

### History

The Highveld Board of Social Responsibility's purpose is to promote social care and responsibility in communities within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of the Highveld, irrespective of gender, race or religious affiliation.

HABSR was established in 2003, under the leadership of the late Bishop David Beetge.

Today HABSR is led by Bishop Charles May together with 8 board members who administer and monitor all the funds raised for the various projects. They also approve all programmes needing financial, pastoral and skills assistance.

The Board assesses the social and pastoral needs of the communities and creates the means whereby these needs may be alleviated.

### Our Vision

"To empower communities to have the capacity to develop sustainable social responsibility projects with which to address the social issues within those communities."

### Our Mission Statement

"To encourage and facilitate the establishment of organisations and institutions for the promotion of social care and responsibility in communities within the geographic area of the Diocese of the Highveld."



**"HABSR seeks to allow us all to play our part in being socially responsible."**

Bishop Charles May—Chairman

**Together we can make a difference.  
Together we can change our world.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

### How you can help

- Money donations
- Food, clothing, blankets and general supplies.
- Stationary donations
- Textbook and reading books
- Toy donations
- Medical supplies and medication
- Bursaries or sponsorships
- Child Care Advocate volunteers
- Nursing volunteers
- Advocacy training services
- Counsellor training services
- Transport

### Give Back Skills Sharing Programme

Those who have, in the past, benefited from assistance and guidance through HABSR, now have the opportunity to become mentors and share the skills they have acquired with children who are being cared for, thereby offering inspiration and encouragement to others within HABSR's programmes.

### Donate via EFT

**Banking Details:**  
Name of Bank: Standard Bank Brakpan  
Name of account: Diocese Social Projects  
Account number: 020933487  
Branch code: 012043

### Donate Online

Please feel free to make an online donation towards the HABSR projects. Our website offers donors an easy and secure online payment option.

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# HABSR's SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## Early Childhood Development (ECD)



We aim to provide strong community-based centres where education, as well as care for these children is a priority.

All these centres serve as pre-schools where the children receive breakfast, snacks and lunch every day.

Our Home Based Care projects work closely with the schools. Many of the children are HIV positive and are on ARV treatment.

## Child Care Advocates

**Child Care Advocates assist in the care and support of the children in the Safe Parks and in the OVC Programmes.**

This programme aims to offer care and protection to children of all ages whose lives have been affected by HIV / AIDS, by facilitating access to existing government grants and other resources available to orphaned families, in order to reduce poverty and risk of exploitation. Since 2005, 135 Child Care Advocates have been fully trained and operate within the boundaries of the Diocese.

The Child Care Advocates are responsible to educate their patients and the broader community on new HIV / AIDS policies and ARV adherence protocols and have also been involved in government campaigns, raising awareness aimed at reducing violence against women and children.

HABSR encourages Child Care Advocates to establish community forums, engage with other partners and local government departments and being representatives at conferences and public lobbying.

## Home Based Care



**HABSR has by far the largest number of Home Based Care programmes affiliated with them in South Africa.**

These projects are encouraged to become self-supporting and independent of HABSR. Funds for the stipends are accessed through the Dept. of Health in Mpumalanga.

A qualified nursing sister situated in Mpumalanga works closely with the Dept. of Health to conduct the training of Home Based Care givers. Once basic training is completed with the nursing sister, caregivers are sent on further advanced training with the Dept. of Health.

In Mpumalanga, caregivers do not have easy access to transport to enable them to assist their patients. These caregivers are assisted by two HABSR appointed field workers in the area, who monitor and mentor these projects.

## Orphans and Vulnerable Children

In 2005, in partnership with the Bishop Simeon Trust (UK), Elton John Aids Foundation and Comic Relief, HABSR embarked on a programme of providing psycho-social care and support for children infected and affected by HIV / AIDS.

This programme aims to offer care and protection to children of all ages whose lives have been affected by HIV / AIDS in order to reduce poverty and risk of exploitation.

This was achieved by recognising volunteers in the parishes and communities within the Highveld Diocese who volunteered for two months and later went through training on Child Care Advocacy and lobbying, children's rights, an advanced course in HIV / AIDS, and networking and collaboration.

Many orphans and vulnerable children throughout Ekurhuleni and Mpumalanga have been assisted with applying for identity documents and birth certificates and are now accessing school grants which have helped them be more independent.

## Safe Parks



**The need was recognised to offer orphans and vulnerable children a safe environment where they could meet and play.**

Child Care Advocates assist in the care and support of the children in the Safe Park which provides after-school care for the children in the form of a nutritious meal,

homework supervision, supervised games and sports as well as counselling. The children are also assisted with obtaining birth certificates and ID documents as well as applying for grants from the Department of Social Services.

## Support Groups

**Psycho-Social Care and Support.**

As the deaths from AIDS started to increase, the trained Home Based caregivers were dealing with so many people being infected and dying from the disease that they themselves were not coping psychologically and spiritually. Many were themselves infected and although they had the skills, they had no scope to talk about the impact on themselves personally and collectively as an HBC. We as a Church brought them together once a month to 'debrief' – to share their experiences with illness and death – to teach the coping skills and above all give spiritual support and offer counselling.

We continue today in dealing with problems that beset the HBC groups by covering many different topics. We are very fortunate in being able to take the caregivers mass to Mayflower in Mpumalanga with the help of the Monmouth Diocese.

## Micro Lending

**Money donations are made available to women parishioners wishing to start their own "Home Industry Business".**

A loan of R5000 is granted to an approved applicant, where the agreement is that the loan is paid back monthly over a period of three years. The first payment is payable three months after the loan has been granted.

Currently, the money for this project is donated by the Canadian Compass Rose Society.

Since its inception in 2004, "Home Industry Loan" have been granted to many women parishioners across the Diocese.

## Feeding Schemes



**Daily meals are provided in Feeding Schemes in Ekurhuleni and Mpumalanga for those affected and infected by HIV / AIDS.**

Many of the HABSR projects such as children in various pre-schools and Safe Parks and those in Home Based Care have daily meals. Soup kitchens operating in 13 parishes help to alleviate to hunger and poverty.

Community food gardens are being created and managed at many of the Safe Parks and pre-school centres. This will help people in poverty-stricken areas to work in partnership to become self-sustainable communities.

## Nutritional Support



**SEJO provides extensive nutrition to immunocompromised individuals.**

It is a powerful immuno-enhancing meal formula, combining a comprehensive blend of nutrients in a pleasant tasting, pre-cooked sorghum base, which is quick and easy to prepare, nutritious and ethnically acceptable. It is suitable for all age groups from 6 months to geriatrics as it is easily digestible. A 700g packet will sustain an adult for one week. The ideal portion size for the product is 100g per day in two meals for persons 10 years and older or 50g for a child between 6 months and 10 years. 10 Boxes of 25 packets each will feed 250 people.

This nutritional porridge is distributed by our Home Based Care Workers throughout Gauteng and Mpumalanga.