

Development of a Nationally Accessible Assistance and Support Network For Victims of Rape and Sexual Abuse

Interpol has named South Africa the “Rape Capital of the World”

**Rape & sexual abuse affects
men, women and children from all walks
of life.**

Our Vision

To be an agent of transformation for all aspects of education about rape and sexual abuse in order to promote positive change in societal values and attitudes where the right to say “NO” is upheld as a basic human right where victims of rape and sexual abuse are treated with empathy and dignity where access to legal, medical and psychological support is freely and easily accessible to each and every member of society regardless of gender, race or economic status.

- To be a one-stop port of call for information about all aspects of rape and sexual abuse, to facilitate better care, proper support and positive outcomes for victims**
- To provide an integrated media platform enabling anyone in possession of a**

computer or cell-phone free and instant access to this information.

- **To provide a lead agency role in SA. This includes advocacy in relation to key issues, public policy, planning and lobbying for service delivery in the area of rape and sexual assault.**
- **Resourcing agencies and workers to provide services to victims/survivors including their families, friends or other caring persons, interested in victims care and wellbeing**
- **Research and education to promote healthier, more respectful attitudes towards sexual relationships and to promote a society where there is zero tolerance for sex-based crimes.**

Our Mission

- **To provide free, easily accessible information, to all sectors of our community, for referral of victims to the nearest rape crisis facility**
- **To aid victims in all aspects of reporting the crime to the police.**

- To aid professionals and organisations to connect with other related service centres
- To provide information and referral of victims to appropriate legal counsel
- To extend the education and awareness of rape with culturally appropriate creative engagement by peer educators.

Our Values and Objectives

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”. Nelson Mandela

In South Africa
someone is
raped or
sexually abused
every 25 seconds

It is estimated that
a woman born in South
Africa
**has a greater chance of
being raped than learning
to read**

**2 out of 5
South African male
learners say they
have been raped
according to a**

survey carried out in 1 200 schools across the country

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Child Abuse and rape

- Rape and sexual assault figures indicate a steady increase.
- Almost 16 000 cases of child rape were reported in 1998.
- The Child Protection Unit investigated 35 000 cases of child abuse in 1997. Given low levels of reporting, these are conservative estimates.
- Thorpe (1994) estimates that 500 000 female children are sexually victimised annually.
- Gender based partner violence, including rape, place girl children at

risk of HIV infection. The fear of violence presents a major barrier to the negotiation of safer sex.

- Poverty makes children vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation.

Children's Rights and the Media (www.soulcity.co.za)

Gender

- In South Africa's patriarchal society, girl children are particularly vulnerable to gender based violence such as rape, femicide, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation.

- Girls are made responsible for household chores and care giving, often at the expense of their home work and further education.

- Teenage pregnancy is one of the major reasons why girls leave school. 1 in every 8 girls is forced out of the education system as a result of pregnancy

- 2 out of 5 South African male learners say they have been raped according to a survey carried out in 1 200 schools across the country.

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- 20 (1+2) = 3 The number of children raped every minute
- 13800 child victims per year
- 45% of rapes reported to police in South Africa are child rapes
- 50% of South Africa's children will be abused before the age of 18.1
- 85% of them will be by perpetrators known to them.

MATLA A BANA – A voice against child abuse

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“ When a community allows children to be traumatized,

it is essentially compromising its future, because traumatized children are less able to contribute to social survival”

– *Susan Greener (Celebrating Children)*

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THE IMPACT OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE ON THE WORKPLACE

Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence and Stalking are widespread, affecting individuals of virtually every racial, ethnic, gender, age and socioeconomic group.

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Domestic and sexual violence places significant costs on employers, in terms of medical expenses, lost productivity, and increased turnover.

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The effect of rape on HIV/AIDS statistics in South Africa

Because rape is a crime of force, the mucosal tearing and bleeding that occurs as a result makes the transference of HIV to victims a

certainty. Medical researchers are in agreement that one of the greatest contributors to South Africa's high statistics for HIV/AIDS is our high and rapidly increasing rape statistics

Reduce the spread of HIV - encourage people to change their behaviour.

Rank

Country Name

Number

Global

15,000,000

1

South Africa

2,900,000

World Ranking of W

World Ranking of Woman living with AIDS/HIV in oman living with AIDS/HIV in 2011

ANOTHER REASON TO HANG OUR HEADS IN SHAME!!!!!!

Preventing the spread of HIV

**Reduce the spread of HIV -
encourage people to change their
behaviour.**

- Due to the violent nature of rape, victims are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection.
- If treated **within 72 hours**, the risk of infection can be significantly reduced, therefore it is important that rape victims get help as soon as possible.

STOP RAPE

- Rape victims are treated with anti-retrovirals
 - This is known as post-exposure prophylaxis (**PEP**)
 - **PEP medicines must be taken for 28 days.**
 - **PEP medicines can have unpleasant side-effects, but must be taken regularly to be successful**
 - **A victim must know their HIV status before starting PEP**
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- Homicide is the leading cause of death for women on the job.
- Husbands, boyfriends, and ex-partners commit 15% of workplace homicides against women
- Approximately 11% of all rapes occur in the workplace.
- 35 and 56% of employed battered women surveyed were harassed at work by their abusive partners.
- One study of female domestic violence victims found that 44% were left without transportation when their partner hid the car keys or disabled the car.

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Abusers frequently seek to control their partners by actively interfering with their ability to work, including preventing their partners from going to work, harassing their partners at work, limiting the access of their partners to cash or transportation, and sabotaging the child care arrangements of their partners.

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- 48% of abusers reported to police having difficulty concentrating at work
- 42% reported to police being late to work because

of the abuse.

- 78% reported to police using their own company's resources in connection with the abuse.

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Domestic violence also affects perpetrators' ability to work

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The Bureau of National Affairs has estimated that domestic violence costs employers between \$3 billion and \$5 billion annually in lost time and productivity, while other reports have estimated the cost at between \$5.8 billion and \$13 billion annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the costs of direct medical and mental health care services related to intimate partner violence total (in 1995 dollars) nearly \$4.1 billion a

year, with an additional \$1.8 billion in productivity losses.

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No research has been conducted in South Africa

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Victims of intimate partner violence

- the equivalent of over 32,000 full-time jobs
- The experience of domestic violence reduces a woman's annual work hours by 137 hours – almost four full-time weeks!
- 44% of employed adults have personally experienced the effects of domestic
- violence in their workplaces
- employees consider domestic violence as important a workplace issue as terrorism, job insecurity, and employee theft.

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A partner at Deloitte & Touche estimates that it costs \$12,000 in recruitment and training expenses to replace the average nonprofessional worker and \$35,000 to replace a professional employee.

The Families and Work Institute estimates it costs about 75 percent of a non-managerial worker's annual salary to replace him or her and 150 percent of a manager's annual salary.

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- In a recent survey, 66% of senior executives and 75% of human resources directors indicated that they believed addressing domestic violence would decrease its negative workplace effects.
- 94% of corporate security and safety directors at companies nationwide rank domestic violence as a high security concern.
- 68% of corporate leaders say that a company's financial performance would

benefit if domestic violence were addressed among its employees.

- 61% of employed adults believe addressing domestic violence would improve their employer's "performance and reputation."

- 66% of abusers said domestic abuse posters and brochures in the workplace would help prevent domestic abuse from impacting the business.

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take effective steps

Fortunately, employers are beginning to recognize

the importance of addressing domestic and sexual violence – and implementing effective policies has been shown to be successful.

Employers

CAN

- When a sample group of 40 abused employees at the factory began using the domestic abuse counselling services, their average absence rate was higher than the factory's average absence rate. After using counselling services, the abused employees reduced their absenteeism rates to normal.
- After being given the knowledge and having been made aware of domestic violence, 91% of employees said they were more likely to know where to refer someone who is abused, 89% said they were more likely to be supportive of a colleague who is abused, and 86% said they were more aware of what to do if

there is a threat of domestic violence at work.

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Distribution of employed women and men aged 15 – 65 years in each population group, by employment sector, 2001.

Woman & Men in South Africa – Statistics South Africa

Greatest increase in sexual violence has been against infants and children under the age of

seven. *www.rape.co.za (Rape Statistics - South Africa and Worldwide)*

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Charlene Smith, rape survivor and campaigner believes solution to combating sexual violence lies in:

- the way mothers bring up sons
- greater community responsibility for members' actions

- better policing
- harsher sentences
- reform of criminal justice system

www://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/1909220.stm

According to The South African demographic and health survey (SADHS) conducted by the Medical Research Council and the Department of Health, as a proportion of all rapes reported by women to the police, the demographic breakdown is as follows:

African:

66,7%

Coloured:

19.5%

White:

11.4%

Indian:

2.3%

There are no similar figures available for men or children.

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*Rapes reported to
police
in South Africa last
year*

www.saps.gov.za/.../reports/crimestats

www.iol.co.za/

www.rape.co.za

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One in three of the 4,000 women questioned by the Community of Information, Empowerment and Transparency said they had been raped in the past year.

In a related survey conducted among 1,500 schoolchildren in the Soweto

Township, a quarter of all the boys interviewed said that 'jackrolling', a term for

gang rape, was fun.

South Africa has some of the highest incidences of child and baby rape in the world.

South African Medical Research

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One in four South African men questioned in a survey said they had raped someone, and nearly half of them admitted more Practices such as gang rape were common because they were considered a form of male bonding.

The study found that one in 10 men said they had been raped by other men.

South Africa has the highest number of HIV-positive citizens in the world.

(According to official figures, circa 11% of South Africans are infected with the virus.)

Statistics from the Medical Research Council

The MRC spoke to 1,738 men

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Edith Kriel *, a social worker who helps child victims in the Eastern Cape, said:

"Child abusers are often relatives of their

**victims – even their fathers and providers.
There is increasing recognition of links
between sexual abuse and high-risk attitudes
to sexual violence and exposure to HIV.
Rape and sexual abuse is rife in schools across
South Africa.**

<http://ttbc.org.za>

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**Prevailing attitudes in a male dominated society
mean that often,
sexual crimes committed against women are
considered to be the
right of males, particularly if they occur within a
marriage or
intimate relationship.**

**The tradition of polygamy, and customs such as
Ukuthwala, the kidnapping, rape
and forced marriage of minor girls as young as
twelve years, by grown men old
enough to be their grandfathers.**

**Negotiations are concluded by the payment of
“Lobola” to the girl’s family.**

www.justice.gov.za

www.nwu.ac.za

**South African Students Protesting
about Rape and Abuse**

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WAR

Rape is endemic in South Africa.

On this the police, politicians, sociologists and rape survivors all agree. There is a silent war going on, a war against women and children.

One in four girls faces the prospect of being raped before the age of 16 according to the child support group, Childline.

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In 1994, the year South Africa became a democracy, 18,801 cases of rape were reported to police. By 2001 that figure had risen to 24,892. During a recent parliamentary debate on child abuse in South Africa, it was reported to police that there has been a 400% increase in the sexual violence against children over the past decade. The majority of the victims are 12 years old or younger. Many of the perpetrators are themselves children.

Out of the 24,892 rapes reported to police last year, only 1,797 resulted in successful convictions.

www.rape.co.za (Rape Statistics - South Africa and Worldwide)

www.southafricaproject.co.za

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At the root of the problem, says Dr Rachel Jewkes, a senior scientist with the South African Medical Research Council, is men's attitude towards women.

"In South Africa you have a culture where men believe that they are sexually entitled to women. You don't get rape in a situation where you don't have massive gender inequalities.

One of the key problems in this country is that people who commit rape don't think they are doing anything wrong."

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The problem areas are:

- Victims don't know what to do and where to find help
- Survivor un-friendly services – victims are blamed etc.

- There is no central database or accessible information source of available services;
- Anonymity of reporting, confidentiality, and safeguarding the affected person(s);
- An overwhelmed police force with minimal training to deal with rape situations;
- Social misconceptions and blurring of unacceptable behaviours i.e. widespread prevailing attitudes that women “ask to be raped” by wearing provocative clothing etc;
- Naivety in using social media and naivety regarding inappropriate behaviour in the family circle.

Raising Awareness and Education

WEBSITE &
MOBSITE

SCHOOLS

Communities & Society

PARTNERSHIPS

-Rapewise.

-HIV911

-etc.

CELEBRITY

ANTI RAPE

AMBASSADORS

EDUCATION

&

AWARENESS
TEACHER
RESOURCE KITS
POLICE
WORKSHOPS &
TOOLS
PEER
EDUCATORS
MULTI MEDIA
MESSAGING
INDUSTRIAL
THEATRE
VIDEO CLIPS
COMIC BOOK STYLE
LITERATURE

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The Power of Mobile Phones in SA

Widespread Penetration

93% of SA has access to a mobile phone

Fast Growing Market

45 million handsets in SA

Growing by 1.25 million per month

Accessibility

More sim cards in SA than people

In many communities it's easier to access
mobiles than clean drinking water

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Why use a mobile phone tool ?

- Available 24/7/365
- Clients can use it when no monitor i.e. computer present!
- Collates survey records easily
- Free - No airtime needed
- Available on all networks
- Available on all mobile phones (no set up needed)
- Familiar technology
- **USSD** (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data)
used by 50 million South Africans

PROJECT OUTLINE

According to a recent study police estimated that only one in 36 rape cases was reported and of those only 15 percent culminated in a conviction.

www.rape.co.za (Rape Statistics - South Africa and Worldwide)

Between 28 and 30 percent of adolescents reported that their first sexual encounter was forced.

“Rapists don’t think they are doing anything wrong”.

Dr Rachel Jewkes is a senior scientist with the South African Medical Research Council

A symbol of weeping for the violence and degradation suffered by rape survivors, but more importantly, a symbol of *Cleansing, Healing and Hope.*

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The Liberating Struggle

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TEARS are looking to the corporate sector to help us make this programme a reality. Corporate Social Responsibility plays a vital

role in helping to improve the lives of South Africans, in more ways than one. A healthy society creates a healthy environment for economic growth, making Corporate Social Investment a sound business strategy. **The TEARS project will provide life-changing assistance not only to survivors of sexual crimes, but also to their families and communities, and it is these communities who are the life-blood of the future economy of South Africa.**

How can you help Tears?

"just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly"

This programme is endorsed by the ANC Woman's League

In accordance with the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice, 75% of the value of contributions made to TEARS will ultimately benefit black individuals.

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A+