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on GBVF

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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

BUILDING A CULTURE OF RESPECT: STANDING AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE

The eradication of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) remains a priority, particularly as we reflect on the 30th anniversary of our democratic journey and underscore the importance of reaffirming the core principles of our Constitution, which is grounded in human rights. We must reflect on how GBVF continues to characterise the South African narrative. As our commitment to building a culture of respect, anchored in human rights principles, remains paramount, we remain conscious of the persisting challenges that underscore the urgency for sustained action.

Over the past five years, significant strides have been made in the formulation and implementation of policies aimed at addressing GBVF. Building upon the foundation laid by the National Development Plan (NDP), policies such as the GBVF National Strategic Plan (NSP) and the Comprehensive National GBVF Prevention Strategy (CNPS) remain vital pillars of our collective endeavour. However, our current focus should be enhancing the efficacy of these strategies through enhanced implementation efforts.

Despite the progress made, the sobering statistics in the South African Police Service's 2023 crime report reveal the harsh reality of GBVF. According to the South African Police Service quarterly crime statistics covering July to September 2023, there were more than 13 000 reported sexual offences, and over 14 000 assaults with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. These numbers underscore the significant levels of gender-based violence and violent crimes in the country, revealing only part of the issue, as many incidents remain unreported due to widespread fears of

secondary victimisation, trauma, and various other deterrents.

During his 2024 State of the Nation Address, President Cyril Ramaphosa reiterated that GBVF persists as a major challenge, characterising it as a second pandemic and a pervasive social ill necessitating intensified comprehensive action. Although political will and private sector initiatives, such as the establishment of the GBVF Response Fund, are evident, the persistent systemic and structural effects of GBVF continue to undermine our progress. The President's call to intensify collective efforts is an opportunity to turn pragmatic actions into measurable steps, thereby achieving noticeable and impactful reductions in GBVF rates.

Amid South Africa's landscape of economic fluctuations, socio-political instability, and the ripple effects of global conflict, addressing GBVF remains an unequivocal priority. The lingering effects of COVID-19 and recent economic challenges have not only exacerbated GBVF but have also impeded progress, leaving women, children, and other vulnerable populations more susceptible to additional social and structural challenges. These persistent socio-economic challenges create fertile ground for GBVF to thrive, underscoring the need for the development of innovative approaches and the optimisation of existing interventions.

Achieving sustainable and tangible results in addressing GBVF requires multifaceted, multi-sectoral and innovative collaboration among government bodies, the private sector, civil society organisations, and communities. To

effectively address GBVF, interventions guided by the NSP need to be optimised through increased investments and coordinated actions for comprehensive implementation.

These efforts should include improved legislation, strengthened law enforcement, expedited justice processes, widespread social behavioural change and education campaigns, and the promotion of a culture rooted in respect, equality, and non-violence.

Recognising the profound impact of GBVF at a community level, it is crucial to strengthen and utilise community-based systems and structures to facilitate a swift and comprehensive response to those affected by GBVF, and those at risk.

At the core of ensuring a comprehensive response to GBVF is the establishment of robust, accessible, and adequately funded support services for GBVF survivors, including shelters, Thuthuzela Care Centres, and hotlines. These services play a pivotal role in providing immediate assistance to survivors, ensuring their protection and rehabilitation. This becomes a necessary support mechanism in turning victims into survivors, ensuring their well-being and facilitating their journey towards recovery.

As we persist in addressing the complexities of GBVF, it is essential to maintain a clear advocacy agenda by consistently issuing a call to action through a multifaceted approach. Prioritising prevention across interventions will facilitate lasting change, encouraging societies to embrace and champion revised norms that eradicate violence. Through these concerted efforts, RESPECT can be restored in our societies.

Against this backdrop, we are proud to present the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Response Fund 1 ("the Fund").

In this annual report, we offer a comprehensive overview of the GBVF Response Fund's activities, impact, and financial performance for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Our report is structured to provide insights into various facets of our

work, including governance, programmatic interventions, strategic partnerships, and financial stewardship.

Through a combination of narratives, data-driven analysis, case studies, and financial statements, our aim is to provide stakeholders and the public with a comprehensive understanding of the Fund's contributions to the fight against GBVF.

We invite stakeholders to engage with the report and join us in our mission to prevent GBVF. Together, let us stand in solidarity with survivors as we continue to turn the page on GBVF.

Report overview:

- An overview of the national state of GBVF and its implications for our work.
- Messages from our Chairperson, CEO, and Board members, offering insights and reflections.
- Highlights of our impact, including quantitative results, case studies and an impact map.
- A summary of focus areas aligned with the NSP pillars, guiding our strategic interventions.
- Our advocacy and communications efforts, collaborations with partners and strategic initiatives.
- A spotlight on corporate contributions and the role of strategic partnerships in our work.
- Insights into our governance structure, including monitoring, evaluation, auditing and risk management.
- Financial statements, narratives, and figures demonstrating our fiscal responsibility and stewardship of resources.
- A plan for the way forward, outlining our strategic priorities and objectives for the coming years.

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

MAKING A LASTING IMPACT ON CULTURE AND SOCIETY



As I reflect on taking up the role of Chairperson of the Fund a year ago, I am filled with a profound sense of purpose, accomplishment, and camaraderie with all my colleagues on the Board and our dedicated staff.

It is indeed an honour to report on the past financial year.

The prospect of national elections in 2024, 30 years after democracy, was cause for introspection about our ongoing struggle to attain gender equality, eradicate violence against women, children, and marginalised groups, and ensure the empowerment of all women and girls. Our aspiration and vision of a free and equal society will continue to be compromised and undermined until

the women in our country feel safe and empowered.

The challenging geopolitical and economic environment has placed a strain on financial markets, impacting both government finances and the corporate social responsibility budgets of our corporate partners. Despite this challenge, we have seen persistent support from our donors and stakeholders, enabling us to continue supporting our community-based organisations (CBOs), as well as our operational and programmatic requirements.

Navigating through such formidable challenges becomes feasible only through collaboration: when individuals with diverse resources and skills unite to tackle intricate issues and when we collectively assume responsibility for our social impact.

In the past financial year, the Fund significantly elevated its efforts, effectively navigating challenging circumstances and making lasting, positive strides in the implementation of our strategy.

We remain grateful for the ongoing support and contributions of our donors, which have empowered us to sustain our grant management programme by extending crucial grants and assistance to CBOs at the forefront of addressing GBVF. Moreover, their generosity has enabled us to advance our efforts in driving social behavioural change communication through our RESPECT advocacy campaign and strategic partnerships.

We have reached several noteworthy milestones, particularly with our second Request for Proposals (RFP2) process. We received over 1,000 proposals, leading to a rigorous and comprehensive selection process. Subsequently, we allocated R53 million to 65 CBOs, collectively concentrating on various pillars of the NSP.

rigorous and vigilant monitoring of the grant management process.

This improvement enables tighter controls and facilitates the documentation of essential findings from the Fund's interventions, ensuring the ability to conduct quantifiable, value-for-money analyses.



Members of CBOs advocating for violence-free zones.

This is in addition to the R80 million disbursed under RFP1 in the previous financial year. It is noteworthy that some of the CBOs funded under RFP1 were also granted funding under RFP2, reflecting their satisfactory performance during the initial year of implementation.

Our focus on CBOs in identified, frequently under-resourced GBVF hotspot areas has proven to be a fruitful and suitable mechanism for community-led and sustainable responses to GBVF. This is evident in the qualitative and quantitative impact we've achieved, positively influencing the lives of nearly 600,000 people and providing support to more than 200 CBOs in our ecosystem since the Fund's inception.

Over the past year, we acknowledged the need to improve our governance and oversight functions. To achieve this, we enhanced our internal capacity and expertise, ensuring more

In 2023, the government extended our initial two-year mandate by an additional three years, a decision that reflects confidence in the Fund's work and affords us the opportunity to craft an initiative with a lasting impact. This inspired us to conceptualise our flagship social behavioural change campaign, RESPECT, aimed at catalysing social shifts in the GBVF culture in South Africa.

Respect is a fundamental human value that transcends cultures and nationalities. It is easily understood and embraces diverse languages and societies. RESPECT promotes a culture rooted in compassion, non-violence, accountability, and ongoing peaceful coexistence within communities.

GBVF impacts women both within their homes and in the workplace. While it is imperative for the government to

establish an enabling environment to address GBVF, private sector leaders must also take proactive steps, ensuring operational and systemic measures are put in place to address and support employees affected by gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH) in the workplace.

Over and above the financial contributions towards the fight against GBVF, the private sector can be a powerful partner in promoting gender equality within the workplace, given its influential and unique role as a catalyst and model for change. With this in mind, the Fund forges crucial collaborations with the private sector to engage people employed in the private sector.

We are deeply humbled and greatly encouraged by the overwhelming response, growing partnerships, and our shared vision with the public and other stakeholders since the launch of RESPECT in September 2023.

I am pleased to share the addition of new pro bono partners, Growthpoint and ZEDA/AVIS, whose generous donations have strengthened our operational support. Growthpoint has contributed office space, providing our staff with a productive working environment for optimal outcomes. Additionally, ZEDA/AVIS have donated two vehicles to “drive the fight against GBV.” Special gratitude to Ms. Ramasela Ganda, Group CEO, for her dedication in utilising the company’s core inventory as a practical commitment to our cause.

Our governance approach prioritises transparency, accountability, and responsible decision-making to safeguard the Fund’s assets and allocate funds transparently to beneficiaries. To strengthen the Fund’s governance structures and systems, we have appointed two additional members to fill vacancies following resignations and to enrich the Board’s skills.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our various and diverse donor partners, who contribute to our mission through funding and generous pro bono services.

Additionally, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Michael Katz and Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull, two founding directors on the Fund’s Board, who stepped down from their roles over the past year. The Fund owes much of its success to their invaluable contributions, and we are immensely grateful for their dedication and leadership.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the current Board for their commitment and dedication to the cause, and their unyielding dedication to ending GBVF within our lifetime.

Last, but most certainly not least, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our staff. You are the lifeblood and heartbeat of the Fund, and your passion and dedication have made South Africa a safer place for GBVF victims and survivors. Thank you for your care and tireless efforts.

Together, we are making a lasting contribution towards cultivating a culture where RESPECT is the pillar of our society.

Let’s end GBVF in our lifetime.

Faith Khanyile

Board Chairperson, GBVF Response Fund

CEO’S MESSAGE

MAXIMISING OUR IMPACT AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL

It is with great pleasure that I address you in my second annual report as CEO of the GBVF Response Fund. It has been a year filled with enthusiasm, challenges, and significant milestones as we strive toward our mission of promoting equality and combating GBVF.

Together with our partners and stakeholders, we have embarked on a journey that has seen the Fund take bold steps, pioneer initiatives, and foster meaningful partnerships to drive impactful change. One such initiative was the prominent launch of the Fund’s first advocacy initiative, RESPECT, focusing on prevention and social behavioural change.

Our success has been propelled by the growth of our team, which includes members with extensive experience in social development and GBVF and who represent diverse backgrounds. Consequently, we have transitioned towards a model focused on ensuring that women’s movements and community-based organisations (CBOs) in remote and hard-to-reach areas receive the support they need.

As I reflect on the past year, I am grateful for the consistent support of our Board members, who have continued to provide strategic oversight and guidance to the team. Their resilience is fuelled by the reality of the rising levels of femicide in the country, as such, ensuring that CBOs receive financial support remains a driving factor for their commitment to applying rigorous standards and strong governance in support of deserving organisations.

The launch of the RESPECT initiative was a seminal moment for the Fund; it prioritises prevention and social

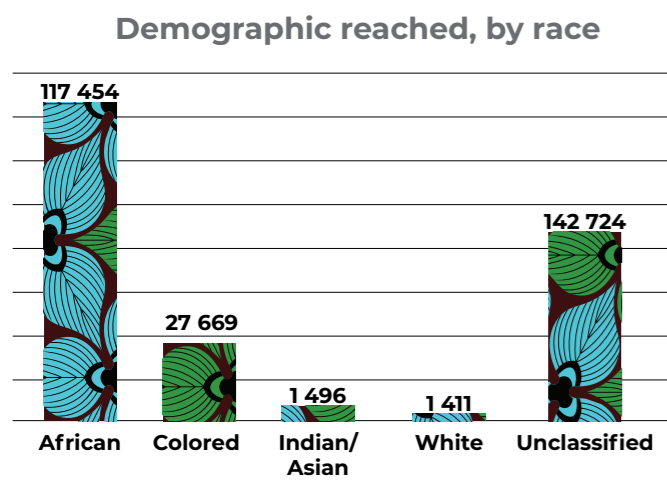


behavioural change. In response to the Board’s request, we developed a campaign aimed at delivering prevention messaging in the fight against GBVF. After thorough research, it became evident that, similarly, to addressing previous epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, a social behaviour values-driven approach would be instrumental in fostering positive behaviours and driving behavioural change in society.

RESPECT has provided an overarching prevention framework that defines roles and actions that can be employed by individuals and organisations as a pragmatic response to GBVF. This campaign aims to catalyse prevention and behavioural change, directly confronting GBVF. With a simple yet powerful message – “In a world with respect, there is no GBVF” – it implores ordinary South Africans to revert to our core value of Ubuntu.

It is important to note that the RESPECT initiative was inspired by the global RESPECT framework, which has demonstrated effectiveness. Our initiative has received significant support from corporate South Africa, with notable partnerships established during events such as the DStv Delicious International Food and Music Festival, digital billboards from Tractor Outdoor, and partnerships with SABC TV and radio. Through RESPECT, we have already reached over 70 million people, amplifying our message through these channels.

Towards the end of 2023, we launched our second call for proposals, RFP2. This call received an overwhelming response, with over 1,000 applications, highlighting the urgent needs of CBOs. Following thorough adjudication, we have awarded grants to 65 CBOs to the value of R53 million, with more grants in the pipeline. The next phase of disbursement will support an additional 43 CBOs, furthering our commitment to empowering civil society organisations. In total, since the inception of the Fund, we will have supported over 200 CBOs, reinforcing our dedication to driving positive change at the grassroots level. In the year under review, the Fund has managed to reach 290,754 participants, GBV victims, and survivors.



This was not without its challenges. We have had to relook at our grant management processes and move to a hybrid model working with a new grant management partner, Soul City Institute. With their

expertise in the GBVF sector and the recruitment of a Programmes Manager we have been able to pivot the disbursement process to introduce new systems.

None of this would be possible without the support of our donor community, particularly corporate South Africa and bilateral development partners. Their ongoing contributions, whether through pro bono partnerships or cash donations, empower us to implement our initiatives effectively.

This support ensures robust governance and oversight, fostering a strong, compliant environment that is crucial for our operations. I extend my gratitude to the numerous corporates with which we continue to collaborate, including PwC, whose commitment encompasses vital areas such as accounting functions and risk management. Alexander Forbes remains a reliable pro bono partner, assisting with our investments and facilitating payments to our beneficiaries, while Deloitte continues to serve as our external auditors, ensuring the accuracy and integrity of our financial reports. ENSafrica continues to provide invaluable legal support, contributing to our collective efforts to foster meaningful change, alongside SNG Grant Thornton, which handles our internal auditing.

As we celebrate our achievements and reflect on our collective efforts in the fight against GBV, it is evident that progress remains slow. The stalled implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) is concerning, with the lack of momentum within the NSP End GBV Collective due to inadequate support further exacerbating the issue. Without more tangible collaboration across sectors, our efforts risk being hampered. It is imperative to highlight the urgent need for substantive collaboration and effort to turn the tide on the scourge of GBV in our country.

In closing, I extend my sincerest thanks to all our stakeholders, partners, and supporters for their steadfast dedication to our cause. Together, we will continue to strive for a future free of GBV, where RESPECT is the core value of our society.

Sazini Mojapelo
Chief Executive Officer, GBVF Response Fund

THE BOARD

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE TOMORROW.

Our Board continues to bring together a diversity that is key to the oversight of the Fund's operations, with a combination of skills from financial services executives, established business professionals, legal practitioners, and highly experienced gender-based violence activists.

The Board composition represents private sector and civil society organisations to ensure the right balance of technical knowledge of GBVF challenges, and financial services for the Fund's professional management.

The past year was a successful period for the Fund, marked by a functional Board and the addition of two well-versed members, Ms. Gabi Mailula and Ms. Dot Field. The Board also ensures continued guidance and support for the operational management of the Fund through committees focused on specific programmatic or functional areas, maintaining due diligence and care.

There were some changes to the Board, including the resignation of the deputy chairperson, Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull, who has contributed immensely to the Fund's success since its inception. Additionally, founding board member Mr. Michael Katz also resigned.

All Board committees held their meetings in accordance with good corporate governance, ensuring that the execution

of the Fund's operations received the right level of oversight. The Human Resources and Nominations Committee was also established.

The Board continues to be ultimately responsible for implementing our strategy, in line with the Fund's mandate. The Board is pleased to report that the approved strategic objectives were met in line with the selected pillars of the National Strategic Plan on GBVF.

The Board remains committed to good corporate governance and runs the Fund with the utmost care and compliance, in line with company policies and procedures. Working with the Audit and Risk Committee, we have concluded our external audit with a clean audit result. A special thank-you to our pro bono partners - PwC, Alexander Forbes, ENSafrica, SNG Grant Thornton, Absa, and Deloitte-, who have committed to another year of supporting the Fund. This ensures the Fund's work continues to follow the required compliance standards.

The Board would also like to welcome new pro bono partners, Growthpoint and AVIS/ZEDA. They are supporting the Fund through the donation of office space and vehicles, respectively. The Board is encouraged to see growing support from private sector towards the shared objective of eradicating GBV. The Board is committed to the fight against GBV and will continue to provide support to ensure good governance.

Board Chairperson:



FAITH KHANYILE

is the Director of Companies, Investor and Entrepreneur

Outgoing Deputy Chairperson:



WENDY LUCAS-BULL

is the Chairman of Shoprite Holdings Ltd

Outgoing Board member



PROF. MICHAEL KATZ

Michael Katz is the Chairman of ENSafrica



DR SHAHEDA OMAR

is a Director at the Teddy Bear Foundation



TRYPHOSA RAMANO

is the Founder and Director of Magommake



UVIWE NTSALUBA

is a programme consultant at the UN Women South Africa multi-country office



SAZINI MOJAPELE

is the CEO of the GBVF Response Fund



LUTHANDO VUBA

is the Group BCB Executive Head for International Trade at the Standard Bank Group



ROSE KEANLY

is a Non-Executive of listed companies



ELLA MANGISA

is the Executive Director of Ilitha Labantu



SAZINI MOJAPELE

is the CEO of the GBVF Response Fund



ZANELE NGWEPE

is the Head of Finance and Operations



KOKETSO RATHUMBU

is the Advocacy and Communications Manager



DR LESLEY ANN FOSTER

is the founder and Executive Director of Masimanyane Women's Rights International



DOT FIELD

is the founder of Dot Field Consulting



BAFANA KHUMALO

is a Co-Executive Director at Sonke Gender Justice



GABI MAILULA

is a partner at ENSafrica



TIRHANI MANGANYI

is the Programmes Manager



JILLIAN MURUGAN

is the Liaison Admin Officer



AYANDA JOKWA

is the Advocacy and Communications Intern

THE TEAM

COLLABORATING TO CONFRONT THE THREAT OF GBVF

Aided by the collective knowledge and expertise of our team from diverse civil society organisations and private sector companies, we have continued to ensure a well-equipped management team for the Fund. This effort has optimised the Fund's internal capacity and effectiveness in executing its mission.

The Fund is committed to maximising the reach and impact of its received funds for its programming initiatives.

Consequently, the Fund operates with a compact, yet immensely skilled and effective team that has devoted extensive hours and dedication to its fundamental operations.

Working in collaboration with our various partners and stakeholders, our joint efforts enable the fulfilment of the Fund's mandate and generate tangible impact in fostering a safer South Africa for women, children, persons with disabilities, key and vulnerable populations, and the community at large.

PRO BONO PARTNER'S MESSAGE

THE CONTRIBUTION MADE TO THE FUND BY PWC, A KEY PRO BONO PARTNER



SHIRLEY MACHABA
-PwC Southern Africa, CEO

PwC has provided accounting functions and risk management to the GBVF Response Fund since the Fund's inception. PwC also supports the Fund with accounting services to ensure compliance and the assurance of our governance and control processes. The firm has ensured governance, assurance and back-office support, and ensured the management of accounts and appropriate accounting policies. This has also included the drafting of Board TORs and Board sub-committee terms of reference, and the issuing of PBO Section 18A and tax compliance

certificates.

We sat down with PwC Southern Africa Chief Executive Officer Shirley Machaba to understand why PwC has chosen to contribute to this vital cause.

Why did you decide to support the GBVF Response Fund?

Organisations are increasingly unable to ignore the megatrends that are challenging their relevance and long-term survival. These megatrends include climate change, technological disruption, demographic shifts, persistent gender inequality, a fracturing world, and social instability.

Our revised firm strategy is titled "*Ubuntu Bethu*", or Our Humanity. For us at PwC, Our Humanity is the catalyst for positive change and societal impact. It's not just about today but about the legacy we leave behind for the next generation.

PwC's societal purpose, which is aligned with the Our Humanity strategy, is built on three key elements that support seven of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These three pillars are:

- What we do as a firm
- How we assist our clients
- How we help the communities around us

As a firm, in line with the 7 SDG's these three pillars are aligned to our contribution to the Fund:

- SDG 3: Good health and well-being
- SDG 5: Gender equality
- SDG 10: Reduced inequalities

There is now a heightened emphasis on how organisations influence the world around them. Supporting the GBVF Response Fund was imperative for us.

What contributions have you made to the GBVF Response Fund?

PwC in South Africa has been appointed to provide professional services (other than external audit services) on a pro bono basis to the private sector-led GBVF Response Fund, launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa in February 2021.

PwC also assisted the GBVF Response Fund in identifying and implementing good governance practices, playing a critical role in designing governance frameworks and reviewing other governance policies and procedures, including board evaluations.

Are there any initiatives or programmes that you are involved in as an organisation?

Our Societal Purpose strategy comprises three pillars: Community, Firm and Client.

In the Community pillar, we embrace our role as active citizens, channelling our resources into transformative corporate sustainability initiatives that uplift the communities around us:

- The Faranani Rural Women Training Initiative aims to foster a culture of entrepreneurship among women from rural areas by imparting business skills that empower them to generate their own income, helping them become meaningful contributors to the South African economy.

In the Firm pillar, we harness our collective expertise and capabilities, and we lead by example in driving positive change. A few examples are:

- The recently launched PwC South Africa Technology and Innovation Centre (SATIC) focuses on bringing together collective

industry expertise and technical capabilities to innovate, build, and deploy digital business solutions.

- The Service Delivery Centre (SDC) Africa provides support predominantly to PwC offices across Africa, as well as the Netherlands firm, by standardising selected audit activities, improving overall quality, and reducing delivery costs.
- Foundation of the Future is an 18-month rotational programme that exposes graduates, who are not necessarily following the CA route, to diverse and highly skilled teams experienced in front office transformation, corporate function transformation, and operational transformation disciplines.

In the Client pillar, we partner with our clients, leveraging our insights and experience to help them navigate challenges and unlock growth opportunities. For example:

- PwC Africa's Net Zero team has developed the Value Chain Sustainability Insights tool to address the critical challenge of reaching net zero emissions.
- As part of our client work, we collaborated with the Lebalelo Water User Association (LWUA), supporting its members in revising their strategy and repurposing the organisation "to improve lives through water".

Any views on how we can reduce the scourge of GBVF in South Africa?

GBVF is a global challenge that many countries are grappling with – yet we can reduce it through education and empowering individuals. Organisations have a key role to play in this challenge. Collaborating and partnering with other organisations with the same purpose, and supporting organisations on the ground, will make a difference.

Any message of support for the CBOs that are at the frontline of dealing with GBVF?

I want to recognise the good work that these organisations are doing. They are crucial in driving the GBVF agenda and making a tangible impact on the lives of many who have been affected by

GBVF. Thank you for being a force for good!

IMPACT ACHIEVED

IT STARTS WITH RESPECT

Our work, supported by our partners and stakeholders, is a testament to our relentless efforts to combat GBVF in South Africa, guided by the National Strategic Plan on GBVF (NSP). Our work is anchored on the NSP pillars, which serve as the cornerstone of our strategic interventions and funding decisions. By focusing on these pillars, we ensure that our initiatives are comprehensive, targeted, and impactful, addressing the root causes of GBVF and providing support to the most vulnerable populations.

Our approach is guided by the NSP's comprehensive framework, which includes prevention, justice, response, and care. This framework has informed our strategies and programmes, allowing us to make significant strides in various areas.

We have supported grassroots organisations in implementing evidence-based interventions aimed at stopping violence before it starts. This includes working with children in schools on issues such as abuse, safety, consent, violence, engaging parents to address violence at home, and collaborating with faith-based and traditional leaders to foster community-wide change.

The community-based organisations (CBOs) have been instrumental in providing legal assistance and advocacy, helping survivors open cases with the police, ensuring proper investigations, and pushing for justice in the courts. These efforts are crucial in holding perpetrators accountable and enhancing the legal response to GBVF.



We prioritise CBOs that provide comprehensive support services for survivors, including counselling and psychosocial support to help them deal with trauma. By creating a continuum of care, we ensure that survivors receive holistic support tailored to their needs.

One of the core elements of our impact strategy is empowering grassroots organisations, particularly those in hard-to-reach areas such as rural communities.

These organisations are often on the frontlines of the GBVF crisis but face significant barriers to accessing funding and resources. We have taken deliberate steps to create an enabling environment for these organisations by:

- **Facilitating access to funding:** recognising the lack of resources such as internet access, data, and technology in rural areas, we have gone down to the grassroots level to identify CBOs and assist them in the funding application process. This initiative has enabled about 50 CBOs to successfully secure funding, which they might not have been able to apply for on their own.
- **Capacity building:** to address capacity gaps, we have conducted needs assessments and provided comprehensive capacity-building initiatives. These include mentorship programmes that enhance organisational management, financial literacy, and programmatic skills. Additionally, we have assisted unregistered CBOs in establishing governance structures, positioning them for future funding opportunities and sustainability.

Our work has made significant progress in the fight against GBVF in South Africa. Our efforts have focused on providing support to survivors, improving legal and community responses, and working towards eliminating the root causes of GBVF. The impact stories and data presented here reflect the real-world outcomes of our initiatives and the positive changes in the communities we serve.

Our programmes strongly emphasise supporting key populations, including women, children, the LGBTQIA+ community, elderly women, and persons with disabilities. By addressing the unique challenges faced by these groups, we ensure that our interventions are inclusive and effective. The resilience of survivors and communities in the face of GBVF underscores the importance of our work



Site visit with Mosaic in the Western Cape

and the need for continued support.

As South Africans grapple with several socio-economic challenges, our work has become increasingly important. The achievements outlined in this section demonstrate the effectiveness of our strategies and interventions. They also highlight the resilience of survivors and the communities we work with. Through a combination of direct support, advocacy, and systemic change efforts, we are contributing to our goal of a society free of GBVF. These successes, along with the lessons learned, guide us as we continue to refine our approach and strengthen our impact in the years to come. Our mandate is to implement and deliver on the NSP on GBVF focusing on the areas of greatest need and where we can have the biggest impact.

MONITORING, EVALUATION, REPORTING AND LEARNING

TRACKING PROGRESS, ACCESSING IMPACT AND ENHANCING INSIGHTS

Through grant funding cycles, strategic initiatives, and partnerships, the Fund has already made strides. In the first request for proposals (RFP1) 163 CBOs and four intermediary organisations have received R80 million in grants. As grant partners signed their grant agreements at the beginning of 2023, this marked the second year of implementation. Our work extends beyond just financial support; it's about fostering innovation, collaboration, and sustained impact.



The second round of requests for proposals (RFP2) for funding was launched in October 2023, culminating in the selection of 65 CBOs and an investment of

R53 million by the end of the financial year. The selection process for additional CBOs has continued into the new financial year, and cumulatively,

R120 million will be invested through RFP2.



In the post-award stage, monitoring for project implementation continued in the form of reporting, data verification of submitted reports, and site visits. Data verification was conducted by an external consultant, which informed the CBO impact report.



As part of performance monitoring, site visits were conducted to

30 CBOs. This helped with the timely identification of any implementation issues and provided proactive support to the CBOs. To document the gains made through RFP1, an impact assessment has been commissioned through an external consultant.

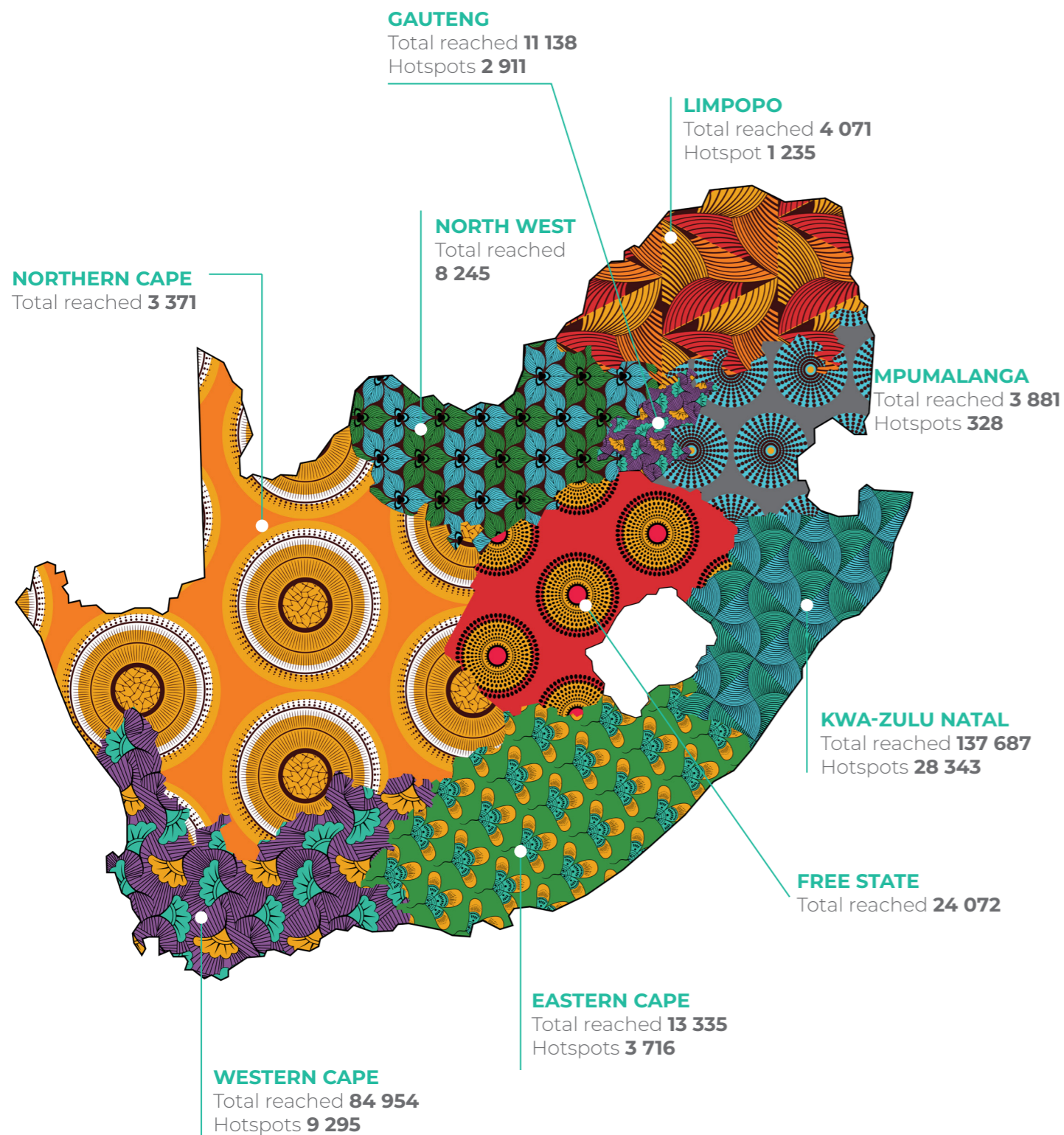
NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS

This year, our initiatives have been guided by four NSP pillars:

- 1. Accountability, coordination, and leadership:** increasing progress on the private-public partnership, and supporting the implementation of pledges made during the Fund's inauguration.
- 2. Prevention and rebuilding social cohesion:** enabling a social mass movement towards envisaged social behavioural change relating to GBVF through the launch of a multipronged campaign.
- 3. Justice, Safety, and Protection:** enhanced prevention programmes, change behaviours and social norms, promote positive expressions of masculinities, optimise VAC and LGBTQIA+ interventions, integrate broader GBV prevention strategies, restore human dignity, and ensure safe, violence-free public spaces for all, especially women and children.
- 4. Response, Care, Support, and Healing:** focuses on strengthening victim-centred response and support services, eliminating secondary victimisation, ensuring victims receive comprehensive support for recovery, and enhancing community and institutional responses for survivors and vulnerable individuals.

CBO YEAR IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS

TOTAL PROVINCIAL REACH			
Provinces	Hotspots	Non-Hotspots	Overall Reached
Limpopo	1 235	2 836	4 071
North West	0	8 245	8 245
Mpumalanga	328	3 553	3 881
Gauteng	2 911	8 277	11 138
Northern Cape	0	3 371	3 371
Western Cape	9 295	75 659	84 954
Free State	0	24 072	24 072
Eastern Cape	3 716	9 619	13 335
Kwa-Zulu Natal	28 343	109 344	137 687
Total Reached	45 828	244 926	290 754



NSP PILLAR 2: PREVENTION AND REBUILDING SOCIAL COHESION

The intersection between violence against children (VAC) and violence against women (VAW) is a critical focus area under NSP Pillar 2. Funded initiatives include in- and out-of-school interventions and parenting programmes designed to break the cycle of violence and foster safe, nurturing environments. Recognising the heightened vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and sex workers, programmes are tailored to address their specific needs, ensuring inclusive and equitable support.

CBO partners, through collaborations with faith-based organisations, traditional leaders, and other stakeholders, have been able to drive messages that challenge harmful gender norms and promote positive behaviours. Male engagement addressed toxic masculinities, with programmes targeting men and boys as partners and allies in the fight against GBVF, fostering attitudes of respect and equality.

In the second year, grant recipients focused on raising awareness and understanding the unique GBVF context within their communities. This involved activities aimed at changing harmful social and gender norms, reaching 279,912 participants. Activities included awareness campaigns, GBV prevention interventions delivered through workshops, community dialogues, and school-based and parenting interventions.

The following graph indicates the number of beneficiaries reached through GBV prevention programmes, dialogues, awareness campaigns and training:



“As we unite in faith, we transcend boundaries to combat gender-based violence. Together, diverse faith leaders and communities pledge to mobilise against GBV, ensuring our collective actions align with the National Strategic Plan. Our commitment is unwavering; our resolve, resolute.”

– Daniela Gennrich Faith Action Coordinator

NSP PILLAR 3: JUSTICE, SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Under NSP Pillar 3, the Fund has strongly emphasised enhancing the criminal justice system's response to GBVF. Efforts have led to significant improvements in awareness, knowledge, accessibility, and the utilisation of services within the criminal justice system. CBOs have been providing paralegal support, facilitating the initiation of criminal cases, assisting with the application for protection orders, offering pre-trial support, court support, as well as restorative justice, where applicable. CBOs play a pivotal role in these efforts.

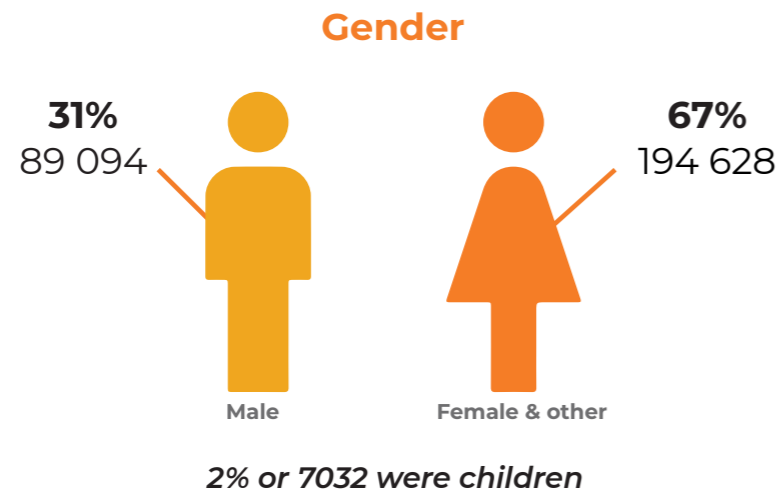
They have been instrumental in supporting survivors to open criminal cases, monitoring court proceedings, offering court readiness assistance, and providing accompaniment and care packages to survivors during court processes. The establishment of dedicated court monitoring officers by some CBOs has strengthened the linkage to the court system, ensuring effective follow-up and support for survivors.

Despite these advancements, challenges persist within the criminal justice system, including high attrition rates in GBVF cases. These challenges highlight the ongoing need for robust support for CBOs and enhanced grassroots-level approaches to ensure survivors can access efficient and effective justice.

Remarkable success has been achieved in providing essential post-violence clinical care and access to GBVF-related support services, reaching 7,589 victims and survivors. These efforts have also included vital services such as rape kits, Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), forensic examinations, HIV testing, in partnership with Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) and other stakeholders.

Additionally, 565 stakeholders received training on legislation such as the Domestic Violence Act, with the aim of enabling them to better identify and respond to GBVF. Stakeholders included SAPS personnel, healthcare workers, and other first responders.

The following graph outlines the demographic reached by gender:



NSP PILLAR 4: RESPONSE CARE, SUPPORT AND HEALING

Pillar 4 focuses on providing comprehensive response, care, support, and healing services for survivors of GBVF. CBO partners have been at the forefront of delivering these critical services. They have facilitated access to temporary shelters, operated helplines, provided food assistance, and offered psychosocial support to tens of thousands of survivors.

CBOs have successfully referred survivors to essential services, including Thuthuzela Care Centres, which offer integrated, survivor-centred care. These comprehensive services encompass medical, legal, and psychological support, ensuring that survivors receive holistic care tailored to their needs.

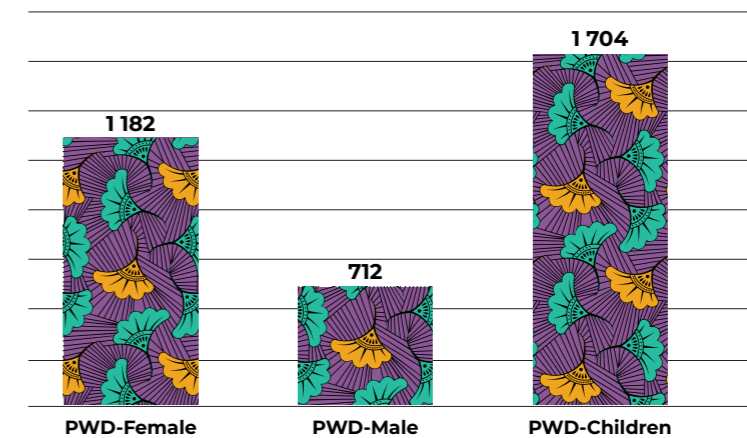
The Fund's strategic focus on NSP Pillars 2, 3, and 4 has led to substantial progress in preventing GBVF, enhancing justice and protection for survivors, and providing comprehensive care and support. The commitment to supporting grassroots organisations, particularly in hard-to-reach areas, and addressing capacity gaps ensures that impact is far-reaching and sustainable. As the approach continues to be refined and partnerships strengthened, there is a continued dedication to building a society free from GBVF, where all individuals can live in safety and dignity.

CBO partners have worked tirelessly to ensure that survivors receive the critical care and support they need. Specifically, 3,252 survivors received post-violence psychosocial support care.

CBO partners have also addressed the intersectionality between GBV and disabilities by reaching 3,598 persons with disabilities. Additionally, CBO partners developed a network of safe houses and temporary shelters that provide immediate relief and security for survivors. This initiative has been crucial in offering a safe environment for survivors while they navigate the process of seeking justice and rebuilding their lives.

The following graph illustrates the reach among persons with disabilities:

Females, males and children with disabilities reached



Capacity development:

Apart from directly funded CBOs, the Fund appointed four intermediary partners to provide capacity development, institutional strengthening, and technical assistance (TA) on GBVF programming. Intermediaries were also selected to ensure fair provincial allocation of funding, adequate funding in hotspots, and to act as fiscal hosts for CBOs that were not eligible to apply directly due to non-compliance. This year, the four intermediaries continued to build the capacity of 181 staff members from 51 CBOs

SPOTLIGHT ON CBO PARTNERS

WE FEATURE THE WORK OF OUR CBO PARTNERS

FAITH ACTION TO END GBV COLLECTIVE

Transforming faith communities: the impact of the GBVF Response Fund on Faith Action.

The Fund has played a key role in supporting the Faith Action to End GBV Collective (Faith Action), which comprises faith-based organisations and individuals working together to create a South Africa free of gender injustice and gender-based violence. This partnership with the Fund has inspired transformative change across diverse faith communities in South Africa.

leaders and members of African traditional healers, Bahá'í, Brahma Kumaris, Buddhist, Christian (Catholic, Evangelical, Protestant), Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim communities.

The launch event was a testament to the power of interfaith collaboration, with representatives from eight diverse faith traditions in attendance. The statement has since garnered over 670 signatures on Change.org, reflecting widespread support and a shared commitment to addressing gender-based violence.

A significant breakthrough occurred within the Hindu faith community, where the national coordinating body for the three main Hindu sects, the Maha Sabha, recognised GBV as a key priority. This historic decision followed a formal workshop on GBV, held in Durban in May, which emphasised the importance of interfaith and inter-sectoral collaboration. The senior Hindu faith leader advocating for this change attributed it directly to their involvement in the Interfaith Movement-Building Campaign facilitated by the Fund.

The Fund has catalysed significant progress within Faith Action and the broader faith community. Through initiatives such as the Interfaith Joint Statement to End GBVF and the Faith Leaders Gender Transformation Programme, the Fund has empowered faith leaders to actively combat gender-based violence. These efforts have fostered interfaith collaboration and inspired institutional changes that promise a more inclusive and just future for all.



Ms. Daniela Gennrich, Shaikh Mohamed Milanzi, Bishop Nathi Myaka, and Pastor Merrishia Singh-Naicker.

In 2023, the collective unveiled its Interfaith Joint Statement of Commitment to End GBVF, including a signature campaign. This landmark document emerged after several months of rigorous engagement among scholars, activists, and institutional leaders from various faith traditions. Despite challenging conversations and a thorough, six-week validation process, the statement was finalised and endorsed by

NEEMA FOUNDATION FOR THE DEAF

Empowering deaf communities.

The Neema Foundation for the Deaf in Kloof, KwaZulu-Natal, is a source of hope and support for marginalised deaf communities.

Through its family conflict and gender-based violence (FC&GBV) workshops, the foundation educates, advocates, empowers, and raises awareness. Through its partnership with the GBVF Response Fund, the foundation is addressing unique challenges faced by the deaf community, particularly concerning GBV.



A panellist, supported by an interpreter, answered questions at the Deaf Persons GBV & Family Conflict Resolution Workshop.

Through the FC&GBV workshops, the Neema Foundation has shed light on often-overlooked struggles within the deaf community. It acts as an intermediary, bridging the gap between stakeholders and the deaf community. Despite language and communication barriers, the Neema Foundation ensures that key services and resources reach those who need them most.

Neema aims to prevent GBV by providing education and encouraging discussions on conflict resolution. The foundation's impact

reverberates beyond the confines of its workshops.

Through strategic partnerships with esteemed organisations such as LifeLine South Africa and the South African Police Service, the foundation amplifies its reach, increases public awareness, and enables a culture of support for deaf individuals.

Additionally, the GBVF Response Fund has facilitated the establishment of essential partnerships with organisations such as LifeLine South Africa and the National Prosecuting Authority's Thuthuzela Care Centres. These collaborations have built the foundation's capacity to provide real-time access to support, mediation, and psychosocial services through platforms such as WhatsApp.

The Fund's contributions have significantly advanced the Neema Foundation's mission to advocate, educate, and empower the deaf community in addressing and resolving GBV and family conflicts.

The support from the GBVF Response Fund is one for which the foundation will always be grateful, as it not only assisted in ensuring the voice of the voiceless was heard but also enabled us to bring to light the challenges the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing face when it comes to reporting GBV-related cases at key service points, so they can start being mindful of this community."

- Khethiwe Madi Chief Executive Director at Neema foundation for the deaf

UMTATA WOMEN'S SUPPORT CENTRE

Empowering rural women: the impact of the GBVF Response Fund on the Umtata Women's Support Centre.

The Umtata Women's Support Centre, a dedicated non-profit organisation, has been at the forefront of supporting women in rural communities. Through the Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme ("let's talk over a cup of tea"), the organisation creates safe spaces for women to heal and empower themselves physically, spiritually, and psychologically. The programme was inspired by the traditional gatherings of women over tea, where they share their dreams, challenges, and support for one another.



UWSC session for the Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme at the Macosa community.

The Umtata Women's Support Centre became a grant recipient of the Fund in 2022 and has since experienced transformative change. The Fund has enabled the organisation to implement and expand its Masiphunge Women Empowerment Programme, reaching more women and communities than ever before.

Programme achievements

- The Umtata Women's Support Centre reported that it conducted five counselling sessions per community in five communities, reaching approximately 120 women. These sessions not only provided emotional and psychological support but also equipped 28 women with income-generating skills such as sewing, detergent-making, art, beadwork, and vegetable gardening. In one community, the women formed a cooperative, continuing their beadwork and detergent-making activities independently.
- The Centre also conducted 36 GBVF awareness campaigns and held one community dialogue during the grant period. In addition, it aired 24 community radio talk shows on GBVF-related topics, using its allocated radio slots on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to educate and engage the broader community.
- The Umtata Women's Support Centre highlighted that the Fund enabled it to provide critical psychosocial support to an 11-year-old rape survivor who was left bedridden. Unfortunately, the young girl passed away, but the Centre was able to support her family with funeral arrangements and to erect a tombstone bearing a message against GBVF, raising awareness and honouring her memory.
- The Centre emphasised that the GBVF Response Fund has amplified its impact. It has enabled it to reach more communities, provide essential support, and empower women and girls to stand against GBVF. Together, they are working to build a safer, more just society where women and girls can thrive, free of violence and abuse.

ILITHA LABANTU

Providing counselling and legal advice to women, children and survivors of abuse.

Ilitha Labantu, established in Cape Town in 1989, is a social service and educational organisation that focuses on addressing violence against women and children. Through individual and family counselling, as well as skills training, empowerment, and capacity-building workshops, it meets the needs of communities affected by violence and limited socio-economic opportunities.



Participants of the Uthuleleni motorcade advocating against GBVF.

Below are some highlights of Ilitha Labantu's activities during the financial year under review.

Psychosocial support: The organisation offered free individual counselling, family intervention, group counselling and support, and pre-and post-court counselling, as well as safe accommodation for survivors at Dorothy Zihlangu Transitional House shelter.

Outreach and education: Ilitha Labantu surpassed its annual target of 117,000 households. This was done through a learner-centred support programme, community dialogues and engagements, and the distribution of materials. Through articles and radio interviews alone, the organisation managed to reach 3,042,304 people.

Learner-centred school outreach: This support is delivered to both primary and secondary school learners and tailored for children who live in communities where violence and abuse have been normalised.

Policy and advocacy: Ilitha Labantu offers individual legal advice for women on legal issues related to domestic violence, divorce, child maintenance, and similar matters, as well as wills and support for families with children who have been sexually violated. The organisation provides pre- and post-court preparations and communicates with investigating officers and prosecutors.

16 Days of Activism Launch 2023: For the launch of the 2023 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, Ilitha Labantu worked in partnership with various stakeholders in the rural areas of the Western Cape.

SAPS Graduation: Ilitha Labantu held a graduation ceremony for 64 police officers who completed its GBV training, designed to equip our police service with the skills and knowledge to address GBV-related cases and treat survivors with care and sensitivity.

“With the support of the GBVF Fund, we have reached the most vulnerable women in remote areas, engaging traditional leaders as immediate safe spaces for distressed or abused women.”

- Koliwe Nongauza

“To effectively tackle GBVF, we must leverage the strengths and resources of all sectors in society. This is not just a fight for one group; it's a collective responsibility.”

- Siyabulela Monakali, Ilitha Labantu Communications Manager

DRIVING ADVOCACY AND CHANGE

ENABLING SOCIAL BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE



In a world with RESPECT, there is no GBVF

In an effort to ensure lasting and impactful change, the Fund developed and launched a social behavioural change initiative that serves as the overarching framework guiding our advocacy, strategic partnerships, and communication efforts. The initiative is a mass call-to-action that has unified stakeholders and partners in a common vision of zero tolerance for GBVF and shifting societal norms that perpetuate GBVF.

The RESPECT Initiative is a national GBVF social behavioural change campaign which anchors Pillar 1 and 2 of the National Strategic Plan for Gender-Based Violence and Femicide and aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 17. The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and catalyse action against GBVF using the RESPECT Framework as a globally

recognised approach as well as leveraging on the unique South African concept of Ubuntu, “I am because you are” founded on the principles of respect. It is premised on the ideology of fostering a culture where everyone is valued and respected equally.

Campaign objectives

- 1. Awareness:** Build a compelling case for change, challenge the status quo, and address underlying issues contributing to GBVF (targeting the general public).
- 2. Call to action:** Motivate individuals, including men, boys, women, and girls, to actively contribute to GBVF prevention at a personal level.
- 3. Education:** Provide tools and resources to empower men, boys, and affected individuals to drive change.
- 4. Capacity building:** Demonstrate new behaviours in action, involving both responsive and influential stakeholders.
- 5. Advocacy:** Sustain momentum by consistently encouraging, recognising, and shaping actions over the long term, targeting GBV influencer networks, donors, and staff.



The R-E-S-P-E-C-T acronym is broken down into key actions necessary in the fight against GBVF:



R – Recognise the problem: GBVF comes in many forms. We must call it out for what it is—before, when, and as it happens.

E – Empower voices: Raising our voices together is essential to seeking justice, healing and empowerment in the fight against GBVF

S – Shift social norms: Challenge and change the deeply rooted norms, stereotypes, and misogyny that perpetuate GBVF.

P – Promote prevention: GBVF can never happen if it never starts. Working together, we can break the cycle before it happens.

E – Engage everyone: Only a collective effort can win the fight against GBVF. Men, women, children, institutions, and sectors have a role in eradicating it.

C – Create support systems: Comprehensive and accessible support systems are vital to protecting survivors, allowing them to heal and rebuild their lives with dignity.

T – Take action: Action, not words, is the only way to bring perpetrators to justice, reform legal systems, and finally eradicate GBVF.

The campaign was unveiled at the DStv Delicious Food and Music Festival, with over 50,000 people attending throughout the festival weekend. The RESPECT Initiative has attracted notable pro bono support and partnerships from key reputable communications giants such as the SABC, Tractor Outdoor, and the DStv Delicious Festival.

The SABC has provided pro bono flighting of television and radio material services for the

campaign to an estimated value of R10 million. Tractor Outdoor Media sponsored 254 digital billboards across South Africa, exceeding an approximated advertising value of R13 million.

The initiative has also received endorsement from stakeholders such as Vodacom, Sasol, Momentum, FCDO, the Czech Republic Embassy, the German Embassy, Action Society, and others, who utilised their platforms for a social media takeover during the launch of the Initiative.



RESPECT LAUNCH

24 September Heritage Day



In a world with RESPECT, there is no GBVF

The RESPECT initiative was launched at the DStv Delicious International Food and Music Festival in 2023, marking a groundbreaking partnership between the Fund and the festival, both committed to promoting safety, respect, and inclusivity. With a decade-long history of prioritising a secure and enjoyable experience for attendees, the festival recognised the urgent need to support initiatives protecting women's rights and well-being, given the devastating realities of gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa.

Aligned with its values of respect, freedom, and inclusivity, the festival viewed its collaboration with the GBVF Response Fund as a natural extension of its commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment. The RESPECT campaign was prominently featured across festival screens, reaching over 50,000 attendees. Moreover, the festival utilised its social media platforms to pledge solidarity with the Fund in spreading the campaign's GBVF prevention message.

The DStv Delicious Festival hopes that by lending its mass platform to amplify this very important cause, more people will be made aware of the need for allyship with victims of GBVF and the initiatives aimed at preventing GBVF incidents in society.



LLOYD CORNWALL
DStv Delicious Festival founder and CEO

“Our festival is predominantly attended by women, and it makes absolute sense to support causes that exist to champion the safety of women. As a festival, we value RESPECT, FREEDOM, and INCLUSIVITY, and our collaboration with the GBVF Response Fund was a natural fit. We are happy to have partnered in 2023 and look forward to doing more in 2024.”

- Lloyd Cornwall, DStv Delicious International Food and Music Festival founder and CEO

TRACTOR OUTDOOR MEDIA PRO BONO SUPPORT



Tractor's support for the Fund's RESPECT campaign reflects its core principles of responsibility, community involvement, and promoting inclusiveness. They share a strong strong belief in investing in a cause that is challenges social behaviours and fighting against gender-based violence. Their goal is to witness a cultural transformation where everyone is treated with respect, regardless of their background.

As part of its corporate social investment efforts, Tractor Outdoor allocated inventory across more than 250 digital billboards nationwide during the launch and ongoing implementation of the RESPECT campaign. By generously dedicating space on its digital billboards to this crucial initiative, including Cape Town International Airport, Tractor Outdoor has provided a widespread platform for raising awareness and initiating meaningful conversations about gender-based violence prevention.

This strategic partnership underscores Tractor Outdoor Media group's dedication to responsible corporate citizenship, as it leverages its resources and influence to drive positive change. Through this collaborative endeavour, Tractor Outdoor not only disseminates critical information but also actively contributes to the collective effort of fostering societies where RESPECT is the prevailing norm.



SIMON WALL
Tractor Outdoor CEO

“The campaign's message, ‘In a world where there is respect, there is no GBVF,’ truly speaks to our mission. We are proud to support the Fund's hard work and are dedicated to their cause for a more just world.”

- Simon Wall, Tractor Outdoor CEO and founding shareholder



SABC PARTNERSHIP



The Fund has partnered with the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) to enhance and amplify critical advocacy initiatives aimed at combating GBVF. As part of this collaboration, the SABC broadcast the RESPECT Campaign Manifesto along with a series of public service announcements (PSAs) across its television and radio channels from December 2023 to January 2024. This period was strategically chosen to coincide with the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, ensuring maximum reach and impact.

In a continued effort to elevate the campaign's message, the SABC further extended its support by airing PSAs on International Women's Day, 8 March. These announcements were broadcast in all 11 official languages, reaching over 25 million weekly listeners across 18 radio stations, reinforcing the campaign's mission to raise awareness and inspire action against GBVF.

This collaborative effort underscores our collective dedication to utilising the power of media to drive significant social change. By fostering a culture of respect, inclusivity, and equality, we aim to use mass media and public broadcast networks as tools to reach communities across South Africa.



CONSTITUTION HILL PARTNERSHIP



Constitution Hill stands for social justice and human rights in South Africa, and working with the GBVF Response Fund's RESPECT initiative at the Human Rights Festival was a natural partnership. Constitution Hill values dignity, respect, justice, freedom, equality, diversity, and democracy. The RESPECT campaign aligns well with the goals of the organisation to improve human rights and social justice.

"We hope the RESPECT initiative will lead to significant changes in the way our society acts and thinks. We are committed to this cause and stand united with the GBVF Response Fund's efforts in education, advocacy, and community work," says Reuben Phasha, Heritage, Education, and Public Programmes Manager at Constitution Hill.

To ensure ongoing and sustainable efforts, we were thrilled to partner with Constitution Hill to elevate the agenda of GBVF prevention on Human Rights Day by participating in the Human Rights Festival 2024. As a partner, we recognise the importance of amplifying the GBVF prevention message on such a platform and particularly of acknowledging that GBVF is a human rights violation.

The Fund hosted a thought-provoking dialogue session, creating a space for constructive conversations around social responsibility in addressing GBVF, particularly emphasising prevention and solutions. This event reached over 5,000 people, significantly enhancing the Fund's visibility. Our participation in the festival also facilitated the dissemination of information and meaningful engagement with a broad audience.

Furthermore, we proudly joined the "We the People Walk" alongside our community-based organisations, amplifying our collective voice and solidarity in the protection of human rights. This collaborative endeavour reinforces our belief in the transformative power of collective action and community-driven initiatives to effect meaningful social change.



REUBEN PHASHA
Public Programmes Manager

Constitution Hill stands for social justice and human rights in South Africa, and our work with the GBVF Response Fund's RESPECT campaign at the Human Rights Festival is a key part of this ... This campaign fits well with our goals to improve human rights and social justice."

- Reuben Phasha, Heritage, Education and Public Programmes Manager, Constitution Hill.

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION

VODACOM MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Why did you make a pledge to the GBV Response Fund?

Vodacom is a purpose-led brand that works in partnership with the government and other civic bodies to transform society. As technology pioneers in the fight against GBV, we have always believed that combating GBV requires a coordinated approach and partnership between the government, civil society, and business.

Working in partnership with government and civil society organisations, our GBV ecosystem approach includes prevention, response, and victim support and empowerment.

Tell us about the Bright Sky app and other initiatives – including in schools.

In November 2020, Vodacom launched Bright Sky, a cutting-edge, free-to-download-and-use application designed to aid in the fight against GBV.

The app can be used on a mobile phone or other smart device. It provides support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or for those concerned about someone they know. It is available in three official languages: English, isiZulu, and Sesotho. It also allows users to assess whether they are in an abusive relationship through a questionnaire.

In 2021, Vodacom partnered with the Department of Basic Education to place psychosocial professionals in their Schools of Excellence (SoEs) across the country.

The programme, aimed at reducing the scourge of violence plaguing schools in this country,



SITHOLIZWE MDLALOSE
Vodacom CEO, South Africa

is part of Vodacom's GBV ecosystem, which provides prevention, response, and victim support programmes in partnership with the government and civil society organisations.

Although the psychosocial support professionals are placed at an SoE, they work in the surrounding schools as well, extending their reach significantly. So far, they have reached more than 26,000 learners.



Are there any initiatives you do internally for your employees and how?

In March 2019, Vodacom became the first company in South Africa to unveil a policy supporting employees who are victims of domestic violence or

abuse, either inside or outside the workplace.

The policy includes 10 days of paid leave and resources such as free access to the company's Employee Assistance Programme, which provides counselling and life management tools, as well as our 24-hour victim support and counselling call centre.

In addition to this, Vodacom provides staff training and awareness on domestic violence and abuse, as well as new workplace safety measures, which may include location or schedule transfers, changes to work patterns, and updates to contact details.

In March 2022, Vodacom amended its domestic violence policy to be more robust. The amendments reflect Vodacom's work across the country to promote gender equality and provide support to GBV survivors.

Any employee who is a victim of violence or harassment in the workplace, as well as any non-employee who is a victim of any form of violence or harassment by a Vodacom employee, may lodge a formal complaint with Vodacom. Vodacom will also investigate and act on any reported violent incidents outside the workplace, provided that the incident is relevant to the employment relationship.

Do you have a message you would like to share with South Africa?

We have committed to tackling GBV as part of our gender empowerment strategy, which is tied to our purpose pillar of inclusion for all. In collaboration with the government and civil society organisations, we have implemented a comprehensive GBV ecosystem that includes prevention, response, victim support, and empowerment.



From left are, Bonnie Currie-Gamwo (Special Director of Public Prosecutions and Head of the Unit at the NPA), John Jeffrey (Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development), Shamila Batohi (National Director of Public Prosecutions of NPA), Noncedo Zonke (Executive Mayor of Inxuba Yethemba), Sitho Mdlalose (CEO for Vodacom South Africa), Bukiwe Fanta, (Eastern Cape Social Development MEC) and Sazini Mojapelo (CEO of the GBVF Response Fund).

GOVERNANCE

ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION AND TRANSPARENCY

The GBVF Response Fund is fully committed to good governance principles, accountability, and complete transparency. The Fund operates independently but works closely with the government, the private sector, and civil society to implement its programmes.

To ensure it safeguards and uses the resources it has been entrusted with, the Fund has established a range of systems, policies, and procedures that are rigorously adhered to. Governed by an independent and highly respected Board of Directors, with a skilled executive team, the Fund is well equipped to accomplish its mandate. This is further bolstered by critical operational, legal, and financial management support provided by our pro bono partners.

In executing its responsibilities, the Fund has set up the following Committees:

- Advocacy, Behavioural Change and Communication Committee
- Disbursements, Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee
- Fundraising and Investment Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Human Resources and Nominations Committee

ADVOCACY, BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The Advocacy and Behavioural Change (ABC) Committee advises the CEO and the Board in their efforts to advocate against GBVF, raise

awareness, call for action, and encourage social behavioural change to reduce and arrest the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide. This Committee considers the socio-economic landscape and provides guidance and oversight on appropriate strategic partnerships, communication, advocacy, and outreach initiatives.

During the period under review, the Chairperson of The Committee remained Luthando Vuba, who joined The Committee and took over as Chairman on 1 February 2023. The changes included the addition of a new member, Dot Field, one of the newly appointed board members.

The extension of the Fund's tenure has provided the opportunity to drive advocacy and social behavioural change initiatives to influence change while ensuring responsible communication. As such, we have launched an initiative called RESPECT, which serves as an overarching framework for all advocacy and communication partnerships and campaigns.

Through partnerships with media pro bono partners, we have been able to reach communities in GBVF hotspots, especially in far-flung rural areas where behaviour change is most needed. RESPECT is multidimensional and, through media partnerships and mass communication, has been and continues to be communicated in all 11 official languages, using various channels to reach survivors.

In building a sustainable approach, the Fund assessed what has worked well in the country before, most notably in the successful campaign against HIV/AIDS. Long-running TV and radio programmes like Soul City demonstrate how compelling and resonant narratives can carry

a powerful message that encourages self-driven initiatives to drive social behavioural change. In this context, we will build on existing global frameworks and our local philosophy of "Ubuntu", which is grounded in respect and communal existence.

Looking ahead, we will draw on the lessons learned to date and continue to promote a positive messaging framework geared towards behaviour change for prevention. We are mindful that the focus of our Committee is impact and change-driven; as such, it is essential that we continue to coordinate and implement initiatives that address the social and structural enablers of GBVF. The Committee will continue to assist the executive team in identifying and reaching smart goals related to fostering more partnerships and collaboration in the fight against GBVF. The overall goal of the committee is to ensure that the extent of GBVF is significantly reduced more sustainably through social behavioural change and accountability.

Composition

The ABC Committee comprises four non-executive directors. The Committee meetings are held at least quarterly, with additional meetings convened when necessary. The ABC discharged its statutory and Board responsibilities during the period under review.

NAME	POSITION
Mr. Luthando Vuba	Non-executive Director (Chairperson)
Ms. Dot Field*	Non-executive Director
Dr. Lesley Ann Foster	Non-executive Director
Ms. Uviwe Ntsaluba	Non-executive Director

*Ms. Dot Field was appointed 21 August 2023

DISBURSEMENTS, PERFORMANCE, MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

This Committee is responsible for the grant management programme that supports community-based organisations in the front line of fighting GBVF. They ensure there is adequate distribution of resources across all provinces targeting GBVF hotspot areas. They provide oversight on the new proposals and funding applications to the Fund ensuring strategic alignment with the 6 pillars of the NSP on GBVF. The DPME has met at least quarterly during the reporting period.

Over the first two years, The Committee approved two requests for proposals (RFPs), and to date, R80 million has been disbursed from the first RFP and through special projects. In October 2023, The Committee approved the second RFP. Total funding approved over two years to fund CBOs amounts to R120 million, with R20 million earmarked for capacity development. Coupled with the R86 million disbursed over the first two years, this brings the total investment to just over R200 million.

The process is intended to invite applications from eligible CBOs that are actively involved in implementing initiatives aligned with the GBVF NSP. The RFP encourages a broad spectrum of CBOs to engage in ongoing efforts to address GBVF in alignment with the GBVF NSP.

Through disbursements and funding provided, CBOs can catalyse their GBVF response and prevention efforts within their communities. During RFP2, 65 CBOs have been funded to a combined total value of R53 million, with further selections of CBOs currently underway to facilitate additional disbursements. Eighty-five percent of these funds will be directed towards under-resourced provinces to ensure adequate funding is allocated to GBVF hotspot locations.

In 2023, CBOs reached 290,754 people through their various interventions aligned with furthering the outcomes of the GBVF NSP Pillar 2 (prevention and rebuilding social cohesion), Pillar 3 (justice, safety and protection), and Pillar 4 (response, care, support and healing). The DPME is responsible for ensuring there is verification of the results submitted by the CBOs and also introduced a risk register for the grant management process. Additionally, they approved a hybrid model of working, with an internal programme management team working in collaboration with an appointed grant management partner, Soul City Institute.

In 2023, CBOs demonstrated progress in driving awareness and strengthening knowledge and understanding of GBVF, facilitating behavioural change and a shift in social norms through a wide range of GBV prevention interventions that seek to prevent GBVF.

The members of the Disbursement, Performance and Evaluation Committee are:

NAME	POSITION
Ms. Faith Khanyile	Non-executive Director (Chairperson)
Dr. Shaheda Omar	Non-executive Director
Ms. Ella Mangisa	Non-executive Director
Mr. Bafana Khumalo	Non-executive Director
Ms. Rose Keanly	Non-executive Director

FUNDRAISING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Fund's Fundraising and Investment Committee plays a crucial role in overseeing the executive team's fundraising activities and the subsequent investment of the funds raised prior to their disbursement. With the current funding pipeline and resources, the Committee has ensured there are sufficient funds for the work required. The Chairperson of The Committee, Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull resigned and Dr. Shaheda Omar took over as the chairperson. The CEO and Head of Finance and Operations attend these meetings together with Alexander Forbes executives who manage the Fund's investments.

For the year under review, The Committee has witnessed gratifying growth in the number of investments and in-kind or cash support to amplify the work of the Fund. It has fulfilled all its statutory duties assigned by the Board. The Committee's role continues to be instrumental in ensuring adequate resources and due diligence regarding the source of investments as the Fund forges forward in its operations. The Committee has successfully identified funding opportunities on both local and global scales, attracting not only financial investments but also long-term value proposition partnerships.

The Committee remains grateful to existing donors for their generous contributions since the Fund's inception. The committee is satisfied that the systems and processes in place are appropriate for the Fund's continued operation. The Committee acknowledges new donors such as Growthpoint, Avis/Zeda, SABC, and Tractor Outdoor Media, DSTV Delicious Festival for recognising the value in contributing to the fight against GBVF.

These organisations have joined forces with existing donors and are committed to collaborative efforts to combat this social ill. Their investment of core inventory and expertise has enabled us to significantly reduce overheads without compromising the quality of the Fund's administration and oversight.

The need for a sustained and focused programme to end the scourge of GBVF remains pressing. As we move into the next fundraising round, The Committee will continue to oversee the funds received, thus enabling the Fund to continue its impactful work.

The members of the fundraising and investment committee are:

NAME	POSITION
Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull *	Non-executive Director (Chairperson)
Dr. Lesley Ann Foster	Non-executive Director
Ms. Rose Keanly	Non-executive Director

* Ms Wendy Lucas-Bull resigned on 13 Feb 2024

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Fund's Audit and Risk Committee ("ARC") comprises four non-executive directors and seven co-opted members who assist in executing their responsibilities. The ARC has met at least quarterly during this reporting period. The CEO, Head of Finance and Operations, representatives from the external and internal auditors, and other assurance providers attended these meetings.

The mandate and responsibilities of the ARC encompass, amongst others, actions required to:

- oversee financial reporting, including the preparation of the financial statements;
- ensure that a combined assurance model is applied to provide a coordinated approach to all assurance activities;
- oversee the internal audit function;
- oversee the risk management process;
- oversee the external audit function; and
- receive and deal with complaints from stakeholders.



During the period under review, the ARC assisted the Board by performing an objective and independent review of the performance of the audit and risk functions. This was achieved through close cooperation and communication with management, as well as internal and external auditors, who have access to the members and Chairperson of the ARC.

The external audit is performed by Deloitte & Touche on a pro bono basis to conduct an independent and objective audit of the Fund in terms of the provisions of section 90 of the Companies Act. The Committee is satisfied that Deloitte is independent of the Fund, as contemplated in section 94(8) of the Companies Act. Requisite assurance was sought and provided by Deloitte that internal governance processes in the audit firm support its claim of being independent in relation to the Fund. The external audit plan was presented and approved by the ARC in line with all statutory requirements, and the results of this audit are presented in this report.

The internal audit operates under terms of reference recommended by the ARC and approved by the Board. The Fund's internal audit function is performed by SNG Grant Thornton on a pro bono basis and is staffed by qualified and experienced individuals. The Head of Internal Audit has direct access to the ARC. The internal audit function reports independently on whether risk management, control, and governance processes are adequate and functioning within the Fund. Internal audit performs periodic independent evaluations of the adequacy and effectiveness of controls, financial reporting structures, and the integrity of information systems and records. The ARC approves the annual risk-based internal audit work plan.

The ARC annually reviews and assesses the internal audit team's performance, objectivity, and independence.

The ARC comprises four non-executive directors. The ARC meetings are held at least quarterly, with additional meetings called when necessary. The ARC discharged its statutory and Board responsibilities during the period under review, considering, inter alia, the results of the Fund, as well as the regulatory and IFRS compliance by the Fund. The ARC discharged its statutory and Board responsibilities during the period under review to consider, inter alia, the results of the Fund, as well as to consider the regulatory and IFRS compliance by the Fund.

NAME	POSITION
Ms. Tryphosa Ramano	Non-executive Director (Chairperson)
Prof. Michael Katz *	Non-executive Director
Ms. Rose Keanly	Non-executive Director
Dr. Shaheda Omar	Non-executive Director
Ms. Gabi Mailula**	Non-executive Director

* Prof. Katz resigned on 22 June 2023

** Ms. Mailula was appointed on 21 August 2023

HR & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board established the HR & Nominations Committee during the year under review. The primary objective of The Committee is to assist the Board in the appointment of new board members and the CEO or CFO, including its responsibility for setting, monitoring, reviewing, recommending, and approving human resources policies and practices.

This Committee meets as and when required to approve policies or appoint new directors; they do not meet quarterly like the other committees. During the period under review The Committee appointed, a new CEO and two independent non-executive directors.

They further approved HR policies and procedures, namely the Remuneration Policy and a review of the entire HR Policy handbook. This Policy Handbook was reviewed and supported by an HR consultancy company appointed to ensure there is a clear understanding and compliance to the labour laws and regulations.

The Committee comprises four non-executive directors who are Chairpersons of Board Committees. The Committee is chaired by the Board Chairperson.

The members of the HR and Nomination Committee are:

NAME	POSITION
Ms. Faith Khanyile	Non-executive Director (Chairperson)
Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull *	Non-executive Director
Mr. Luthando Vuba	Non-executive Director
Ms. Tryphosa Ramano	Non-executive Director

* Ms. Wendy Lucas-Bull resigned 13 Feb 2024.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 MARCH 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

These summarised financial statements are extracted from the audited financial statements, but are not themselves audited. The annual financial statements were audited by Deloitte, which expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. The audited annual financial statements and the auditor's report thereon are available for inspection on our website, www.gbvresponsefund1.org. The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of the summary financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	2024 R'000	2023 R'000
Figures presented in Rands		
ASSETS		
Non- Current Assets		
Intangible Assets	53	79
Property, plant and Equipment	162	11
Right of use Asset- Leased Office	521	-
Current Assets		
Other receivables	2,193	869
Cash and cash equivalents	96,869	98,221
TOTAL ASSETS	99,797	99,180
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Funds		
Accumulated funds	98,546	96,379
Non-current Liabilities		
Lease Liability- Long term portion	275	-
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	817	2,801
Lease Liability- Short term portion	159	-
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	99,797	99,180

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
	2024 R'000	2023 R'000
Figures presented in Rands		
REVENUE		
Donations	38,436	64,256
Grant Disbursement to Grant Partners	(31,611)	(33,712)
DNA Study	-	(498)
GBVF National Summit	-	(700)
Grant management fees	(2,518)	(933)
Advocacy and Behavioural Change	(1,985)	(944)
Other programme cost	(86)	-
Operating and Administration costs	(8,889)	(8,994)
OPERATING SURPLUS	6,652	18,475
Interest income	8,819	4,988
SARS Penalty and interest	-	(18)
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	2,167	23,445

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 MARCH 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY		
	2024 R'000	2023 R'000
Figures presented in Rands		
FUNDS		
Accumulated Funds		
Balance at beginning - Opening balance	96,379	72,934
Total profit and comprehensive income for the period	2,167	23,445
Balance at 29 February - Closing balance	98,546	96,379

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01 MARCH 2023 TO 29 FEBRUARY 2024		
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
Figures presented in Rands	2024 R'000	2023 R'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from donors	38,436	64,256
Cash paid to grant partners	(33,036)	(34,037)
Other disbursements	-	(1,198)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(15,118)	(11,966)
Cash generated from Operating activities	(9,717)	17,055
Bank interest received	8,788	4,637
SARS penalty and Interest	-	(18)
Decrease/(Increase) Prepayments	(52)	120
	(981)	21,794
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(188)	-
Acquisition of Intangible	-	-
Acquisition of Property, plant and Equipment	(188)	-
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(184)	-
Lease Liability Payment	(171)	-
Interest Paid on Lease Liability	(13)	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,353)	21,794
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	98,221	76,427
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	96,869	98,221

WAY FORWARD

OUR FOCUS FOR THE YEAR

The past year has been pivotal for the Fund in cementing strategic partnerships and ensuring there is a clear roadmap in the implementation of the Strategic plan as approved by the board. In line with this the management team has executed on all the priorities, i.e. operational excellence by establishing an office, changing the operating model and ensuring we maintain strong governance oversight on all funds raised and disbursed. To this end, new pro bono partners were brought in to support the key advocacy initiative Respect. Through this initiative we also fulfilled the commitment made to ensure we create a movement for change and continue supporting CBOs who are at the coal face of dealing with GBVF.

As we look ahead, we are keen to ensure we develop sustained initiatives that will outlive the life of the Fund and can be implemented through other partners of the Fund. The Fund would continue is oversight and strategic role, even with the National Council established. With the Government of National Unity and the signing of the GBVF Bill, we are hopeful that we will see accelerated action from government departments in dealing with GBVF.

The role of private sector will be elevated with the launch of the Private Sector Coalition against GBVH in the workplace. We are bringing in strategic partners to facilitate the implementation of this initiative, in particular the UN agencies who have the international experience. However, the success of this initiative is dependent on Pillar 1 of the NSP, which is focused on accountability, leadership and coordination. As such, we will need Executives from companies to become champions in dealing with GBVH in all its various forms in the workplace.

Our plan is to ensure we stamp out GBVH not only in the companies, but that the action extends into the supply chain and community action. By doing so, we will be able to reach the 13 million people who are employed in the private sector.

We will continue to amplify the RESPECT initiative on all media channels and roll out a webinar series in partnership with the Mail and Guardian. We will further ensure a reach on community radio stations,

which will be interactive and initiate important dialogue around the importance of upholding our values as a society.

With the finalisation of the second RFP, we are keen to ensure we continue supporting some of the CBOs from the first call for proposals and introducing new CBOs in areas we have not yet reached. The focus for our grant management programme will shift to capacity building and technical support to ensure the CBOs build organisational resilience and technical know-how on GBV interventions that have been proven to work.

The continued support from private sector has been the strength of the Fund. In the past year, we have successfully established ourselves as trusted partners to corporate South Africa, a status that has been clearly demonstrated through our work. All the work we do is made possible by our donors, who trust us with the work of implementing the NSP on GBVF on their behalf, ensuring aggregated reach and support. It is through their ongoing support that we have reached over 500,000 people across South Africa. We shall continue building trust and being the bridge needed to ensure a whole-of-society approach is achieved, with the voice and involvement of the private sector.

I would like to express a special thank you to my team, who tirelessly continue the fight against GBVF and trust me to lead them in this important work. This would not be possible without a supportive Board, that upholds the highest standards of governance and execution. Our global development partners such as FCDO, Ford Foundation, and UN Agencies continues to provide us with the credibility and support we need to make a lasting impact. As we move into the new year, we remain grateful to all stakeholders who contribute to the work of the Fund in various ways.

In a world with Respect there is no GBVF, and as the Fund we will continue to promote this values-driven prevention message in the years ahead

Sazini Mojapelo
Chief Executive Officer, GBVF Response Fund

ACRONYMS

- ABC** – Advocacy behaviour change and communications committee
ARC – Audit and risk committee
AWIF – UN Women and the African Women’s Independent Forum
CBO – Community-based organisation
CEO – Chief executive officer
CSOs – Civil society organisation DSD - Department of Social Development
GBV – Gender-Based Violence
GBVF – Gender-Based Violence and Femicide
JSE – Johannesburg Stock Exchange
LGBTQIA+ – Lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and other extensions
M&E – Monitoring and evaluation
NC GBVF – National Council of Gender-Based Violence and Femicide
NFSL – National Forensic Service Laboratory
NGO – Non-governmental organisation
NPO – Non-profit organisation
NSP – National Strategic Plan
PSA – Public Service Announcements
PWD – Persons with disabilities
RFP – Request for proposals
SABC – South African Broadcasting Commission
SAPS – South African Police Service
SDGS – Sustainable Development Goals
STATS SA – Statistics South Africa
TCC – Thuthuzela Care Centres
TSI – Tshikululu Social Investments
VAC – Violence against Children
VAW – Violence against Women

GLOSSARY

DOING MORE THAN MERELY
SPEAKING OUT AGAINST GBVF

Domestic Violence: According to South African law, this “includes physical abuse; sexual abuse; emotional, verbal and psychological abuse; economic abuse; intimidation; harassment; stalking; entry into the complainants’ residence without his/her consent or any other controlling or abusive behaviour taking place in domestic relationships”.³

Femicide: Also known as female homicide, is generally understood to involve intentional murder of women because they are women, but broader definitions include any killing of women or girls. In South Africa, it is defined as the killing of a female person, or perceived as a female person on the basis of gender identity, whether committed within the domestic relationship, interpersonal relationship or by any other person, or whether perpetrated or tolerated by the State or its agents. Intimate femicide is defined as the murder of women by intimate partners, i.e. “a current or former husband or boyfriend, same-sex partner, or a rejected would-be lover”.⁴

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): “The general term used to capture violence that occurs as a result of the normative role expectations associated with each gender, along with the unequal power relations between the genders, within the context of a specific society”.⁵

GBV includes physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse or threats of such acts or abuse, coercion, and economic or educational deprivation, whether occurring in public or private life, in peacetime and during armed or other forms of conflict, and may cause physical, sexual, psychological, emotional or economic harm.

Multisectoral Response: “Refers to deliberate collaboration among various stakeholder groups (e.g. government, civil society, and private sector) and sectors (e.g. health, environment, and economy) to jointly achieve a policy outcome. By engaging multiple sectors, partners can leverage knowledge, expertise, reach, and resources, benefiting from their combined and varied strengths as they work toward the shared goal of producing better health outcomes”.⁶

Persons with Disabilities: “Includes those who have perceived and/or actual physical, psychosocial, intellectual, neurological and/or sensory impairments which, as a result of various attitudinal, communication, physical and information barriers are hindered in participating fully and effectively in society on an equal basis with others”.⁷

³Domestic Violence Act 116 of 1998, Section 1

⁴Abrahams, N., Matthews, S., Martin L. J., Lombard, C. & Jewkes R. (2013). “Intimate Partner Femicide in South Africa in 1999 and 2009”. In: PLoS Medicine 10(4):e1001412F, DOI: 10.1371/journal.pmed.1001412

⁵Bloom, S. (2008). Violence against Women and Girls: A Compendium of Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators (Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation)

⁶Salunka, S & Lal, D.K. (2017). ‘Multisectoral approach for promoting public health’. In: Indian Journal of Public Health, vol 61(3), pp. 163 – 168, DOI: 10.4103/ijph.IJPH_220_17.

⁷White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2016

ANNEXURE 1: LIST OF GBV HOTSPOT AREAS

The list below shows the GBVF hotspot areas (areas with high incidence of GBVF) supported by the Fund. The top 45 locations were determined by overlaying the following two data sets. The advantages of this approach includes:

Reported crimes/ SAPS data is official and often widely acknowledged as “official sources”

SAPS data is used by government to determine allocation of resources provincially

SAPS data incorporates case data and data from victim support centres and health facilities

SAPS stats are made up of a more holistic definition of GBVF (i.e. do not single out sexual offences stats)

SAPS IDENTIFIED HOTSPOTS

LOCATION OF HOTSPOTS	PROVINCE
Mbizana	Eastern Cape
Kwazakhele	Eastern Cape
Ngqeleni	Eastern Cape
Lusikisiki	Eastern Cape
Libode	Eastern Cape
Butterworth	Eastern Cape
Mthatha	Eastern Cape
Kopanong	Free State
Bloemspruit	Free State
Tembisa	Gauteng
Mamelodi East	Gauteng
Ivory Park	Gauteng
Honeydew	Gauteng
Jeppe	Gauteng
Moroka	Gauteng
Dobsonville	Gauteng
Temba	Gauteng
Loate	Gauteng
Alexandra	Gauteng
Orange Farm	Gauteng

Diepsloot	Gauteng
Kagiso	Gauteng
Katehlong	Gauteng
Spruitview	Gauteng
Dawn Park/Rondebolt	Gauteng
Umlazi	KwaZulu Natal
Empangeni	KwaZulu Natal
Ntuzuma	KwaZulu Natal
Inanda	KwaZulu Natal
KwaMashu	KwaZulu Natal
Osizweni	KwaZulu Natal
Plessislaer	KwaZulu Natal
Chatsworth	KwaZulu Natal
Phoenix	Natal
Marianridge	KwaZulu Natal
Wentworth	KwaZulu Natal
Giyani	Limpopo
Thohoyandou	Limpopo
Seshego	Limpopo
Mahwelereng	Limpopo
Mankweng	Limpopo
Sekhukhune	Limpopo
Pienaar	Mpumalanga
Bushbuckridge	Mpumalanga
Gert-Sibande	Mpumalanga
Nkomazi	Mpumalanga
Ikageng	North West
Mitchells Plain	Western Cape
Delft	Western Cape
Kraaifontein	Western Cape
Mfuleni	Western Cape
Harare	Western Cape
Khayelitsha	Western Cape
Nyanga	Western Cape
Belville	Western Cape
Gugulethu	Western Cape

RFP1

Akasosha Men's Forum
 Amangwe Village
 Ambassadors4Change
 Azali Health Care
 Bathopele NGO
 Bet Sheekoom - House of Restoration Bethlehem
 Child and Family Welfare
 Bohlabela Resource and Advice Centre
 Callas Foundation
 Cederberg Matzikama Aids Network
 Child Welfare Bloemfontein & Childline Free State t/a
 Childline Free State (CLFS)
 Childline Gauteng
 Children of the Dawn
 Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Drakensberg
 Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Uitenhage
 Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Port Elizabeth
 Cincinantia Resoketswe LebJane
 Coastal Resource Centre
 Community Keepers
 Connect Network
 Copessa NPC
 Cross Connect Community Outreach
 Diski Nine9 Africa
 Dzekula Development Organisation
 Ebenezer Multipurpose Integrated Social Service Centre
 Emuhle All Artists
 Etafeni Day Care Centre Trust Ethembeni Community Centre
 Father A Nation SA NPC
 Fight With Insight
 FWC Welfare and Development Centre
 Ga-Mokaba Reading Room
 Grassroot Soccer South Africa
 GRIP Greater Rape Intervention Programme
 Gugu Dlamini Foundation
 Health Opportunity Partnership and Empowerment in Africa NPC
 Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT)
 I Protect Me
 Ikhwezi Woman Support Center
 Ilitha Labantu
 Incema
 Institute for Women's Development (Nisaa)
 Iris House Children's Hospice'
 Isizinda Sempilo Organisation
 iThembalethu Outreach Project (IOP)
 Jelly Beans Foundation
 Jersey Farm Advice and Information Centre
 Justice and Women (JAW)
 Khula Youth Empowerment Organisation
 Kids Haven
 Kingshope Development Foundation
 Kitso-Ke-Lesedi Social Development Programme
 Kuhluka Movement NPC
 Lefika La Phodiso
 Legal Centre for Gender Based Violence Abuse Association (trading name: Lawyers against Abuse (LvA))
 Lifeline Free State
 LifeLine Mafikeng
 Lifeline Nelspruit
 LifeLine Northern Cape - NPO
 LifeLine NW, Rustenburg Centre
 LifeLine West Rand
 Litshani Vhana-Vha-de Foundation (LVVF)
 Lungelo Woman's Organisation
 Mankweng Community Law Advice Office
 Masibumbane Development Organisation
 Masithethe Counselling Services
 Matla A Bana Trust
 Matlala Advice Office
 Mikhulu Child Development Trust
 Molo Mhlaba NPC
 MOSAIC Training Services and Healing Centre
 Mpumalanga Shelter Movement
 Namakwa Ontwikkeling
 New World Foundation
 NICRO NPC (Association Incorporate under Section 21) - Eastern Cape
 Nomaxabiso Victim Support Centre
 On Eagle's Wing Multi-Purpose Centre
 Opret Advice Office
 Phola
 Port St Johns Community Legal Advice Centre
 Qholaqwe Advice Centre
 Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust
 Rekopane Drop in Centre
 Restoration of Hope - Trulife
 Restorative Justice Centre
 Rise Up Against Gender Based Violence
 Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women & Children
 Salt Lake Residents Action Group
 Second Chance Group
 Senwabarwana Victim Support Centre
 Sinqobile CBO
 Siyabonga - Huis van Danksegging
 Siyakholwa Support Care Centre
 Siyazana Youth Development Fund
 Social Change Assistance Trust
 Social Justice Foundation NPC
 Sonke Gender Justice
 Soul City Institute NPC
 South Coast Hospice
 The Edmund Rice Justice Desk (The Justice Desk)
 The Family Life Centre-FAMSA JHB
 The Great People of South Africa
 The Pebbles Project Trust
 Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme
 Tholwana E Molemo
 Thusanang Trauma Centre
 Thuthukisa Abantulayo Community Development Organisation
 Tshwane Leadership Foundation
 Tshwane University of Technology
 Tygerberg Hospital Children's Trust
 Umtata Women's Support Centre
 Usizo Community Development Projects
 Where Rainbows Meet Training and Development Foundation
 Witkoppen Health and Welfare Centre (trading as Witkoppen Clinic)

RFP2

ALWANDE ULWAZI COMMUNITY ADVICE CENTER (AUCAC)
Ambassadors for Change (RFP1 Continuation)
Angels of Tomorrow
Batho Ba Lerato Advice Center (BBLAC)
Bloodriver Advice Office
Broadway Legacy Foundation
Callas Foundation (RFP1 Continuation)
Cederberg Matzikama Aids Network (RFP1 Continuation)
Child Welfare Bloemfontein/Childline Free State (RFP1 Continuation)
Childline Gauteng (RFP1 Continuation)
CHRISTELIK-MAATSKAPLIKE RAAD (CMR)
UITENHAGE (RFP1 Continuation)
Connect Christian Network (RFP1 Continuation)
COPESSA NPC (RFP1 Continuation)
Curios Future Movement
Ebenezer Multipurpose Integrated Social Services Centre (RFP1 Continuation)
Estcourt Support and Resource Centre
Ethembeni community Center
Father a Nation (RFP1 continuation)
Goldfields Family Advice Organization
Good Samaritan Organisation
Grassroot Soccer (GRS) South Africa (RFP1 Continuation)
Grinders Arisen
Greater Rape Intervention Programme (GRIP) (RFP1 Continuation)
Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (RFP1 Continuation)
Ilitha Labantu (RFP1 Continuation)
Iris House Children's Hospice (IHCH) (RFP1 Continuation)
Isibani Law and Therapy Centre
Jelly Beanz Foundation (RFP1 Continuation)
KAYBEZ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION NPO
Kids Haven (RFP1 Continuation)
KwaMashu Child Welfare
Kwazulu Natal Deaf Association (KZNDA) (RFP1 Continuation)
Lawyers Against Abuse (LVA) (RFP1 Continuation)

Lefika La Phodiso (RFP1 Continuation)
Life Line Durban
Lifeline Mafikeng (RFP1 Continuation)
LifeLine Rustenburg (RFP1 Continuation)
Lorraine Khoza Foundation (LKF)
MANKWENG COMMUNITY LAW ADVICE OFFICE (MCLAO) (RFP1 Continuation)
Molo Mhlaba (RFP1 Continuation)
MOSAIC Training Service and Healing Centre (RFP1 Continuation)
Mqanduli community advice centre
On Eagle's Wings Multi-Purpose Centre (RFP1 Continuation)
Phela Safe House
PHOLA NPO (RFP1 Continuation)
Port St Johns Survivor Support Group (RFP1 Continuation)
Potter's House
Qholaqhwe Advice Centre (RFP1 Continuation)
Rape Crises Cape Town Trust (RFP1 Continuation)
Remmogo Itireleng Victim Empowerment Project
Restoration of Hope – Trulife (RFP1 Continuation)
Rise Up Against Gender Based Violence (RFP1 Continuation)
Second Chance Group (RFP1 Continuation)
Selina-Jo Family Service Organisation
Shaine Griqua Advice and Development Centre
SILA Foundation
Siyabonga - Huis van Danksegging (RFP1 Continuation)
Siyazana Youth Development Fund (RFP1 Continuation)
Social Health & Empowerment (SHE) (RFP1 Continuation)
Teddy Bear Clinic for Abused Children
The Great People of South Africa (RFP1 Continuation)
The Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children (RFP1 Continuation)
TVEP - Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme (RFP1 Continuation)
Umtata Women's Support Centre (RFP1 Continuation)
Zaselangeni HIV And Aids Prevention And Victim Project



In a world with **RESPECT**, there is no GBVF.

Help us accelerate action and strive for a South Africa free from gender-based violence directed at women, children, and LGBT+ persons. Your support results in real change. Change that saves lives. Change that restores hope. Change that contributes to ending gender-based violence and femicide.

