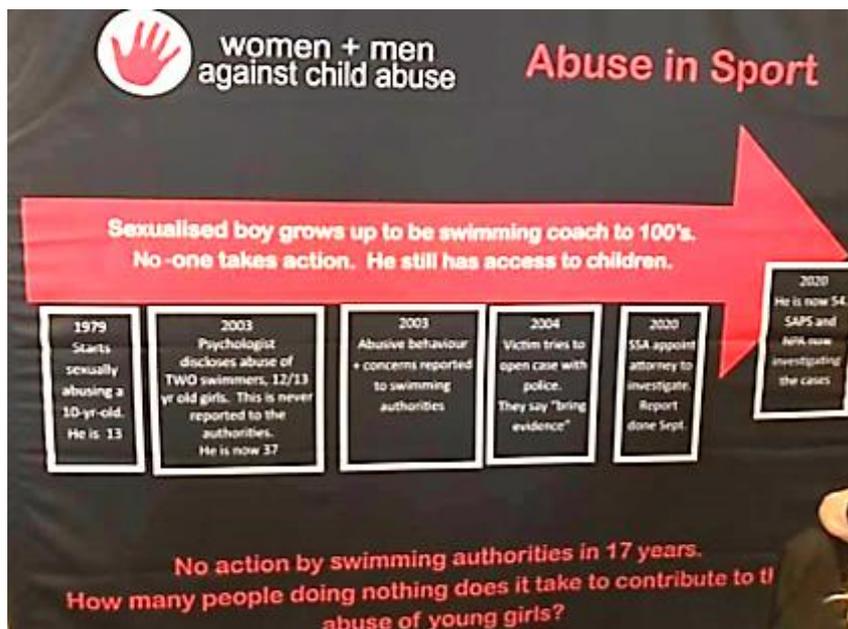
Wade and WMACA, which played an instrumental role in the conviction of disgraced tennis legend Bob Hewitt, have been critical of how Fritz has handled the matter, but a federation insider said a disciplinary against Mr X had already been established.

<http://www.safrika24.com/sport/sexual-abuse-victim-opens-up-about-swimming-coach-at-press-conference/270103-news?fbclid=IwAR0W4ckSTap1AYrFeBvnbbjFzuJAKFaFGM8Gy4tr0eXmTRUyh12y5QKIIRY>

### Swimming SA embroiled in alleged sexual abuse scandal

[https://www.news24.com/sport/othersport/watersport/swimming-sa-embroiled-in-alleged-sexual-abuse-scandal-20201116?fbclid=IwAR3\\_YEee-zC7qLn9mWVGuilFpIMOnX8yh2x-2AMhybAHM-oboPTQZ937wZc](https://www.news24.com/sport/othersport/watersport/swimming-sa-embroiled-in-alleged-sexual-abuse-scandal-20201116?fbclid=IwAR3_YEee-zC7qLn9mWVGuilFpIMOnX8yh2x-2AMhybAHM-oboPTQZ937wZc)

Watch on SABC here: <https://youtu.be/wJSyQ2Nz0cg>



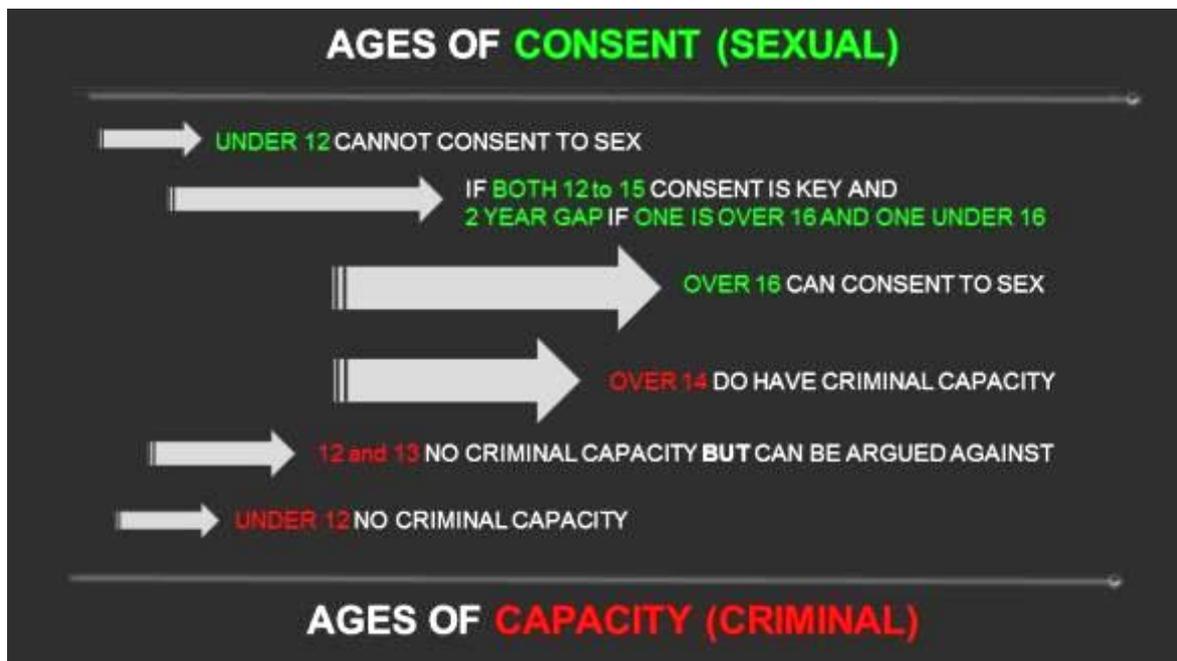
### 24 Nov 2020 - WMACA speaks further on historical sexual abuse by sports coaches

Luke Lamprecht, Woman and Child Abuse Advocacy Manager and Child Protection and Development Specialist, speaks about allegations of historic sexual abuse involving minors, as well as abuse by sports coaches.

Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/Xvi0Pr1JC1o>





### 10 Dec – Daily Maverick - Sport and child abuse, what every parent needs to know

When swimming joined water polo, gymnastics, tennis, hockey, netball, football, karate, rugby and many others on a long list of sports racked by allegations of child sexual abuse, it

**prompted two important questions: Why is the abuse of children rife in sport and what, if anything, can be done to keep our children safe?**



So what would make a club or federation disregard the law? Luke Lamprecht believes that there's no basis for arguing that sports bodies don't know who to report a crime to, or how. The answer may instead lie in the belief that the collective well-being and the reputation of the sport trumps individual needs, and the "old boy's club" and patriarchal culture still prevalent across sporting institutions.

Luke Lamprecht emphasises that voyeurism (loitering around the change rooms while children change), exhibitionism (adults changing or showering with children), frotteurism (rubbing, especially of one's genitals, against another non-consensual person, typically in a public place) and toucherism (touching or fondling without rubbing) are all sexual disorders that have been commonly identified in sports-related abuse. If a child feels uneasy about the way they are being watched or "handled", parents should intervene.

Parents should also choose to believe their child, no matter what the cost, and to be their child's safe place if someone does behave unacceptably.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-12-10-sport-and-child-abuse-what-every-parent-needs-to-know/>

## 23 Nov – Bryanston High Sports Coach Case

We headed back to the Alex Regional Court for the former Bryanston High Sports Coach case in November!

It has been 22 months, almost 2 years, since allegations of sexual abuse were laid against a former Bryanston High Coach and the trial hasn't started at all

The coach was fired by way of internal disciplinary hearing in early 2019, organised by the school, which 2 of the 3 complainants participated in. One of the girls and her mother opened a criminal case in January 2019.

The accused was expected to FINALLY plead today in the Alexandra Regional Court, as trial is expected to begin following the dismissal of Representations presented to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). But the case has again been postponed to next year.

WMACA have been very vocal about this case and how it exposed the perpetrator-centric nature of the justice system. The accused's defence team has been allowed to submit unending representations alleging there is no criminal case against him that can be presented to the court. These representations were unsuccessful and the accused will have to stand trial.

To talk more on the topic is Miranda Jordan Friedman, Founder of WMACA.

**Watch here:**

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



<p>2020/10/01</p> <p>SAFM</p> <p>The Talking Point</p>	<p><b>Media sensitivity especially when reporting on cases involving children</b>, in the past week there has been criticism in particular from child advocacy groups.</p> <p>This was when an ANC Mpumalanga Executive Committee member and his step-son were appearing in court and some members of the media named him and it was shared by the general public.</p> <p>We are joined on the line by William Bird, the Executive Director of Media Monitoring Africa, and Ngaa Murombedzi the Advocacy Manager at Women and Men Against Child Abuse about regulations when dealing with cases that involve children. Also on the line is George Classen a member of SANEF.</p>
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**Listen here:**

[http://fusion.ornico.co.za/Broadcast/2020/10/01/2020\\_10\\_01\\_SAFM\\_The%20Talking%20Point\\_WACA\\_11h18.mp3](http://fusion.ornico.co.za/Broadcast/2020/10/01/2020_10_01_SAFM_The%20Talking%20Point_WACA_11h18.mp3)

**30 October – Society’s Superheroes**

A very important conversation around child protection and WMACA ahead of Universal Children's Day on the 20th of November 2020.

This morning our Ngaa Murombedzi recorded some exciting thought facilitated by Luke Lamprecht and Karen Landi.

Society's Super Heroes is a podcast series celebrating the men and women who have dedicated their lives to empowering communities, and who work tirelessly to improve the lives of others.

The first Thursday of November is International Day against Violence and bullying at school including Cyberbullying. In this conversation we recognize that school related violence in all forms is an infringement of children and adolescents' rights to education and to health and well-being. Our very own Luke Lamprecht is our celebrated Super Hero and speaks candidly about the bully and the bullied, the impact of screens, the responsibility of parents and when it's time to step in.



Universal Children's Day is celebrated annually on 20th November. The goal of Universal Children's day is to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights and promote togetherness and awareness amongst all children. Our in studio guest is Nga Murombedzi from Women and Men Against Child Abuse. Nga is exceptionally passionate about her role in child protection as it allows her to give a voice to children who are fighting a battle that no child should ever have to fight. These children are impacted by the most heinous acts perpetrated on them by adults who should be protecting them.



<https://player.fm/series/societys-super-heroes/ep12-universal-childrens-day-20th-november>

#### **4 Nov – YFM and Vodacom Visit**

The Best Drive's @SabbyTheDj paid a visit to the Kidz Clinic in Boksburg to hand over masks on behalf of @Vodacom & YFM.

The children were gifted with specially designed masks, curated and designed by four young entrepreneurs.

#### **28 October - Trial for cop accused of molesting children at a school he was investigating postponed to next year**

The accused was tasked with investigating allegations that 87 pupils have been allegedly sexually assaulted by a safety guard at AB Xuma Primary School. In addition, a safety guard at the school, who was on trial for three counts of rape and 11 counts of sexual assault, was acquitted within the Palm Ridge Magistrate's Court in 2018.

The court docket discovered the State had failed to show past a cheap doubt the scholar patrol guard had sexually assaulted the pupils – aged between 5 and 13 – at the first school in Soweto in 2017.

“We just want for this case – even if it does not reach a point of sentencing because of the previous history of the other



case – we would like that this person no longer works in a unit where they can even be alleged to be abusing children because it is still allegations to this point until the court comes to a decision," WMACA's advocacy supervisor, Ngaa Murombedzi said

[https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/trial-for-cop-accused-of-molesting-children-at-a-school-he-was-investigating-postponed-to-next-year-20201028?fbclid=IwAR24hRtPNmlG9LP9qoFAPN6L1ZCDPVB1nXVbHvYpS\\_7k4HSUGL04J4QyfXw](https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/trial-for-cop-accused-of-molesting-children-at-a-school-he-was-investigating-postponed-to-next-year-20201028?fbclid=IwAR24hRtPNmlG9LP9qoFAPN6L1ZCDPVB1nXVbHvYpS_7k4HSUGL04J4QyfXw)

**Also read:**

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/molestation-allegations-against-cop-investigating-soweto-school-sexual-assault-quite-serious-20180314>

## *Children abused and murdered by their own parents*

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### **29 October – Disturbing Cluster of Child Murder and Abuse Cases**

WMACA representatives were back in the South Gauteng High Court for continuation of sentencing proceedings in the case of a biological parents convicted of the murder of the 5 year old son.

The pair was found guilty on the 6th of October 2020 in the same court on charges of murder, attempted murder, assault, assault GBH.

**For those following @WMACA Johannesburg High Court case work, there are THREE child abuse and murder cases we have, or currently are, working on.**

CASE 1: 2 year old child murdered by mother's boyfriend while she visited. Conviction and life sentence for the murderer. We will post an excerpt from the judgement

CASE 2: 5 month old murdered by biological father who also sexually abused his step daughter and assaulted his learning disabled stepson. Both mother found guilty and awaiting sentencing in November.



CASE 3: 5 year old allegedly murdered by his father, who also physically abused the step sister.

We have prepared reports in all three matters.

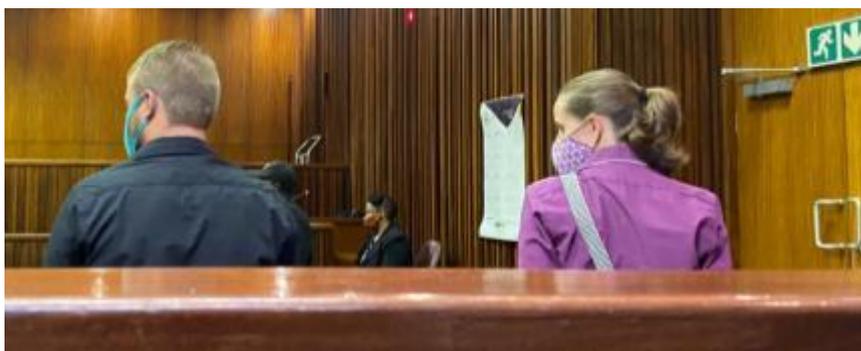


**5 November – Luke Lamprecht on the stand in the South Gauteng High Court** giving evidence in aggravation of sentencing for a couple convicted of murder, sexual and physical abuse, kidnapping and deliberate neglect of their biological children

The mother aged 34 and father 23 murdered their own baby girl 5 months and during this time he both physically and sexually abused her 2 children aged 10 and 12 . The 10 year old girl wrote a letter of her abuse to her school teacher and that is how the case started as the teacher reported it immediately to the police . Subsequently they have had another baby who has been removed and placed in alternative care . This case tragically

reminds us of the Baby Riley know in the media as the baby Daniel case.

The horrors in which children live have been exposed in this case where a man comes into the life of a mother of two children, one with a learning disability and he systematically sexually abuses, physically abuses,



holds hostage and tortures his two step-children with NO protection from the mother. The couple then has a child whom the man kills at five months, while continuing to abuse the other children AND conceiving another child.

This is one case in a disturbing cluster of cases Women and Men Against Child Abuse (WMACA) has been following over the past year. The pattern starts off with abuse that is often known or suspected by those who know the children and ends with death.

## 5 December - Mothers keeping quiet about the abuse of their children by male partners under the spotlight

This week, the High Court sentenced a young couple to lengthy prison sentences for the 2018 [murder of their 5-year-old child](#). The 28-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison, whilst his 26-year-old partner will spend 10 years behind bars.

The court heard that their deceased son and his then 8-year-old sister were brutally assaulted by their father on numerous occasions. Their mother did not report



any of the abuse and didn't once take the children for medical attention.

The identity of the convicted couple can't be revealed to protect the abused children, especially the daughter, who has survived the horrendous assaults.

For two months, the children, who were 5 and 8 at the time, were brutally beaten by their father and they bear the scars of this abuse.

In handing down sentence this week, Judge Ratha Mokgoatheng described the father as a sadistic individual who murdered his own biological child. He also criticised the mother for failing to intervene or raise the alarm with the authorities and for not taking the children to the doctor.

<https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/mothers-keeping-quiet-about-the-abuse-of-their-children-by-male-partners-under-the-spotlight/?fbclid=IwAR0R08DA5wgWjuJDcFcoV41vDrWbkfGIEoD-dh8yHbUouiqauFfsxJUev8j8>

LIVE  
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DIALOGUES



Shaheda Omar, left, and Carina Coetzee



Ngaatendweishe Murombedzi, left, and Deon Wiggett

## Free online talk on child abuse with top panel

At the start of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign this week, Sunday Times LIVE Dialogues will be holding a free online panel discussion on child abuse.

With 943 murders and more than 24,000 sexual offences committed against children between April last year and March this year, the Sunday Times will ask top panellists about the extent of the problem and what is being done about it.

The panel includes Teddy Bear Clinic director Dr Shaheda Omar, senior child abuse and sexual offences prosecutor advocate Carina Coetzee, Ngaatendweishe Murombedzi from Women and Men Against Child Abuse, and Deon Wiggett, the author of *My Only Story*, which details his quest to find and apprehend the man who raped him as a child.

They will also be giving advice to parents, teachers and communities about how to spot whether a child is being abused and where to seek help.

The free online event will take place on Wednesday November 25 at noon. To register, go to [www.quicklink.co.za/16days](http://www.quicklink.co.za/16days).

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## 7 December - 16 days of Activism against Women and Child Abuse 2020

### How to protect yourself from GBV Article 1

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GBV increases during every type of emergency (economic crises, conflict or epidemic outbreak). There has been a noticeable increase in GBV cases over the past few months and this was as a result of pre-existing toxic social norms and gender inequalities, economic and social stress caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The stats released by South African Police Minister Bheki Cele, revealed that the lockdown exposed over 2300 women and children to additional danger. Between 27 March and 31 March 2020, over 2300 calls and complaints related to GBV were registered.

Our social workers have put together a simple to understand guide to follow should you or anyone you know is in need of help because they are exposed to violence and abuse.

As an organisation, speaking against abuse of the vulnerable is a 365 days commitment.

In light of the above information, below are tips victims can consider when feeling unsafe or in danger:

1. Seek support from a hotline or online service for victims of GBV.
2. Reach out to family, friends or neighbors when in danger or feeling unsafe.
3. Plan on how to exit the house (e.g. transport)
4. Create a code with a trusted friend, family or neighbor so they can rescue you in case of an emergency (e.g. I'm feeling hungry, which indicates that you are in danger)
5. Report the abuser to the authorities immediately (SAPS)

For this years' 16 days of Activism we URGE AND ENCOURAGE everyone to be alert in their community and be the voice for those that have been silenced by abuse.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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### City Property

Thank you so much for the boxes of goodies.... Sunscreen caps, juice bottles, towels, utility bags, puzzles, roll on sunscreen

We handed them out to the kids just before the Christmas period. Thank you for always believing in and supporting the work we do at our Kidz Clinics.

### L'Oreal SA donate Pick 'n Pay Hampers

The end of the year means Christmas, gifts, gatherings and family time. 2020 Saw numerous



families of our beneficiaries at the Alexandra and Boksburg Kidz Clinics affected by the COVID19 pandemic. With that has come reduced to no income and compromised access to food and basic necessities.

The reality was that the festive season would not look like it should for many of the children and families we provide services to.



We would like to say a very special thank you to Jennifer Stamatiadis, Marketing Manager of Redken, for nominating WMACA, and extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Helen Da Fonseca, Head of Corporate Communications at L'oreal South Africa and the dedicated employees that contributed towards food buckets between 22 July and 7 August 2020. At a time where the whole world was impacted, these amazing people generously donated their resources to help those in need.

Thank you for the 220 buckets of essential food stuffs and a few treats.

**Thank you to ALL the donors who made it possible for us to provide much needed food support in Alexandra.** With the schools being closed for an extended period of time, many of these children didn't get what is often their only source of food for the day.

We're not a feeding scheme, but we couldn't let the children in an already disadvantaged community go hungry. A litany of terrible things could happen, for example that children get sexually exploited for food. We couldn't let that happen.



## Thank you for your support!

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