

## THE FACTS

Elonwabeni initially opened its doors in 2006 in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic which was ravaging our communities. By 2011, South Africa had more than 2-million children who were left orphaned as a result of their parents dying of HIV/AIDS related illnesses.



## PLEASE SUPPORT US

Elonwabeni needs to reach more children, but can only do so with support from people like you.

Check us out on [www.elonwabeni.org](http://www.elonwabeni.org) to find ways that you could support us, or simply donate by *scanning* the *barcode* below.



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# ELONWABENI CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE



## Contact us for information

According to the 2018/9 statistics presented by Avert.org, South Africa has 7,7 million people living with HIV.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, young women account for 25% of new infections. In South Africa, 24% of our youth, aged 15 to 30 are living with the virus.

HIV/AIDS is still a threat to our communities and our families, but with the rise of substance abuse and sexual abuse, it is less spoken about.

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RESIDENTIAL PLACE OF CARE

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

HEALTH CENTRE

HANDCRAFTERS



# OUR PROGRAMMES

The journey we share with our children, is aimed at strengthening them, enabling them to become resilient and strong, productive individuals in our society. We do so with love and commitment.

## Children should feel safe to play and learn

"Children experience violence in places they should be feeling safe to play and learn., such as homes, schools and playgrounds. In most cases it is someone the child knows and trusts. Boys are equally victims. There is a near 50% split between boys and girls presenting with abuse, violence and neglect. According to the 2016 Optimus National Prevalence Study, 1 in 3 boys and girls have experienced sexual abuse, yet only 1/3 of those would ask for help, with boys less inclined to do so." *Spokesperson for Red Cross Hospital, May 2019*



"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul, than the way it treats its children"  
- Nelson Mandela



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### Residential Place of Care

*Elonwabeni* is registered as a Cluster Foster Care Scheme - we have 5 houses, each functioning as a family unit with 5-7 children in each home. Each home is headed by a House Mother.

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### Psychosocial Development

*Elonwabeni* emphasises *Systemic Therapy* as our pedagogical approach - which highlights 'Orders of Love', the relationship between the child and the parent, and entanglements which exist within family systems. This approach is systemic in our work with our children, and our training with staff members.

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### Health Centre

Our *Health Centre* supports the general well-being of our staff and children and is managed by a Registered Nurse.

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### The Arty HandCrafters

Young women from the surrounding communities have been producing beautiful Wire Handcrafts since 2009. Their products are exported to Germany annually.

### What makes our work meaningful?

- Our Board and Staff understand that our work at *Elonwabeni* is a calling, not a job
- We are faith-based: we do the work and God performs the miracles
- *Elonwabeni* is committed to excellence in service of both the child and his/her family

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### Family Reunification

At *Elonwabeni*, we recognise that no child exists in a vacuum. We work closely with parents and family members to ensure that the child has a sense of belonging to a family or community beyond *Elonwabeni*.