



ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18



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a voice against child abuse



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START WIDE, EXPAND FURTHER AND NEVER LOOK BACK

In 2017/18 Matla A Bana joined the national and international child protection arena by rolling out two projects (training and child friendly reporting facilities) into the Eastern Cape and the North West Province. This was mainly made possible by the funding Matla A Bana received from the Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust, as one of two flagship projects in South Africa chosen to receive funding for four years.

Training of service providers (officers of the law and doctors) was one of the main project focusses of the 2017/18 financial year with more than R 1 million invested in these projects.

An international partnership with Mauritian NGO, Ti Rayons Soleil, resulted in two training courses hosted in Mauritius for social workers and psychologists during the year.

We are very proud to share our successes for the year:

- **CHILD FRIENDLY REPORTING FACILITIES:**
Three full reporting facilities and two child friendly rooms/units opened (two of those in new provinces). All our facilities help more than 30 000 children per year.
- **COMFORT PACKS:**
Sixteen community groups, schools and companies were mobilized to pack more than 1800 comfort packs during the financial year.
- **SPECIALISED TRAINING:**
Training courses were presented nationally and internationally. New provinces include the North West Province, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Mauritius. Two hundred FCS detectives, forensic social workers, social workers, prosecutors and psychologists attended our various courses internationally.
- **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS TRAINING:**
Matla A Bana hosted two training courses for doctors during the year – one in Gauteng and one on the Cape West Coast. The challenge we faced was the shortage of doctors at government hospitals making it difficult for doctors to attend a two-day course. In total 45 doctors and FCS detectives received training in forensic medical examination and expert witnessing.
- **INCENTIVE AWARDS:**
Two Incentive Awards were hosted in the Gauteng province and more than 60 officers of the law were acknowledged for going beyond the call of duty.
- **SCHOOL PROJECT:**
Our brand new “Don’t bully” school project reached more than 7 000 children of which most of these were in rural areas in 5 different provinces.

- **GETTING CONVERSATION GOING:**

Our awareness and community mobilization program reached millions with 10 minute exposure on Kyknet and a radio series on child protection. It also saw Matla A Bana lobbying in court and taking part in various exhibitions.

ADMINISTRATION

In December 2016 Matla A Bana signed another 5 year memorandum of understanding with the South African Police Services, making it the only NGO working in this area to have such an agreement. This is a clear indication that SAPS understand the value of the services offered by MAB.

Matla A Bana still has no full time employees or offices. Staff are appointed on contract basis, use virtual offices but do have store rooms for stock and donations. This is to ensure that the minimum is spent on administration and more on projects.

The main challenge however is still to secure funding for the basic administrative costs to keep the NGO running, but this year the support of the NLDTF assisted greatly in covering these expenses.

Three fundraising projects were also hosted during this year. These funds covered shortfalls in administration and projects. I would like to mention that two of these events were organized and hosted by Matla A Bana volunteers and we salute them for donating their time and talents to assist us.

I would like to thank my team – Lizel Van Eeden (Project Manager Gauteng) and Sandra Niewenhuizen (Administrative) as well as my board of trustees for your hard work and commitment.

Our successes would not have been possible without the support from volunteers, sponsors and prayer warriors. Fighting child abuse is not our responsibility, but that of a community. We are proud to say that Matla A Bana has a strong and willing community who believe in our cause and has helped us to be able to help thousands of children this last financial year. We are extremely proud of our achievements and grateful for the incredible support.

Monique Strydom



PROJECTS

VISION

To give a voice to abused children.

MISSION:

Primary:

To minimise the secondary abuse children suffer when they report abuse against them, by addressing the unsympathetic reporting system in South Africa. With the main focus on victim support and training.

Secondary:

To educate communities on what child abuse is, signs and symptoms and how to report it. Award individuals who has gone beyond the call of duty to protect and assist our children.

VICTIM SUPPORT PROJECTS

- Child Friendly Facilities
- Comfort Packs
- Training (Skills Development)
- Incentive Awards

PREVENTION PROJECTS

- “Don’t Bully” School Project

AWARENESS PROJECTS

- “Getting conversation going”

VICTIM SUPPORT PROJECTS



CHILD FRIENDLY REPORTING FACILITIES



Minimising secondary abuse by creating child-friendly reporting facilities or rooms at police stations or hospitals. A full facility will include an assessment room and a monitoring room with state-of-the-art audio-visual recording facilities. Where there is no accommodation or limited funding, child-friendly rooms are implemented.

To date Matla A Bana has implemented 20 full facilities and 24 rooms at police stations, impacting more than 30 000 children every year.

This year saw the first implementations in two new provinces - the Eastern Cape and the North West Province. This was made possible through the partnership between Matla A Bana and the Old Mutual Volunteer Fund Trust fund. The facility implemented in Temba was made possible by funding donated by Absa Trust during the 2016 book year.

FULL REPORTING FACILITIES

NORTH WEST PROVINCE:

- Vryburg SAPS FCS (November)

GAUTENG:

- Temba SAPS FCS (Container facility August)

WESTERN CAPE:

- Motherwell SAPS FCS (July)

CHILD FRIENDLY ROOMS

WESTERN CAPE:

- Bellville Victim Support Facility (Upgrade of the full facility at Bellville SAPS – May)
- Cape Town SAPS FCS (upgrade new facility – November)



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VICTIM SUPPORT PROJECTS



COMFORT PACK PROJECT



Supplying comfort packs to SAPS FCS officers and rape clinics to give to the child when the crime is first reported. The pack contains items that will assist in the emotional, physical and emergency needs of the child. Due to focus on other projects, no large comfort pack sessions were hosted during this time. Smaller donations during the year made it possible to supply packs in the metropole areas of Cape Town and Gauteng. More than 1800 packs were supplied to SAPS FCS units in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

GAUTENG

- Telematics (50)
- Secrete Steps Trading (230)
- KW Red Day (60)
- Native VML (260)
- Ruimsig Church (100)
- Wesbank (180)
- Marianne Pretorius & partners (100)
- Northcliff Opti Baby (100)
- Praesignis (200)
- Monkey Heroes Elarduspark (30)



WESTERN CAPE

- Living Network (100)
- Old Mutual (200)
- M&M Electronics (100)
- Native VML (150)
- Loot (50)
- Greenfields PCF (30)



VICTIM SUPPORT PROJECTS



SPECIALISED TRAINING: SOFT SKILLS

The main priority of the police officer and prosecutor is to solve the crime, arrest the perpetrator and secure a conviction. Police members and prosecutors receive training in this regard. They however do not receive any training in the life skills needed to deal with the child-victim and the trauma related to the investigation of such cases. Although soft skills training is not included in the training of officers of the law, prosecutors and forensic social workers, the public expect them to exhibit these skills when working with children and rape/abuse victims.

NORTH WEST PROVINCE:

- **Reach Africa Soft Skills (3 day)**
30 Detectives and forensic social workers from FCS Units in the North West Province attended this training in April 2017.
- **Negative Resilience, Trauma & Stress Management**
30 Detectives and forensic social workers from FCS Units in the North West Province attended this training in October 2017.

EASTERN CAPE:

- **REACH AFRICA SOFT SKILLS (3 day)**
30 Detectives and forensic social workers from FCS Units from the Eastern Cape Province trained in July 2017.
- **NEGATIVE RESILIENCE, TRAUMA & STRESS MANAGEMENT**
30 Detectives and forensic social workers from FCS Units in the Eastern Province attended this training in September 2017.

WESTERN CAPE:

- **PERCEPTION & EI TRAINING**
25 SAPS officers and prosecutors in the Northern suburbs of Cape Town attend this training in January 2018.
- **NEGATIVE RESILIENCE, TRAUMA & STRESS MANAGEMENT**
30 Detectives and forensic social workers from FCS Units in the Western Cape attended this training in January 2018.

MAURITIUS:

- **PERCEPTION & EI TRAINING**
25 Forensic social workers and psychologists in Mauritius (March 2017)
- **TRAUMA TRAINING**
25 Forensic social workers and psychologists in Mauritius in November 2017. SPONSORED BY WORKHOUSE COMMUNICATIONS.



MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS TRAINING

It is evident in the number of cases thrown out of court due to incorrect or bad medical examinations, that many medical practitioners are not equipped to correctly perform a forensic medical examination on a child abuse victim.

The main reasons for this are:

- Very little training in procedures and dealing with a child abuse victim during training
- Very seldom being exposed to dealing with a case of child abuse
- No or very little practical training in the field of child abuse.

Matla A Bana developed a specialised two-day training course focusing on forensic medical examination of child rape victims and expert witnessing in court. The course was presented in Gauteng and the Western Cape in partnership with the National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Health Western Cape, Department of Health Kwazulu Natal and Child Trauma Centre.

GAUTENG

One course (25 doctors) – May 2017

CAPE WEST COAST

One course (20 doctors & FCS members) – May 2017



FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION & EXPERT WITNESSING TRAINING

DATE: 30 & 31 May 2017

VENUE: Mosaiek, Danielle Street, Off Davidson/14th Avenue, Fairland

BOOKINGS: Lizele matla@mweb.co.za Tel : 073 171 1031

COST : Sponsored (Includes lunch and coffee breaks)

30 MAY 2017

EXPERT WITNESSING IN COURT : Carina Coetzee

- Social context in relation to sexual offences
- Legal framework
- Sexual Offences Act : Definitions
- Sexual Offences Act : Offences
- Expert Witness

ROLE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER :

31 MAY 2017

FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION : DR SAGIE NAIDOO

- Rules and examination tools & focus on the hymen
- Evidence collection/sexual assault
- Wound Identification
- Completing the J88
- Anal abuse and the child
- Child Sexual Abuse

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VICTIM SUPPORT PROJECTS

INCENTIVE AWARDS

Matla A Bana incentive awards

Celebrating Gauteng FCS Units' successes

More and more crimes go unreported or unsolved because victims are afraid of reporting these crimes, as they do not trust the criminal justice system. But it remains important to teach communities about the importance of reporting crime since crime is everyone's business, even when you are not affected directly. Police officials have one of the toughest and most important jobs in the world. These guardian angels serve and protect their country 24/7 to ensure that the communities in which they serve are safer and that justice is served.

Article by Kotie Geldenhuys and Pelican Baloyi
Photos by Kotie Geldenhuys

Unfortunately, the good work that these police officials do is seldom recognised. People who are successful in what they are doing, however, need recognition as it encourages them to continue with the good work they do because when the good work and successes of people are recognised, it confirms that their work is valued. Another advantage of having employees and their work valued is that their satisfaction and productivity generally rise and that they are motivated to maintain or improve their good work. Appreciation is a fundamental human need and Matla A Bana makes an effort to recognise the members attached to the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit who excel in their work and secure good sentences in criminal cases. They do this twice a year during an incentive award ceremony.

Nedbank has been one of Matla A Bana's primary sponsors for many years, and on 16 November 2017, during the final incentive award ceremony for 2017, Mr Jabu Faramela, the Head of Nedbank's Home Loans in Gauteng, addressed the members. He praised them for doing the challenging job they do and for protecting our future leaders: the children of our country. "You are heroes who

rescue children in danger," he told the FCS members present.

During the award ceremony, Lt-Col Segotta of the Krugersdorp FCS Unit was awarded as the best commander. Having known her for many years, we can agree that her exceptional leadership skills in the fight against abuse of women, men and children make her a worthy winner. Behind a winning commander there is always a winning team, and the Krugersdorp FCS Unit was awarded as the best FCS unit. These team members put in a lot of effort to ensure a safer community and they boast many successes in terms of the criminal cases they have investigated.

In the Best Performer category, the winner was Sgt Vilakazi from Katlehong FCS Unit. She was awarded for her dedication and for working hard to ensure that the community is kept safe. In one of the many cases she investigated, three minor victims were kidnapped and raped by their school transport driver. The victims were found and examined by Boksburg Kidz Clinic. The perpetrator was found guilty and was sentenced three life sentences for rape as well as an additional five years for kidnapping.

In second place was Const Mladlamba, also from Katlehong FCS Unit, who was awarded for her prompt investigation work and for ensuring that the community where she serves is kept safe from the preying eyes of



Top photo: Flt: Lize van Eeden (Matla A Bana); D/Sgt Smit (Outstanding achievement winner); Jabu Faramela (Nedbank) and Lt-Col Heila Niemand (Gauteng Provincial Head Office (PHO) FCS Unit)
Middle photo: Flt: Lize van Eeden (Matla A Bana); Const Mokoena (Outstanding achievement winner); Jabu Faramela (Nedbank) and Lt-Col Heila Niemand (Gauteng PHO FCS Unit)
Bottom photo: Lt-Col Segotta from Krugersdorp FCS receives her award as the best commander

criminals. In one case, two 16-year-olds were walking home from church when three men approached them. The men demanded money and phones, but when the men learnt that the victims had neither of those things, they assaulted the two victims. Both victims were seriously injured and only found the following day. They remained in a coma for six months after the attack. Despite having confessed their deeds to their families, the suspects ran away. The victims' bloodstained clothes were sent to the SAPS Forensic Science Laboratory in Pretoria for DNA



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GAUTENG

Hosting of bi-annual awards events to recognize officers of the law and individuals who has gone beyond the call of duty to assist child abuse victims.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

23 June – Advocate Veerash Shrikison
17 November – Nedbank sponsor

PREVENTION PROJECTS



“DON'T BULLY” SCHOOL PROJECT

The Xtreme for Kids Cycle Tour 2017 offered the perfect opportunity to have a national reach, especially into rural areas seldom visited by such educational programs.

The theme of the school project for the 2017 tour was “Don’t Bully” and Matla A Bana developed a script and produced a play featuring Captain Bully Buster and the child protection character, Moompi.

Due to the popularity of the show, it was decided to use it for Child Protection Month in May 2017, using the Moompi character.

Each child received a Zcard with educational information as well as a “Don’t bully” badge. More than 7000 children was reached with this project. Chris Willemse Cycles also sponsored a bicycle which was handed over to the winning child during Child Protection Month.

NATIONAL SCHOOL TOUR:

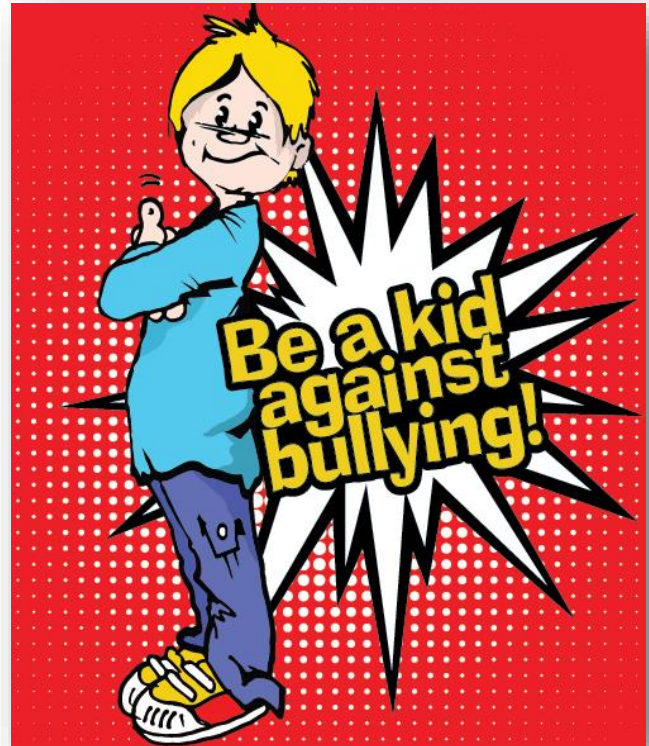
- Carletonville Dagbreek Primary (450 children)
- Vredefort Primary (670 children)
- Lowryville Laerskool (1200 children)
- Aberdeen Primary School (350 children)
- New Dawn Primary School (990 children)
- Volschenk Laerskool Riversdale (420 children)
- De Villiers Laerskool (620 children)

WESTERN CAPE (CHILD PROTECTION WEEK):

- Labiance Primary (600 children)
- Totius Primary (550 children)
- Bellville Primary (800 children)
- Boston Primary (800 children)

GAUTENG (JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY):

- SAPS Orphan Camp (60 children)



Anti-bullying theme for cycle tour

Matla A Bana's annual Xtreme for Kids cycle tour has raised more than R500 000 in the past five years. The tour, lasting over 30 days and covering almost 2000km, has been an annual event for the past five years, starting in Johannesburg and ending in Cape Town in time for the Cape Town Cycle Tour.

The most recent group of cyclists arrived at the Willembrugges shopping centre this past Saturday morning, where they were welcomed by the Durbanville police and other supporters. In the past five years only two cyclists have managed to cycle the entire route from Johannesburg to Cape Town, namely Dirk Lourens from Herolds Bay, who completed the distance five times, and Alan Kette from Alberton, who completed his first full race this year.

"In total around 10 000 kilometres have been cycled on this tour by our teams throughout the years," said Matla A Bana project founder, Matla A Bana project.

More than 1000 child abuse victims will reap the benefits of the projects implemented with the funds raised by this tour. If you have sponsored, donated, cycled or supported this project, know you are part of a team making a difference in the lives of our children across South Africa," she said. The main sponsor of the tour was Old Mutual.

In the outreach programme, sponsored by the Old Mutual Staff Volunteers Fund Trust, a total of 2000 learners at eight schools in Gauteng, the Free State and the Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Cape were reached with the "Don't Bully" show, which was the theme this year.

Each child received an anti-bullying notebook, a badge, and a pen or pencil.

"More than 6000 school children – mainly in rural areas – have been reached with our various school programmes," Strydom said. The school programme included shows by Alan Kettie and Captain Bully Buster (played by Reagan Carolissen from Brackenfell) and Moompi (played by Strydom's son Luc).

What is your opinion on this article? Let us know at news@paperpress.co.za.



Reagan Carolissen from Brackenfell played the role of Captain Bully Buster in the school outreach programmes. PHOTOS: PETER SERR (2)



Here at the finish at Willembrugges shopping centre on Saturday are (front from left) Ronnie Coopers, Luc Strydom (owner at Brackenfell), Erika van Schalkwijk, Toni Heesters, Leonore Louw, Andrea Hills, Karen Steyn and Monique Strydom. At the back are Gerrit van Schalkwijk, Reagan Carolissen (who played the role of Captain Bully Buster), Paul van Eester, Dirk Lourens and Alan Kette. PHOTOS: GERRIT VAN SCHALKWIJK



because they

...are being abused by loved ones

...are being threatened

...think the abuse is their fault

...do not know who to tell

do not understand their rights

AWARENESS PROJECTS

SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN.

World is raped every 3 minutes in South Africa.
Cases they know the rapist. It is estimated
child abuse cases are never reported.

who to tell
their rights

Raj Patel

Sivane
Soyizwapi

Pyran.

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GETTING CONVERSATION GOING

Research done for Matla A Bana by UJ marketing students revealed that children are not reporting sexual abuse because society does not speak about it. In order to raise more awareness, Matla A Bana hosted several awareness projects and community mobilization projects during this year.

GAUTENG:

- National Child Protection Conference in partnership with University of Johannesburg and University of South Africa (September).
- SAPS FCS Conference : Dr Davis MAB Trustee is guest speaker (August).
- KW Red Day. Upgrade of child friendly rooms at Krugersdorp court.
- Rand Easter Show : Supplied exhibition goods to SAPS (April).
- Gauteng SAPS Festive Season launch : Exhibition and promotional material (October)
- Noordheuwel Secondary School : Donated 400 rag dolls.
- Two artists, Luci De Gouveia and Sharon Vallance, painted the Vryburg CFF murals.



WESTERN CAPE:

- Radio Tygerberg 104 Champions : Week exhibition at Tygervalley and large comfort pack and cash donation (September)
- Child Protection Indaba : Exhibition and presentation by SAPS Bellville (November).
- 16 Days Radio Campaign : 10 Five minute inserts aired on Radio Tygerberg 104.
- "Standing Strong" event : Strong man competition by Strong4Life and DA (December).
- Greenfields CPF event : Exhibition (December).
- Bellville SAPS Workshop : Training for SAPS members and volunteers (May).
- Information sessions (September & October)
- Lobbying in court : Andries Retief Case
- Boston Primary School : Donation comfort packs (October)



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6 SEPTEMBER:

Mr J Smalberger (Acting Nat. Com Correctional Services)

Lt Genl Mothiba (Acting National Com SAPS)

Adv Gerry Nel (Afriforum)

Breakaway sessions : **Cyber-Crime & Human Trafficking**

7 SEPTEMBER:

Rianette Leibowitz (SaveNet)

Danny Myburgh (Cyanre—The Computer Forensic Lab)

Luke Lamprecht (IHB Child Advocacy Forum)

Breakaway sessions : **Youth and Gangsterism**

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You are welcome to attend one or both days. Attached please find the full program.



GETTING CONVERSATION GOING - MEDIA



“In die Voetspore van Reuse met Neil Powell”
KYKNETTV

Media exposure throughout the year including Servamus Safety and Security Magazine, Rooi Rose, Huisgenoot, Cape Talk, Radio Tygerberg 104fm, RSG, Bush Radio, Groot FM, Kyknet, EWN and various community newspapers.



FUNDRAISING



JOHANNESBURG TO CAPE TOWN 1800 KM 10 DAYS



28 FEBRUARY TO 9 MARCH 2017

The annual cycle tour from Johannesburg to Cape Town to raise awareness and funds for our projects. This year three cyclists took on the challenge to cycle the whole distance. In Mosselbay they were joined by the two cyclists from Roman's Pizzas and our only junior cyclist. A group of 8 cyclist also join for the CTCT. More than R200 000 was raised with this project and the tour made it possible to reach more than 5 000 children in rural areas. We would like to thank our SAPS partners for your support along the way, our dedicated cyclists who participated and the sponsors who made this possible. We would also like to thank all our sponsors along the way – **Afrique Boutique Hotel, Alice Art Gallery, Roman's Pizza, Dutch Reformed Church Parys South, ATKV Gariep Resort, Jimmy and Magdel Zondag, ATKV Hartenbos, and Umshanti Resort.**



LOVE DIVAS – FEBRUARY 2018

Hosted by Daleen Riekert (Rieks Towing) and Leonore Louw (Maselouw). The event included presentations by well-known experts with prizes for the winning tables. Thank you to artist, Glendine, and designer Gerrit Pienaar (Claris) for your donations.

WEST RAND SPRING DANCE SEPTEMBER 2017

This event was hosted by MAB supporter, Madelein Keyter, in September. The evening included some great music, dance exhibitions, raffles and an auction. It was supported by our Matla A Bana trustees and local communities and individuals.

thank you!



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