

AFM WELFARE



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

We reflect on challenges and we celebrate milestones as we build a future of hope, impact, and empowerment.



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AFM Welfare Vision

To be a relevant and accessible service to the most vulnerable persons and families in a changing Socio-economic South Africa.

AFM Welfare Mission

	Focus Area:	Description:
✓	Programme Delivery	Addressing the needs of the vulnerable in our communities, children, older persons, and those affected by HIV & AIDS and substance abuse.
✓	Community Empowerment	Equipping churches, CBOs, FBOs, and NGOs to build safe, healthy communities.
✓	Faith-Based Foundation	Ensuring all services are rooted in Christian principles.
✓	Holistic Care	Promoting education, prevention, intervention, and support.
✓	Family-centred Services	Delivering care within the context of family and keeping the best interest of the family in mind.
✓	Strategic Collaboration	Networking with government and community partners.

AFM Welfare Objectives

At The Executive Welfare Council of the AFM of SA / AFM Welfare, our vision goes beyond simply responding to needs, we seek to **empower, equip, and mobilize the Church** to be a place of hope and care in every community. Through **partnerships** with AFM Regions, Local Assemblies, and other churches, we work to strengthen the social impact we have across South African Communities.

Our objectives reflect both the heart of our faith and the realities of our time: protecting children, caring for older persons, supporting families, addressing social challenges such as disability, poverty, unemployment, inequality, chronic illnesses, and substance abuse, and amplifying the Church's voice in matters of social justice and advocacy.

The table below highlights the objectives that guide AFM Welfare in living out our calling with compassion, action, and accountability:

Empowerment & Outreach		Advocacy & Collaboration	
	Mobilize assemblies to serve their communities effectively		Advise the National Leadership Forum on Welfare Sector Matters
	Promote services for persons with disabilities		Represent the Church to government and the public sector
	Strengthen families and protect children		Mobilize assemblies around social and health challenges
	Provide residential care for older person		Address substance abuse
			Encourage church-led initiatives to combat poverty, unemployment and inequality



1. EXECUTIVE WELFARE BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: DR H.J. WEIDEMAN

A Word of Appreciation

I would like to begin this report with heartfelt thanks and appreciation. The work of the AFM Welfare continues, often under the heavy strain of delayed government subsidies, only because of the dedication and persistence of all those involved.

My sincere gratitude goes to our CEO, Pastor Bongiwe Naile, our CFO, Pastor Peter de Witt, and our Deputy Director, Ms. Lize Swart. I also thank my fellow Welfare Board members: Prof. Rose. September, Dr. Juliana. Willemse, Adv. Molly. Maleté, Pastors Rudi Coertzen, Bangani Mema, Bheki Nxumalo, Muller van Loggerenberg, and soon-to-be ordained Brother Reynold Naidoo.

A very special thank you is also due to our staff members across the country, the Regional and Assembly structures, and most importantly, the many volunteers who give of their time and energy. Your kindness and tireless efforts make a difference every day in the lives of people who cannot support themselves.

I am also personally grateful to our General Treasurer, Pastor Rudi Coertzen, and the National Leadership Forum for their continuous support of this ministry.



Dr. Henri Weideman
Chairperson

Our Mandate

It is my privilege to present this Chairperson's Report to the 2025 Welfare AGM. As a church, we are guided by Scripture to care for the poor, the vulnerable, and the elderly. This calling is not optional—it is central to our identity. Our challenge is to do this consistently and in a sustainable way, despite the many pressures we face.

Strategic Intent

The Executive Welfare Board is committed to building a solid foundation for the future of the AFM Welfare. Our strategic intent is to develop a plan that includes both a business strategy and an effective operational structure. This will ensure that our Welfare Department is sustainable in the long term. For this to happen, the department must be restructured in a way that promotes broad participation, inclusivity, and sustainability. At the same time, we need a management and ministry structure that is cost-effective and fit for the future.

Actions Taken and needed

Over the last few years, several steps were taken to reduce costs and strengthen operations. These included restructuring of the CEO and CFO positions, combining some facilities, selling others and using the proceeds to settle outstanding debts, merging certain posts, and filling vacancies only at the subsidy scale after retirements.

Through these actions, we managed to cut costs significantly and even reach a break-even point for a time. However, we have now reached the limit of what can be cut. Further reductions are no longer possible without harming the core of our work. The reality of late government subsidy payments, together with years of no increase in subsidy amounts, makes it clear that we must now re-imagine our entire structure and approach.



Strategic workshops have already been held to explore the way forward. The next crucial steps are:

1. To re-imagine and transform the Welfare Ministry so that it is seen as both a sustainable service provider and a ministry of the church, even in this very difficult subsidy environment.
2. To explore new sources of funding and partnerships that can help us continue this vital work.

These are not easy tasks, but they are essential if we are to remain faithful to our God-given mandate and continue serving those in need in a meaningful and sustainable way.

May God's favour be upon everyone and may His wisdom shape and direct all we do in this part of His Kingdom."

Dr Henri Weideman

AFM President and Chairperson of the AFM Executive Welfare Board.

AFM Welfare – Core Values:

"With integrity, love, compassion, loyalty, and professionalism, we serve with excellence to restore dignity and bring hope to every life we touch."

Integrity – We act with honesty, transparency, and accountability in all we do, staying true to our faith, our mission, and the trust placed in us.

Love – We reflect Christ's love through care, dignity, and respect for every person "love your neighbour" is not only a principle, but the heart of our work.

Compassion – We are moved by the needs and suffering of others and respond with empathy, action, and hope to bring healing and restoration.

Loyalty – We remain steadfast in our calling to serve God, the Church, and the vulnerable, standing firm in our commitment to those entrusted to our care.

Professionalism – We serve with excellence, skill, and ethical practice, ensuring that our work reflects both competence and the compassion of Christ.



2. CEO'S REPORT: BONGIWE NAILE

2.1 INTRODUCTION AND AN OVERVIEW OF OUR FUNCTIONING

The year under review was marked by both great challenges and significant opportunities. Welfare organisations across South Africa find themselves in a season that calls for **innovation, adaptability, and commitment**. Rising financial pressures, subsidy reductions, and the ever-growing needs of our beneficiaries and communities continue to test the resilience of the non-profit sector. Through it all, AFM Welfare has navigated these waters **guided by God's provision and anchored in our core values of integrity, love, compassion, loyalty, and professionalism**. These values are not merely words; they shape how we care for vulnerable children, older persons, and families, how we partner with assemblies and communities, and how we empower and equip those entrusted to our programs. They remind us that every action we take should restore hope, empower lives, and reflect the heart of Christ in service to others.



Past. Bongiwe Naile - CEO

Yet, in the midst of these realities, our testimony remains one of faithfulness. **God has not failed us**. Through the **combined efforts, dedication and support** of many, AFM Welfare has continued to care for children, older persons, and vulnerable families with dignity and compassion. We acknowledge with gratitude:

- The commitment of our staff.
- The generosity of our donors.
- The dedication of our partners.
- The steadfast support of our anchor assemblies.
- The active involvement of the Committees at our various facilities.

We are reminded of Galatians 6:9: *"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Faith in Action: Learning from Dorcas

In Acts 9:36 we read of Dorcas (Tabitha), a disciple who *"was always doing good and helping the poor."* Her life reflected practical compassion, as she clothed and cared for the vulnerable. When she died, the widows held up the garments she had made, tangible evidence of her love and service. But the story does not end there: Peter prayed, and God raised Dorcas back to life (Acts 9:40).

For us at AFM Welfare, Dorcas' resurrection is more than a miracle of the past, it is a symbol of **renewal and hope** in the present. Just as Dorcas was restored to continue her mission of care, we believe **AFM Welfare is continually being "raised up" by God to face new seasons of service, despite challenges**. Our work is evidence that the ministry of compassion is never allowed to die, it lives on through the Church, and through every act of kindness done to "the least of these".

Our Impact

The story of Dorcas comes alive today in the tangible impact AFM Welfare has across South Africa. Together with our assemblies, affiliates, and partners, we are currently:



- Care for **446 vulnerable children** in **34 Child and Youth Care Centres** and **13 Foster Homes**, of which **22 children** with severe disabilities are cared for in **2 Special Needs Homes**.
- Provide for **157 babies (0–2 years)** in **12 Baby Homes**, and **267 children (2–18 years)** in CYCCs and Foster Homes.
- Care for **266 frail older persons** in **3 Frail Care Facilities**.
- Support **536 older persons** in **8 Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Villages**.
- Reach **10,000+ beneficiaries** through the incredible work of our affiliates in communities across South Africa.

These numbers reflect not only services, but stories of lives touched, dignity restored and hope rekindled.

The Role of the Church in a Time of Need

As one of the oldest welfare organisations in South Africa, established in 1938, AFM Welfare continues to be a bridge between the Church and society. The needs around us are overwhelming, poverty, unemployment, violence, inequality, and lately disasters, yet we remain convinced that **the Church is uniquely positioned to respond**. Our vision, through programmes like **uManelisi**, is to mobilise local assemblies to become centres of care and transformation. James 1:27 reminds us that *“religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”*

Strategic Direction: Empowerment Through Action

During the past year, the AFM Welfare Board confirmed **Empowerment** as the strategic outcome that will guide all our work. Empowerment means equipping individuals, families, communities, staff, and partners to thrive with dignity and independence. To drive this outcome, we are committed to:

◆ **Resource Management** - stewarding our finances, facilities, and assets with accountability and sustainability.

◆ **Equip** - strengthening our staff, assemblies, and affiliates through training, tools, and support.

◆ **Incubate** - creating space for innovation and new models of care.

◆ **Collaborate** - building strong partnerships with churches, government, businesses, and communities.

These drivers ensure that our mission remains not only compassionate but also strategic, sustainable, and forward-looking.

Looking Ahead with Hope

We acknowledge the financial and operational pressures we face. Government subsidies cover only part of our costs, and we are tasked with raising more than half of our funding through other means. This remains a struggle, but also an invitation to innovation. We are working intentionally on strengthening our fundraising, building partnerships within the AFM Church, and engaging both local and international donors.

In this light, we are excited to announce the **AFM Welfare Congress 2026**, under the working theme: *“Compassion in Action - The Church, The Community, The Call.”* This milestone event will be a platform for learning, collaboration, and inspiration, equipping our Church and communities to reimagine what it means to be a caring Church in a hurting world.

As we present this Annual Report, our hearts are full of gratitude, to God, to our staff, to our assemblies, to our donors, and to every partner who contributes to this mission. The challenges are real, but so is our calling. We hold fast to Matthew 25:40: *“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

Together, we will continue to serve. Together, we will continue to build. Together, we can make a difference.



2.1.2. Governance

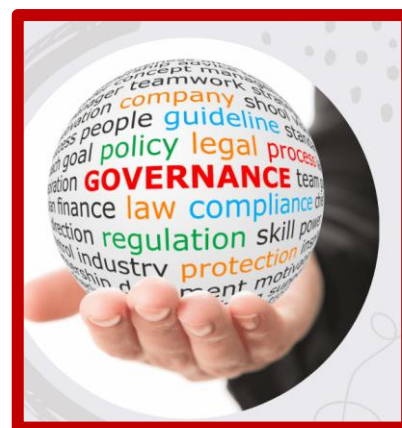
At AFM Welfare, **good governance and accountability remain central to everything we do**. Strong governance provides the foundation that enables us to serve children, older persons, and vulnerable families with integrity, transparency and excellence. During the year under review, our Board fulfilled its fiduciary duties with dedication, meeting on four occasions to provide strategic oversight, ensure compliance, and safeguard the organisation's long-term sustainability.

4 Board meetings were held according to our constitution on 23 July 2024, 10 September 2024, 11 November 2024 and 11 March 2025. The EW Board held a **strategic planning session** on 11 November 2024 to chart the way forward for the organisation. In addition, **two strategic workshops** were conducted with AFM Welfare staff to capture their vision of what would make AFM Welfare their "dream organisation." These sessions not only provided valuable insights from staff but also ensured that their aspirations were aligned with the broader strategic process of the EW Board.

We are deeply honoured that the President of the AFM of SA, **Dr. Henri Weideman**, serves as **Chairperson** of the Executive Welfare Board. His leadership, regular engagements with the CEO, and genuine interest in the work of AFM Welfare continue to strengthen our governance and inspire confidence.

We are equally grateful for the valued contribution of **Pastor Rudi Coertzen**, **General Treasurer** of the AFM of SA and of the Executive Welfare Board, whose careful stewardship and oversight of our financial affairs safeguard the resources entrusted to us. The presence of two National Office Bearers on our Board is not only a privilege, but also a reflection of the commitment of our church to the ministry of compassion through AFM Welfare.

Good governance is not an end, it is how we **ensure that every decision, every resource and every partnership advances our mission**. It allows us to remain faithful stewards while actively pursuing our strategic outcomes of empowerment, collaboration, sustainability, and innovation, so that AFM Welfare continues to be a trusted instrument of compassion in action.



2.1.2.1 AFM Welfare Weekend, 28 – 30 November 2025

Theme: "Compassion in Action - Every Assembly, Every Community"

The **AFM Welfare Weekend**, held annually on the last weekend of November, is an important moment on our church calendar. It is a time set aside for AFM Assemblies across South Africa to actively live out our shared calling of compassion. On the Friday and Saturday, Assemblies are encouraged to **engage in community outreach and development initiatives**, ranging from visiting frail care facilities and children's homes, to feeding schemes, and other practical acts of service etc. On the Sunday, congregations are invited to **focus their sermon on welfare ministry, highlight the work of AFM Welfare and take up a special offering to support our ongoing services**. While participation continues to grow, we are mindful that not all Assemblies are yet involved. **Our vision is to see this weekend embraced more fully**, so that every AFM Assembly takes hands in service and giving. This will strengthen not only AFM Welfare, but also the witness of the church in communities across the country.

In preparation for the **2025 AFM Welfare Weekend (28–30 November 2025)**, we will again **provide communication tools, promotional materials, and technical support** to Regions and Assemblies. With the



assistance of our Church's Communication Office, resources will be shared in October through official AFM platforms, making it easier for Assemblies to plan, participate, and inspire their members to get involved. Together, we can ensure that AFM Welfare Weekend is not just a date on the calendar, but a **nationwide movement of compassion in action**.

2.1.3 Anchor Assemblies, Regions and Structures

We remain deeply grateful for the **involvement of our Anchor Assemblies, Anchor Bodies and Regional Structures**, whose support continues to be a pillar in the life and work of AFM Welfare. Their active engagement, particularly in relation to our Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs) and Foster Homes, has brought **not only practical assistance, but also spiritual encouragement and a sense of belonging to the children and caregivers within these facilities**.

This partnership reflects the heart of our ministry: **a shared calling to serve, uplift, and restore**. Anchor Assemblies play a unique role in bridging the gap between local congregations and community needs, **offering assembly members opportunities to live out their faith through tangible acts of service**.

Whether through prayer, volunteering, mentorship, or material support - their presence affirms the dignity and worth of every individual in our care.

We seek to extend this model of involvement to our Facilities for Older Persons. These homes, too, are places of ministry, where stories, wisdom, and silent struggles reside. By establishing similar support structures and fostering intentional relationships with these facilities, Anchor Assemblies can help ensure that our elderly residents experience the same sense of connection, care, and spiritual companionship that has so richly blessed our children's programmes.

2.1.4 Human Resource Management

The following overview presents the demographic composition of AFM Welfare's staff across job categories, highlighting gender and racial diversity, as well as key movements in employment during the reporting period.

2.1.4.1 AFM Welfare Staff Profile – CYCCs, Foster Homes and Care Facilities for Older Persons

JOB TITLE	GENDER		RACE			
	M	F	INDIAN	BLACK	WHITE	COLOURED
CEO		1		1		
CFO	1				1	
Deputy Director		1			1	
Programme Manager – Children		2	1	1		
Area Co-ordinator – Children/ Regional Manager		2			2	
Personal Assistant – Admin		2		1	1	
Financial Clerk		1	1			
Social Worker (Children)	2	10		6	4	2
Child & Youth Care Workers (Centre Managers)		46		12	28	6
Foster Mothers		13		3	6	4
Caregiver CYCC		120		89		31
Domestic Worker CYCC		29		27		2
Gardeners – CYCC	11			11		
Driver	3					3
Manager – Facility for Older Persons		8			6	2
Admin/ Finance Official – Facility for Older Persons		6			2	4
HR Assistant		1			1	
Registered Professional Nurse – Facility for Older Persons		5			3	2



JOB TITLE	GENDER		RACE			
	M	F	INDIAN	BLACK	WHITE	COLOURED
Registered Enrolled Nurse Facility for Older Persons		6		1	1	4
Registered Enrolled Nursing Assistant	1	7		1	1	6
Health Care Worker – Facility for Older Persons	2	55		8		49
Kitchen Managers – Facility for Older Persons	1	3				4
Kitchen/ Housekeeper Supervisor		2				2
Domestic / General Worker – Facility for Older Persons	4	34		6		32
Facility Coordinator – Facility for Older Persons	1					1
Gardeners – Facility for Older Persons	9			7		2
Security – Facility for Older Persons	5	1		6		
TOTAL = 395 Staff Member	40	355	3	178	56	158

2.1.4.2 Movement of Staff Members

Staff Category	Newly Employed	Resignations	Deaths	Dismissed
Social workers	4	4	0	0
Centre Managers/CYCW	6	5	0	1
Facility Managers	0	0	1	0
Foster Parents	3	1	1	1
Caregivers	11	10	0	1
Domestic workers	5	4	0	1
Relief workers	6	5	0	0
General Staff (gardeners, drivers)	2	2	0	0
TOTAL	37	31	2	4

2.1.5 Compliance and Relationship with the Department of Social Development (DSD)

AFM Welfare continues to maintain a strong and constructive relationship with the **Department of Social Development (DSD)**, which remains our **primary funding partner**. We are grateful for their ongoing support and collaboration, which enables us to sustain and expand our services across the country.

At the same time, we remain mindful of the risks associated with **over-reliance on a single funding source**. As part of our commitment to responsible stewardship and long-term sustainability, **we continue to explore complementary avenues of support and partnership**.

During the reporting period, comprehensive Business Plans have been submitted to all eight Provincial DSD offices, reflecting our dedication to compliance, transparency, and strategic planning.

2.1.6 Communication and Marketing

Effective communication tools play a vital role in **informing, inspiring, and inviting others to join the journey of AFM Welfare**. Through a growing network of internal channels and public platforms, we



continue to strengthen relationships, share stories of impact, and create a sense of unity across our organization and beyond. Our **social media** presence on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube has become a space where testimonies, updates, and moments of joy are shared with an ever-expanding online community. We warmly **encourage all stakeholders, supporters, and assembly members to like, follow, and share our pages and social media posts**, not only to stay informed, but to help amplify the message of hope that AFM Welfare represents. Every post shared is a seed sown into someone's awareness, and every new follower is a potential partner in ministry.

2.1.6.1 AFM Welfare Newsletter – Sharing from Personal Experiences

The **AFM Welfare Newsletter** is another relationship-building tool that allows individuals to have a look “inside” the organisation and get closer to the work that is being carried out to serve vulnerable beneficiaries. The Newsletters are **written from personal experience**, making it story-driven and practical. During the reporting period, 5 Newsletters were compiled and shared.

2.1.6.2 Social Media (Facebook, Instagram & YouTube)

Facebook and **Instagram** are updated regularly with positive feedback

We have experienced an increase in our social media activity and interactions with the online community. Our efforts to enhance our online presence have yielded results.



During the reporting period, a total of **66 posts were shared on Facebook and Instagram**. An intentional effort was made to **tag relevant stakeholders**, expanding the reach of AFM Welfare information. These types of tagging opportunities expose the AFM Welfare brand to new audiences.

AFM Welfare Weekend. Annually, we prepare a campaign for AFM Welfare Weekend – a Church-wide weekend dedicated to shining a light on one of the drivers of the AFM’s missional strategy: Caring for Your Community. Campaign elements included a **video message** from the CEO, a drafted **circular** for the consideration of the GS of the AFM of SA, practical checklists for AFM Assemblies, and multiple **social media posts** leading up to the weekend. Church-wide participation is increasing every year, with more AFM Assemblies hosting the AFM Welfare Weekend in their local assemblies. Right after AFM Welfare Weekend, 16 Days of Activism is also promoted on the AFM Welfare platforms.

Cross-posting. Integrating AFM Welfare with the larger AFM Church is an important priority on social media. AFM Welfare posts, especially posts about vacancies, urgent funding needs or victories involving AFM Assemblies - are cross-posted to the AFM of SA’s storyboards on Facebook and Instagram. Cross-posting exposes AFM of SA’s followers to what is also happening in the Welfare Department of the Church.

2.1.6.3 Website Development and Maintenance - afmwelfare.org.za.

During the reporting period, AFM Welfare successfully completed the development of its **official website**, establishing a dynamic and informative digital presence. The site serves as **a central hub for communicating our mission, values, and services**, offering substantial content that reflects the breadth of our work across South African communities. Visitors can explore detailed descriptions of our care programs for vulnerable children, older persons, and individuals. Our website invites users to become part of the AFM Welfare Community, whether **through donations, volunteering, or simply staying informed**. One of the features of the new website is a **secure online donation facility**, which can be expanded on. The online donation facility is set up in such a way that it can receive international currencies: EUR – Euro, USD – United States Dollar, AUD – Australian Dollar, NZD – New Zealand Dollar.

The website is regularly updated with: (i) **vacancies**, (ii) **newsletters** and (iii) **new contact details** for programme managers, social workers and anchor assemblies/bodies.

2.2 CARE AND PROTECTION OF OLDER PERSONS

2.2.1. Residential Care Facilities for Older Persons (Frail Care Units) Touwsriver, Sarepta, Kuilsriver

The AFM Welfare provides essential **care and protection for frail older persons** through three dedicated facilities located in Touwsriver, Sarepta, and Kuilsriver. These Residential Care Facilities offer **comprehensive support to vulnerable elders** who require daily assistance and medical oversight.

While operational funding is partially supported by subsidies from the Department of Social Development and residents' pensions, facilities face ongoing challenges in securing additional resources for infrastructure maintenance, security, transport, and administration.

Yet, in the midst of these practical constraints, the heart of our mission remains clear: **To serve with compassion, uphold dignity, and reflect the love of Christ in every act of care.** *Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."* -Isaiah 46:4. This promise anchors our work. **We believe that every older person deserves to be seen, valued, and supported**, not only physically, but spiritually and emotionally.



Touws River Old Age Home: In 2023, the Board and the NLF took the difficult decision to close the facility and sell the property due to its dire financial position. However, after careful reflection and discussions between the CEO and CFO, and consultation with the Board, the decision was revisited in 2024. A **turnaround and restructuring strategy were initiated**, ensuring its continued operation, and restoring hope for the residents and staff. Although the financial position is not yet fully stable, the restructuring measures are proving to be effective and are steering the facility in the right direction.

2.2.2 Retirement Villages Lofdal (Centurion), Kabega (Port Elizabeth), Rosestad (Bloemfontein), Kuilsriver and Vue Du Cap Care Villages (Cape Town) and Villieria (Pretoria)

AFM Welfare's Retirement Villages offer **safe, enriching environments** for older persons from diverse economic backgrounds. Operating on a self-sustaining financial model, these villages reinvest a portion of income from property sales into the ongoing provision of medical care, social work services, maintenance, security, transport, and administration.

These communities are designed not only for independence and comfort, but for **fellowship, purpose, and spiritual growth**. Residents are encouraged to remain active in their community, supported by staff who serve with excellence and empathy.

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.' -Psalm 92:14-15. In every village, we see this scripture come alive. Older persons continue to flourish, contribute, and find joy in their surroundings, reminding us that aging is not a decline, but a sacred season of wisdom, reflection, and renewed purpose.





AFM Welfare Care Facilities – Locations, Capacity, and Residents Served

Province	Institution Name	Type of Institution	Number of Units/Beds	Frail Care Beneficiaries	Assisted Living Beneficiaries	Independent Living Beneficiaries
Gauteng	Villieria Care Village	Retirement Village	35 Units	-	-	36
	Lofdal	Retirement Village	86 Units	-	-	108
Eastern Cape	Kabega Park	Retirement Village	102 Units	-	-	130
Free State	Rosestad	Retirement Village	65 Units	-	-	71
Western Cape	Sarepta	Old Age Home	150 Beds	150	-	-
	Kuilsriver Care Village	Old Age Home & Retirement Village	41 Units 63 Beds	40	23	52
	Touwsriver	Old Age Home	50 Beds	43	7	-
	Vue du Cap	Retirement Village	73 Units	-	-	85
	Vue du Cap Annexes	Frail Care	49 Beds		-ss	49
TOTAL: 833			402 Units 315 Beds	233	69	531

2.2.3 Achievements and Challenges and Goals

Over the past financial year, AFM Welfare's Residential Care Facilities have continued to serve as sanctuaries of care, dignity, and community for older persons across South Africa.

Despite facing financial constraints, infrastructure demands, and evolving care needs, each facility has demonstrated resilience, innovation and a commitment to holistic well-being. The **achievements, challenges, and goals** outlined below reflect the heart of our AFM Welfare: to honour and uplift every resident entrusted to our care.

SAREPTA OLD AGE HOME – CAPE TOWN		
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year
◆ Successfully reached our resident intake target for the financial year. ◆ Strengthened community connections through increased involvement from local assemblies and broader community support. ◆ Secured a valuable partnership with the University of Cape Town (UCT), which provided generous annual funding for extensive repairs and upgrades. ◆ Support from additional corporate donors. ◆ Welcomed the dedicated service of a volunteer physiotherapist, contributing to the health and mobility of our residents. ◆ Made encouraging progress toward establishing an on-site clinic and developing a food garden to support resident well-being and sustainability.	◆ Limited access to psychiatric support impacted the quality of care for residents with mental health needs, leaving staff to manage complex behaviours with minimal external assistance. ◆ Financial constraints remained a pressing concern, particularly due to reduced Department of Social Development (DSD) grant funding. ◆ Ongoing operational pressures placed additional strain on resources and staff capacity. ◆ Difficulties with the medication management system and challenges in maintaining effective collaboration with healthcare partners ◆ Despite these obstacles, the dedication of staff and community partners ensured residents continued to receive compassionate care.	◆ Strengthen financial stability by implementing a sustainable fundraising strategy. ◆ Deepen partnerships with local clinics and health departments to ensure improved access to health services and specialist support. ◆ Continue providing a safe, nurturing environment with holistic support that addresses residents' physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.



KUILSRIVER CARE VILLAGE – CAPE TOWN		
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Hosted vibrant events such as Easter celebrations, Christmas lunch, and the Village's 49th birthday, ◆ Established the first-ever Residents' Committee, which has already begun to contribute positively to decision-making and resident engagement. ◆ Introduced a weekly exercise programme along with other senior-focused activities, enriching the health and well-being of residents. ◆ Received generous donations of toiletries, groceries, and linens from assemblies and community partners, boosting resident care. ◆ Renovated frail care facilities and bathrooms to improve comfort and accessibility. ◆ Strengthened bonds between frail care, assisted living, and independent living residents, fostering greater unity within the Village.	◆ Transport limitations due to the unavailability of a reliable vehicle or other means of transport, which limited planned resident outings and external engagement. ◆ The presence of asbestos roofing poses health risks and requires costly replacement. ◆ Supply chain issues with adult diapers and surgical stock from state suppliers created ongoing operational difficulties. ◆ The emotional toll on staff following frequent resident losses highlighted the urgent need for structured wellness and support systems. ◆ Outdated ICT equipment hinders administrative efficiency and communication. ◆ Financial constraints remain a challenge.	◆ Launch a tuck shop for residents, creating convenience for residents. ◆ Continue with planned maintenance efforts. ◆ Establish partnerships with SAPS and security service providers to enhance the safety of residents and staff. ◆ Update ICT equipment to improve administrative efficiency ◆ Strengthen staff wellness and retention by introducing structured emotional support and wellness initiatives.
TOUWS RIVER OLD AGE HOME – WESTERN CAPE		
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Welcomed several new residents, strengthening the Home's role in serving the local community. ◆ Celebrated special occasions such as Easter, Mother's Day, and milestone birthdays, bringing joy and a sense of belonging to residents. ◆ Received generous food donations from local businesses and individuals, helping to ease financial pressure. ◆ Maintained operations despite financial challenges and a leadership transition. ◆ Despite the sudden loss of the Facility Manager in December 2024, the appointment of Ms. Eleanor Fourie as the new Facility Manager brought much-needed stability and continuity. ◆ Stabilised the financial position through cost-saving measures and other strategic interventions.	◆ Severe financial pressure remains a significant concern. ◆ Broken equipment, including washing machines and stoves, disrupted daily operations. ◆ Staffing shortages persisted, with a high resident-to-caregiver ratio and insufficient kitchen staff. ◆ Facility maintenance needs, including painting, ceiling repairs, and appliance replacements, added to resource strain. ◆ The sad and sudden loss of the facility manager in December 2024 created a temporary leadership gap.	◆ Remain within budget through disciplined financial management and further cost reductions. ◆ Address urgent maintenance requirements and staffing shortages to strengthen care delivery. ◆ Ensure continuity of consistent and compassionate care despite limited resources. ◆ Expand marketing efforts and strengthen fundraising initiatives to secure long-term sustainability.
KABEGA RETIREMENT VILLAGE – GQEERHA		
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Increased occupancy by successfully selling and renting multiple vacant units. ◆ Fostered resident engagement and community spirit through regular social activities such as monthly tea parties, Bingo Tuesdays, and the Knitter Natter Club. ◆ Upgraded security with the installation of electric fencing and 17 perimeter cameras, enhancing resident safety. ◆ Replaced the water meter after long delays, resolving a long-standing infrastructure challenge.	◆ Emergency medical response delays from state ambulance services, often ranging between 6–8 hours, posed risks to residents. ◆ High electricity costs, compounded by shared meters, created financial strain. ◆ Renovation costs for long-term vacant units remained significant. ◆ Roof leaks and gate system damage caused by storms required urgent attention. ◆ Limited finances made it difficult to address ongoing maintenance and essential upkeep needs.	◆ Repair roof leaks and carports to improve safety and living conditions. ◆ Explore solar energy solutions ◆ Continue fundraising initiatives to support facility improvements. ◆ Advocate for improved emergency medical response protocols in collaboration with health authorities.
VUE DU CAP RETIREMENT VILLAGE, ANNEXES – CAPE TOWN		
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Successfully hosted monthly Market Days and festive events, fostering community spirit and resident engagement. ◆ Welcomed new residents throughout the year, contributing to a vibrant and growing community. ◆ Continued to offer popular wellness activities, including Pilates classes, dog therapy sessions, and regular social gatherings.	◆ The Frail Care system remains under pressure, with some residents requiring transfer to more specialized facilities. ◆ Delays in obtaining Smart ID cards from Home Affairs continue to affect administrative processes. ◆ Behavioural challenges from certain residents and visiting children occasionally disrupt	◆ Strengthen referral pathways for dementia residents to ensure appropriate care and placement. ◆ Maintain consistent Social Worker support. ◆ Implement strategies to foster healthier relationships



◆ <i>Feedem Caterers</i> consistently provided affordable, nutritious meals to residents. ◆ Local assemblies supported residents through generous contributions of food parcels and vouchers. ◆ Regular visits from a Social Worker, which was long overdue, now provide essential assessments and emotional support to residents.	communal harmony. ◆ Financial constraints and limited family involvement place additional strain on both residents and staff. ◆ Ongoing maintenance needs require attention to preserve the quality and safety of the living environment.	between some residents and their families. ◆ Continue efforts to keep services affordable while enhancing the overall quality of care and resident well-being.
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ROSESTAD RETIREMENT VILLAGE – BLOEMFONTEIN

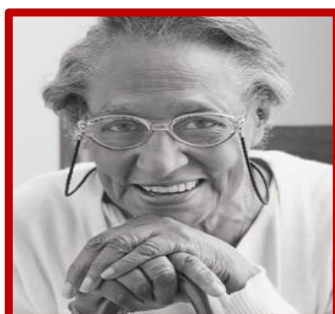
Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Regular prayer meetings continued to provide spiritual nourishment and fellowship. ◆ Renovations were successfully completed in several units, including much-needed bathroom upgrades. ◆ Deep cleaning of units and consistent upkeep ensured a well-maintained and smoothly operating environment.	◆ Securing tenants for vacant units remains a concern. ◆ Ongoing renovation and maintenance needs in certain units require attention and resources. ◆ Addressing security concerns	◆ Complete outstanding renovations. ◆ Continue delivering consistent care and support to all residents. ◆ Deepen resident engagement and introduce new wellness activities to enrich daily life.

VILLIERIA CARE VILLAGE – TSHWANE

Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Established the first Residents Committee, promoting active participation and open feedback. ◆ Hosted a vibrant Easter show featuring resident performers, alongside successful Market Day events that fostered community spirit. ◆ Fundraising initiatives were well received, contributing to essential improvements and resident support. ◆ Garden landscaping projects enhanced the aesthetic and communal atmosphere of the village. ◆ Key maintenance issues were addressed, including repairs to the solar pump, boiler leak, exterior walls, and other infrastructure needs.	◆ Ongoing financial pressures continue to impact operations and service delivery. ◆ Low rental income remains a challenge, driven by vacant units in need of maintenance and intentionally low rental rates aimed at preserving affordability for a broader resident base. ◆ Absence of a skilled general worker has hindered timely upkeep and repairs. ◆ The out-of-service kombi vehicle has limited resident transport options. ◆ Levy arrears from Eden Care, coupled with a lack of payment arrangements, remain challenging. ◆ The boiler system and broader maintenance concerns require urgent attention.	◆ Improve the water heating infrastructure to ensure, efficient, and economically sustainable service that meets residents' daily needs. ◆ Prioritize and address outstanding maintenance needs across the facility. ◆ Enhance marketing efforts and cultivate strategic community partnerships to improve occupancy and visibility. ◆ Resolve levy-related challenges through proactive engagement.

LOFDAL RETIREMENT VILLAGE – CENTURION

Achievements:	Challenges:	Goals for the next Year:
◆ Residents enjoyed meaningful events such as Bible studies, social gatherings, and Market Days. ◆ Security systems were successfully upgraded, including the installation of panic-button alerts. ◆ A new Board of Trustees was elected, fostering strong collaboration and renewed leadership. ◆ Ambassador-Dog visits and musical performances brought joy and emotional upliftment to residents. ◆ The gardens continue to be a source of pride, offering tranquillity and a welcoming environment.	◆ Financial constraints have limited the ability to address several maintenance needs. ◆ Repairs are required for carports, gutters, doors, and lighting systems. ◆ Shade netting and boundary wall maintenance remain outstanding. ◆ Ongoing vigilance is necessary to uphold high security standards and ensure resident safety.	◆ Secure funding to complete essential maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. ◆ Continue prioritizing resident safety through security measures and proactive planning. ◆ Foster a safe and welcoming, environment that supports holistic well-being.



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WHO WALKED BEFORE US HAVE
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THE LIFE WE ALL ENJOY.**

– JOHN HOEVEN

2.3. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & FAMILY STRENGTHENING UMEPHI PROGRAMME

2.3.1. Introduction

To remain a relevant and responsive faith-based institution, the AFM Church must be recognized not only for its spiritual ministry: preaching, prayer, healing, and discipleship, but also for its **commitment to holistic care**. True impact is measured not solely by membership growth, but by the Church's ability to address the complex social realities facing its communities. While the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ remains our central mandate, we **acknowledge the biblical precedent for structured social support within the early church** (Acts 6:1–7). The ministry of compassion, as outlined in Matthew 25:31–46, is not peripheral, it is integral to the expression of faith. **AFM Welfare embodies this dual calling** by integrating spiritual conviction with practical service, **ensuring that vulnerable children and families receive care, protection, and pathways to restoration**.

AFM Welfare is deeply committed to rendering **child protection services** to children in need of care and safety. This section of the report reflects our work both within our institutions and through our partnerships with local churches. **Our services reach orphans, vulnerable children, and families in crisis**, regardless of age, gender, race, or creed, offering hope where it is most needed.

We serve at-risk families and communities by promoting self-care, development, and protection. This year, we witnessed God's provision through the generosity of assemblies, individuals, and regional partners. We are profoundly grateful for every donor, those who gave in cash and in kind, for sustaining the lives of our beneficiaries. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the AFM National Office Bearers (NOB), the National Leadership Forum (NLF), and the Executive Welfare Board for their unwavering support. Your partnership has been a lifeline.



2.3.2. Programme: Child Protection and Family Strengthening Services

This programme encompasses **children in residential child-care facilities** and extends the kind of support a loving parent would provide. We care for those who have been neglected, abused, abandoned, orphaned, or rendered vulnerable by life's circumstances.

While we strive to create a homely environment, we are reminded that these children are not with their families, and they know it. That awareness deepens our responsibility. As an organization, we are called to offer more than shelter; **we must provide therapeutic care, emotional healing, and a sense of belonging that goes beyond what a typical home might offer**. We walk with children through trauma, toward restoration.



2.3.2.1. Achievements & Success Stories

As **AFM Welfare**, we celebrate the milestones and breakthroughs that have marked this year. Through dedication and collaborative effort, we have advanced our mission to protect and uplift the most vulnerable among us. The following **achievements** reflect not only operational success, but the heart of our AFM Welfare, **a commitment to healing, hope, and transformation.**

◆Partnerships, Compliance & Advocacy:

- **Business plans** were submitted in all provinces (including 25 in Gauteng alone). Funding was approved for the past financial year, resulting in subsidies, Foster Care Grants, and Temporary Safe Care fees being received.
- Despite many challenges, **Service Level Agreements** were successfully signed. Most CYCCs received subsidies, and Foster Homes benefited from foster grants.
- **All-DSD compliance** requirements, including monthly claims, quarterly expenditure reports, and progress reports (quarterly and six-monthly), were submitted on time.
- Most quarterly monitoring visits were conducted, with positive feedback received.
- **Auditor General inspection** was done at some of our CYCCs with **positive results.**
- **Minimum Wage** requirements were **implemented** in many of the CYCCs.
- **Clean Audit reports** were received for AFM Welfare and all its projects
- AFM Welfare Management actively engaged at provincial level: On 11 May 2024, the CEO and DD participated in a **meeting** called by the **Gauteng Premier and MEC for Social Development**, addressing NPO funding challenges. During the same week, a mass meeting with NPOs was held, and on 15 May the MEC personally visited House Jade in Krugersdorp. The MEC commended AFM Welfare for its work, reconsidered the closure of House Jade, and committed to continued subsidy support, which was paid in June 2024.
- The CEO and DD are part of the **Gauteng Care Crises Committee** and regular participate and attend meetings of the GCCC and the National Child Care and Protection Forum.
- Submissions of the application as a **Designated Child Protection Organisation** and that of the programme as a **Community Based FCCS** was done in a few provinces to aligned with the vision of the government for the purposes of continuing to render the services and be funded.

◆Human Resources:

- A new Deputy Director was appointed from 1 July 2025 to fill the vacant position, with oversight of the Children's Division.
- Social Worker **Andiswa Jakuja** was promoted to Programme Manager for Ekurhuleni and Sedibeng starting in September 2024.
- **Maabo Letlape** was appointed as Social Worker for Tshwane CYCCs.
- At **U Mephi Middelburg**, a full-time Social Worker, **Idene Schoombie**, was appointed through the support of Excavo Mining Company to strengthen services at the CYCC.
- **29 out of 33 Centre Managers** successfully completed their Level 4 Child and Youth Care qualification through HWSETA after a delay of more than a year. In addition, **11 new learners** enrolled during this reporting period across several CYCCs: Ubuntu, Jogebed, Elpizo, Rosettenville, Florida Baby Home, Villa Le Themba, Endeo, Thandi, and Morester.
- **Two Occupational Health students** completed six weeks of practical training at Elpizo, providing valuable support through child-focused sessions and training staff on appropriate stimulation for each child.

◆ Our Beneficiaries:

- One of our HIV-positive babies who grew up with AFM Welfare transitioned to Echo House and was selected for a **DSD learnership as a Social Auxiliary Worker**, while also pursuing a business course at UNISA.
- A beneficiary from Tshwane is in her **final year of Social Work studies** at university.
- Another beneficiary is pursuing a **Bachelor of Arts degree at UNISA**.
- One child received a **full sponsorship** and joined the **Doxa Meta Programme**, opening new opportunities for his future.
- A young man enrolled for **Generic Management studies at NOVA**, while preparing to apply for a future SAPS intake.
- One of our children was **selected for the Boccia Northern Cape Provincial Team**, showcasing their sporting talent.
- Another boy's **dream came true** when he travelled to **Italy for rugby in December 2024**, thanks to the support of our partners and sponsors.
- Many children across Gauteng were **elected as school leaders for 2025**, showing growth in confidence and leadership.
- Several children excelled in **sporting and cultural events**, making us proud of their achievements.
- The **children and staff of Goso Cluster Foster Care Scheme** enjoyed a long-awaited **trip to Port Edward**, bringing joy and renewed energy.
- The babies in our CYCCs and Foster Homes were **dedicated to the Lord** at their respective Anchor Assemblies, always a deeply meaningful moment.
- **22 babies were placed with their forever families** through adoption in the Western Cape and Free State.
- Former AFM Welfare children, now living overseas as far as **Denmark**, visited their CYCCs, keeping the bonds of family alive.
- **Holiday programmes** were successfully run for children staying at the CYCCs during school breaks, ensuring fun and engagement.
- Many children enjoyed **sponsored camping trips with Kids-in-Action**, giving them a chance to explore, grow, and just be kids.
- There was continuous **movement of children into foster care and adoption placements**, which allowed us to admit and care for more children in need.



◆ Outreach Programmes & Child Protection

- AFM Welfare's **Child Protection initiatives, Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes (PEIP), and awareness campaigns** were successfully implemented by Residential Social Workers across regions. Activities took place at crèches, schools, local clinics, assemblies, and CYCCs. Through these efforts, a total of **10,778 beneficiaries were reached** — including via social media campaigns.
- In the **Nelson Mandela Metropole**, the following impact was achieved:
 - **1,208 beneficiaries** reached through outreach programmes.
 - **11 children placed in Alternative Care**, supported by statutory processes including Form 7, Form 36, Form 38, Form 39, Foster/Adoption reports, IDPs and Care Plans, and Risk Assessments.
 - Statutory interventions completed: **Section 171 Transfers, Section 23 Orders, and Section 159 Foster Care Extensions**.
 - **672 individuals** participated in **Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes**.



◆ Strengthening Systems and Community Support

- **Policy Development:** AFM Welfare policies were reviewed and updated by Senior Management and Programme Managers and submitted for approval to the Executive Welfare Board.
- **Fundraising and Donations:** CYCCs and Foster Homes launched successful fundraising initiatives to sustain projects and extend impact. We remain deeply grateful to donors and sponsors who contributed groceries, clothing, cleaning products, toiletries, and stocked first aid kits and medicine cabinets. Sponsors also assisted with vehicle repairs, school trips, maintenance, and renovations.
- **Professional Support:** Doctors, dentists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and counsellors provided discounted or pro bono services, adding significant value to children's care and wellbeing.
- **Faith and Community Involvement:**
 - The Full Gospel Church partnered with Jogebed Foster Home to mentor older boys and provide transport to church, youth gatherings, and Sunday school.
 - Word and Life Assembly in Pretoria volunteered to serve as Anchor Assembly for Dorandia CYCC, supporting its re-opening as an Independent Living Programme.
- **Volunteer Committees:** Committee members across facilities supported operations by transporting children, accompanying them to doctors, and filling in when caregivers attended training.
- **Capacity Building:**
 - A new Ngwana CYCC committee was recruited and trained in Limpopo in November 2024. New contracts were signed with all staff, and 7 of the 15 Child and Youth Care Workers were formally enrolled in Level 4 training.
 - At Goso Foster Cluster Scheme, a new management committee was appointed and introduced to AFM Welfare Management in March 2025.

◆ Services Rendered in the Eastern Cape

Through the leadership of our Regional Coordinator, AFM Welfare continued to provide a wide range of statutory, protective, and developmental services in the Eastern Cape, including:

- **Statutory Services:** Placement of children in foster care, monitoring and extension of court orders, facilitation of SASSA grants, and reunification services.
- **Management of Facilities:** Oversight of uMephi Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs) and Foster Care Homes.
- **Child Protection Services:** Children's Court proceedings, removals of children at risk, reunification processes, adoptions, and adoption after-care.
- **Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes:** Provision of Temporary Safe Care, adoption outreach, and adoption education, information, and promotion.
- **Community Awareness Campaigns:** Focused initiatives on baby abandonment (#BabiesMatter), prevention of child abandonment, teenage pregnancy prevention, and Options Therapeutic Counselling.
- **Skills Development:** Programmes aimed at equipping children and youth with life and vocational skills for long-term empowerment.

2.3.2.2. Challenges

Every journey of impact is marked not only by triumphs, but by **trials that test our resolve and deepen our dependence on God**. In the pursuit of care and protection for vulnerable children and families, AFM Welfare has encountered **challenges that have stretched our capacity and sharpened our strategies**. These obstacles are not signs of failure, they are **invitations to innovate** and collaborate. As we reflect on this reporting period, we do so with humility, recognizing that **each challenge faced has been an**



◆ Programme-Related Challenges (Child and Youth Care Centres, Temporary Safe Care and Foster Care)

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- AFM Welfare and its projects continued to face significant **financial challenges**, requiring considerable time and effort to manage.
- Government **subsidies only cover approximately 49%** of operational costs. These subsidies exclude essential expenses such as house maintenance, compliance requirements, and rising overheads (e.g. municipal bills, transport, and medical costs), placing projects under severe financial strain.
- AFM Welfare's **Head Office operations are not funded**. Staffing has been cut to the bare minimum, despite the critical need for oversight and support across 47 projects in eight provinces.

- Some CYCCs experienced the **loss of long-term sponsors and donors**.
- **Fundraising capacity** remains limited, with not enough effective fundraising programmes or dedicated fundraisers in place.
- **Accessing Foster Care Grants** remains a challenge for several Foster Homes, resulting in low operational budgets for homes that depend heavily on SASSA grants.
- **Compliance requirements**, including Consent Use Applications, Fire & Safety Certificates, Rezoning Certificates, Approved Building Plans, and **Occupancy Certificates**, have been both costly and time-consuming to obtain.
- **Rising utility costs**, compounded by frequent incorrect billing, continue to place additional pressure on budgets.
- The implementation of the national **minimum wage** significantly increased staffing costs.
- **Training costs** for Child and Youth Care Workers added substantial financial pressure.
- The Department of Justice vetting process for Gauteng staff amounted to R33,000, and will now be a recurring annual expense.

◆ **Court challenges:**

- Courts insisted on having Form 30 feedback not older than 6 months to finalise a hearing.
- **Courts did not issue orders** due to **lapsed CYCC Registration** Certificates which led to limited number of children admitted.
- Ongoing challenges with case managers (**external Social Workers**) not supplying **valid temporary safe care orders** of children to residential social workers.

◆ **Challenges: Children Presenting with Complex Behavioural and Mental Health Needs**

- Many children in our care presented with **severe psychiatric and behavioural challenges**, including depression, suicidal behaviour, self-harm, eating disorders, sexual acting out, and violence. With limited alternative placements available, CYCCs were often compelled to keep children who posed risks to themselves and others.
- Mental health challenges are increasing across our projects. Accessing private assessments and specialised **therapy is extremely costly**, while resources in the public health system remain limited.
- The **lack of dedicated facilities or alternative placements for children with psychiatric disorders** and extreme behavioural difficulties continues to place CYCCs under immense strain.
- Several children required **specialised medical care** for conditions such as diabetes, which added further responsibilities for intensive daily management and support.
- Some CYCCs could not admit children due to **lapsed registrations**, reducing available placement options.
- A critical **shortage of Host Parents** remains a significant gap in providing family-based care options for children.
- Finding **suitable exit placements** for young people turning 18, particularly those with special needs and psychological disorders, remains an ongoing challenge.
- In some cases, children were reunified with their biological families **without adequate preparation, support programmes**, or proper reunification processes, leaving them vulnerable to further harm.

◆ **Staff Challenges**

- **High staff turnover** remains a concern, with resignations (sometimes at 24-hour notice), staff not meeting probation requirements, and the **loss of skilled professionals** such as social workers and caregivers.
- Recruiting **suitable and qualified Child and Youth Care Workers**, Foster Parents, and Relief Workers **in line with the latest Department of Social Development (DSD) requirements** continues to be a major challenge.



- The **payment of relief workers** to replace staff on sick or annual leave remains difficult to manage and places additional strain on budgets.
- Heavy **administrative demands linked to DSD compliance** (registrations, occupancy certificates, Consent Use approvals, etc.) require Programme Managers and Social Workers to spend extensive time at municipal departments, leaving less capacity to focus on direct care and support to children.
- Frequent **changes in DSD monitoring staff** have disrupted continuity. In one case, the pressure contributed to the resignation of a Social Worker within six months.
- **Ongoing training** for Child and Youth Care Workers, while essential, has placed strain on rosters and caregiving schedules. Caregivers often work overtime or shift without adequate relief while learners attend classes and submit weekly assignments.
- **Disciplinary actions** and investigations had to be undertaken, including the resignation of a Foster Mother following a confirmed case of child abuse.
- A **lack of structured in-service training** for Goso Foster Mothers has affected the consistency and quality of service delivery.
- Instances of **mismanagement of funds by some Goso Foster Mothers** required intervention, as this compromised the standard of care provided to children.
- **Retrenchments at House Jade** reduced staff capacity, creating challenges in managing daily operations until approval was granted to continue under new contracts and a restructured model.

◆ Governance Challenges

- **Training and orientation** were required for **newly appointed committee members**, which proved time-consuming. Governance structures remain under pressure as pastors and committee members resign, and filling these vacancies takes time.
- **Insufficient involvement of some committee members** and lack of follow-through on commitments created additional challenges. The position of **Fundraiser/Marketing portfolio** on committees remains particularly difficult to fill.
- Transformation of committees continues to be a slow and ongoing process.
- The **planned registration of Goso FCCS and a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO)** could not materialise during this period.
- The **dissolution of the House Jade committee** left staff vulnerable and without adequate support for a period of time, creating operational challenges.

◆ Maintenance Challenges

- **Maintenance of buildings** remains a significant challenge across CYCCs and Foster Homes. Many facilities require essential repairs and upgrades, which are not covered by subsidies.
- Numerous **funding proposals** were submitted to external organisations, but with **limited success**.
- Major **roof replacement projects** are urgently needed at Trentico and Daleview, but no sponsorships have yet been secured.
- Daleview Foster Care Home requires **substantial maintenance work**, in addition to facing an unreasonably high municipal water bill.

◆ Information Technology (IT) Challenges

- Access to reliable and **up-to-date laptops remains a constraint**. As equipment ages and software becomes outdated, social workers struggle to work effectively.
- In some cases, staff were unable to meet dead` lines due to **IT limitations** and even had to rely on internet cafés to complete essential work.

◆ Vehicle Challenges

- A **shortage of reliable vehicles** continues to affect CYCCs across regions.
- Many of the **older vehicles frequently broke down**, resulting in high repair costs and long periods where CYCCs had no vehicle available.

- Despite budget cuts and careful trip coordination, **high transport costs** have placed additional strain on limited resources.

2.3.2.3 Types of homes: Child and Youth Care Centre, Temporal Safe Care and Foster Homes

The following table provides a **provincial overview** of the various child-care facilities supported by AFM Welfare, including Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs), Temporary Safe Care Programmes, and Foster Homes. These facilities serve as **lifelines for vulnerable children**, offering protection, therapeutic support, and nurturing environments across South Africa. The **data reflects both the scope of our reach and the depth of our commitment to safeguarding the future of every child entrusted to our care**. Let us continue to honour the trust placed in our hands, knowing that every child we encounter is a divine appointment and an opportunity to reflect God's love, restore dignity, and nurture hope.

PROVINCE	TYPE OF FACILITY	NUMBER & TYPE OF PROGRAMME	NUMBER OF CHILDREN CARED FOR
Gauteng	Child and Youth Care Centres	4 Temporary safe care Programmes for babies	49
		1 Special needs Programme	12
		20 Therapeutic Child and Youth Care Programmes	189
Northern Cape	Foster Home	1 Foster Home for Orphans	6
	Child and Youth Care Centres	2 Temp Safe Care Programme for Babies	22
		1 Special Needs Programme	10
Eastern Cape	Foster Homes	8 Foster Homes for Orphans	48
North West	Child and Youth Care Centre	1 Temporary Safe Care Programme for Babies	6
Mpumalanga	Child and Youth Care Centre	1 Temporary Safe Care Programme for babies	15
Limpopo	Child and Youth care Centre	1 Temporary Safe Care Programme for Babies	28
Western Cape	Foster Homes	2 Foster Homes for Orphans	12
	Child and Youth Care Centres	2 Temporary Safe Care for Babies	32
Free State	Foster Homes	2 Foster Homes for Orphans	12
	Child and Youth Care Centres	1 Temporary Safe Care Programme for Babies	12
Total		47	453

"Children should always feel like the adults are living in this world to nurture them, to take care of them, to protect them from any bad thing that might come." – Chris Cornell



2.3.2.4 Capacity Building:

AFM Welfare remains committed to **strengthening its workforce and leadership structures through targeted training and development initiatives** for social workers, child and youth care workers, and committee members, ensuring excellence in care, accountability, and ministry.

◆ Capacity Building - Social Workers:

Child Behaviour & Development

- Children with Challenging Behaviour / Versus Average Children – *Iris Home*
- Supporting Children with ADHD – *C. Keller*
- Developmental Trauma & Self-Regulation – *A. du Randt*
- Preparing Children in Alternative Care for Independent Living – *Dr L. Labuschagne*
- Baby Manual Training of Social Worker – *Andiswa Jakuja*

Child Protection & Abuse

- Abuse: Form 22 Reporting – *Esme Bruwer*
- Sexual Abuse and Grooming – *Dr L. Labuschagne*
- Children with Harmful Sexual Behaviour – *Edith Kriel & C. De Klerk*
- Temporary Safe Care – *Goodness Mia*
- Guardianship and the Child Protection Social Worker – *Sanet Viljoen*
- ISS and Adoption – *Noma Gobeni*
- RACAP Systems Training – *National DSD*
- Understanding Amendments to the Children's Act & Regulations – *Sanet Viljoen*

Trauma, Loss & Mental Health

- Bereavement / Loss & Grief – *Dr Nelia Drenth & Impilo (JPCCC Psychologist)*
- Mental Health – *C. Kasukuti*

Ethics, Governance & Compliance

- Code of Ethics & CPD Points – *M. Moilola*
- Ethics Training – *Annah Madonsela*
- Governance Training – *Lize Swart*
- CYCC Training: Registration & Compliance – *Daphne Naidoo*
- Monitoring Tool Training – *DSD Westrand Official*

Systems & Tools

- WELBI File Management System – *Edgar Trollip*
- WELBI (Wellbi) Overview – *Edgar Trollip*
- Professional Report Writing – *Crystal Theron*

Empowerment & Capacity Building

- AFM Policies – *Programme Managers*
- Introduction to AFM Programmes – *Programme Managers*
- Regional Welfare Empowerment: How to Register an NPO – *Gideon Sauls*
- Westrand CYCC Forum – *DSD Official*

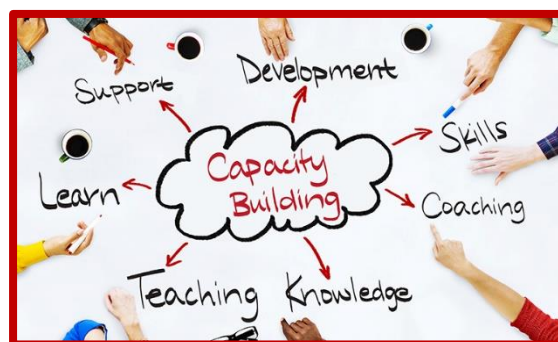
Specialised Training

- Anti-Human Trafficking – *C. Mentz & K. Menkveld*
- Temperament Training – *Bongi Naile & Marianna van der Westhuizen*

◆ Capacity Building: Child & Youth Care Workers

Child Behaviour & Development

- Children with Challenging Behaviour / Versus Average Children – *Iris Home*
- Enhancing Development of the Child.
- Importance of Play – *Andiswa Jakuja*





Child Rights & Protection

- Rights of the Child: All Actions and Interventions.
- Code of Ethics (for Child & Youth Care Workers) – A. Madonsela

Foster & Residential Care Skills

- Managing the Foster Home. – *Programme Managers*
- Baby Care in CYCC (Baby Manual & Developmental Stages) – *Andiswa Jakuja*
- Baby Manual In-service Training (2 days at Ngwana House) – *Andiswa Jakuja*
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) Principles – *Andiswa Jakuja*
- De-briefing Sessions for CYCWs – *Andiswa Jakuja*

Life Skills & Empowerment

- Importance of Life Skills – *Social Worker Freddie Stevens*

Organisational Training

- AFM Policies – *Programme Managers & Andiswa Jakuja*
- AFM Programmes – *Andiswa Jakuja*
- Strategic Plan & Communication Lines – *Andiswa Jakuja*
- WELBI File Management System – *Madelein de Jager*

◆ Capacity Building: Committees:

- Governance Training and Operational Manual - Programme Managers

2.3.2.4 Child Beneficiary Movements and Outcome

The table below presents a detailed **overview of the children currently in our Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs) and Foster Homes**, alongside **key transitions** such as admissions, discharges, placements into foster care and adoption, reunifications with families, and other significant movements.

Each number represents a story of care, change, and the ongoing journey toward healing and belonging.

Province	Currently in CYCC/ FH	Admission	Discharge					Absconded	Internal transfer	School leavers	
			Foster Care	Adoption		Re-united with family	Transferred to other institutions			Return to family	Stay with host Parents
				National	Inter- Country						
EC 1	14	11	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EC 2 Goso	33	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free State	24	13	2	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
West Rand	22	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Ekurhuleni	75	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Sedibeng	30	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johannesburg	39	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tshwane	51	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0
Limpopo	28	18	5	3	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
Mpumalanga	15	12	2	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape	33	19	10	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
North West	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Western Cape	38	28	1	13	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	389	121	32	40	7	23	9	0	6	3	2



2.3.2.5 Strategic Partnerships and Collaborative Networks

◆ Department of Social Development & Stakeholders:

- **DSD Forums** on National, Provincial level and District level.
- **DSD quarterly engagements** in all provinces.
- **Meetings with DSD** on financial audits, monitoring visits and change of registration certificates.
- Department of **Education**, Department of **Health**, Department of **Labour**.
- **SASSA**
- Town Planning and Building controls departments – **Local Municipalities**
- Refer cases to **DSD, Lebohang Lesedi, Impilo, SAVF, Child Welfare** and **ABBA Adoptions** for finalizations of adoption for adoptable children.
- District **Adoption Panel** Eastern Cape.
- Case flow management meetings with the **Department of Justice**.

◆ Others:

- City Changers Forum
- Regional network forums
- African Brand Architects
- NACOSS
- NDSD Workshops
- SAAHA
- Kids in Action
- Gauteng Care Crises Committee (GCCC)
- Children and adolescent Sector



◆ AFM Regions/ Networks/ Departments and other Churches:

• Various AFM Assemblies	• Ophir Network	• Hervormde Kerk
• Doxa Deo Network	• Corpus Christi	• Baptist Church
• Mission Dei Network	• Hatfield Christian Church	• Pinkster Kerk of SA
• Familia Dei Network	• AFM Youth Department	• Kompas Assembly
• WC Region	• AFM Children's Ministry	• New Life Church
• CRC Church	• Full Gospel Church	• Methodist Church
• Dutch Reformed Church	• Methodist Church	• Seventh Day Adventist (Despatch)
• IBCS International Baptist church Germany	• Woord en Lewe Kerk	• Lewende Woord
• Umzimvubu Region	• Ekuphumleni Region	• Eastern Cape Region
• Better Life Network	• Zululand Region	• Word and Life Network

2.3.2.6 Registration of CYCCs

The **registration status** of Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs) and Foster Homes across provinces reflects ongoing efforts to **maintain compliance, secure renewals, and uphold the standards** required for quality care and protection of children.

◆ Gauteng CYCC's:

- All CYCC in Ekurhuleni and Sedibeng had a valid 5-year registration 2020 – 2025.
- 1 CYCC in Ekurhuleni (Alberton CYCC) Received a full 5-year registration 2024 – 2029.
- 2 Baby Homes in JHB have conditional registration, due to care workers that are in still in training.



- 2 CYCC in Tshwane (Tembilisha and Naledi) received their 5-year full registration during this period. 2024 – 2029
- 3 Facilities in Tshwane remained unregistered since 2023 and two of them were temporarily closed in 2024 due to the delays from City of Tshwane due to approval of building plans.
- 1 CYCC in West Rand is registered fully for 5 years and Jade conditionally due to the registration challenge with Child and Youth Care workers.

◆ **North West:**

- Lesedi Baby home is registered as a Temporary Safe Care facility.

◆ **Northern Cape/ Western Cape and Free state:**

- Northern Cape CYCC registration lapsed in November 2023 and March 2025. All documentation were submitted 6 months in advance. Registration certificates still pending.
- All CYCCs and FHs in the Western Cape & Free State are registered with DSD up till 2030

◆ **Eastern Cape:**

- GOSO registration is still in progress to be registered as a Foster Cluster model

◆ **Limpopo:**

- Ngwana House is conditional registered one year 11 November 2024 – 11 November 2025 due to all C&YCW to be trained.

◆ **Mpumalanga:**

- UMephi Middelburg Baby home is registered for 3 years, until 2026.

2.3.2.7 Consent Use

The status of **Consent Use Certificates** across provinces reflects steady progress in securing approvals, with several regions fully compliant and others awaiting final confirmation.

Gauteng:

- ◆ All Certificates for the homes in the Ekurhuleni area were received.
- ◆ All approvals for Sedibeng were received and 2 still outstanding.
- ◆ We have 7 approved *Consent Use* Certificates in Tshwane and 2 conditional registrations and 4 in Johannesburg region.
- ◆ 2 CYCCs in West Rand was received.

Western Cape:

- ◆ We have 2 approved Consent Use Certificates. Consent use pending: Eersterivier and Belhar FCS.

Northern Cape, Free State, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and Limpopo:

- ◆ Consent Use Certificates are not required.

2.3.2.8 Health Certificates and Pest Control:

Health and pest control certifications for AFM Welfare CYCCs have been successfully secured, with validity periods varying according to municipal bylaws.

- ◆ Health Certificates and Pest control were annually applied for and approved for the AFM Welfare CYCCs.
- ◆ Since municipalities operate within different bylaws, CYCC's were given different expiration dates ranging from 1 – 2 years.

2.3.2.9 Fire and Safety Compliance:

- ◆ All AFM Welfare CYCCs and Foster Homes hold **valid Fire Safety Certificates**, confirming compliance with required safety standards.

2.3.2.10 Occupancy Certificates:

The **requirement to submit valid Occupancy Certificates** was introduced as a **new compliance condition** with business plan submissions at the end of November 2024. This was not previously part of compliance, and its sudden introduction has placed a **tremendous financial and administrative burden** on facilities. Before an Occupancy Certificate can be issued, the following supporting documents must be submitted to the Building Control Department:

- Updated building plans (re-approved)
- Electrical and Gas Certificates of Compliance (not older than 2 years)
- Plumbing Completion Certificate
- Ventilation and Glazing Certificates
- SANS 4 Engineer's Letters



These requirements significantly impact budgets and capacity, as facilities must now comply with technical and costly regulatory standards that were not originally anticipated.

Risk: Failure to obtain Occupancy Certificates could jeopardize the continued registration of programmes and access to funding, placing vulnerable children at risk of losing essential care and protection services.

2.3.2.11 Designation as a CPO:

Designation as a Child Protection Organisation (CPO) has been confirmed for key AFM Welfare offices and programs, with varying validity periods and some applications still pending.

◆ AFM Welfare National Office is designated until March 2026.

◆ Eastern Cape 1 EC - Designated as a CPO until 2030.

◆ Eastern Cape 2 - Goso - Not registered as a CPO, application submitted in 2022 and to date it has not been attended to.

◆ Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape & Free State: No designation required.

◆ Eastern Cape 1 - Accredited to render National Adoption Services until 31 March 2030.

◆ Western Cape Cluster Foster Program: Designations as CPO until 31 March 2030.

2.3.2.12 Financial Support and Funding Partnerships

AFM Welfare continues to receive core funding from the Department of Social Development, complemented by signed SLAs, approved business plans, and contributions from individual and corporate partners.

◆ Main Funding is received from Department of Social Development.

◆ All Gauteng Business plans were done and approved for 2024-2025 (Gauteng) and 2024 –2026/ 2027 for national and other provinces).

◆ SLAs were signed for most of our CYCCs and some of our Foster Homes.

◆ Subsidy was received for almost all CYCCs.

◆ Foster Care Grants were received for most children in our foster homes.

◆ Other funders: Each home has individuals and companies contributing and who stepped in during Government payment delays.



2.3.3 Child Protection and Family Preservation Services at Community Level: Adoption and Foster Care Services

2.3.3.1 Adoption Awareness Campaigns – Eastern Cape 1 Region

AFM Welfare continues to extend its child protection and family preservation mandate into communities through targeted awareness campaigns, adoption education, and foster care outreach, empowering families and promoting safe, nurturing environments for vulnerable children.

Awareness Campaigns Conducted

Date	Venue	Topic	Attendance
24 April 2024	John Masiza Primary School in Walmer Township	the prevention of teenage pregnancy	111 Children
23 May 2024	Walmer Primary School	Child protection	105 parents and guardians
4 June 2024	John Masiza Primary School in Walmer Township	Tree planting ceremony as part of National Child Protection Week	81 children
5 June 2024	Walmer Primary School	Tree planting ceremony as part of National Child Protection Week	
6 June 2024	Soweto on Sea Primary School	tree planting ceremony as part of National Child Protection Week	
25 July 2024	Walmer Primary School	Mental Health Programme	87 children
26 July 2024	Soweto on Sea Primary School	Mental Health Programme	49 children
17 August 2024	Westering	Adoption Information Session	19 adults
6 November 2024	Soweto on Sea Primary School	Workshop about ADHD	61 children
7 November 2024	Walmer Township	Awareness campaign in Walmer Township about the Risks of raising children in shacks.	20 children
			Total: 533

Successes:

- ◆ 51 Prospective Foster/Adoptive parents recruited, psychosocial assessment, preparation, training, and supervision.
- ◆ 12 Adoptions were finalised.

Challenges:

- ◆ There is a long wait for SAPS Clearance Certificates which slows the adoption process down.



2.4 Umanelisi Community Development Programme: Work with and through Churches and Communities

Rooted in faith and driven by compassion, the Umanelisi Community Development Programme continues to serve as a vital **bridge between churches and communities**, mobilizing local assemblies to uplift vulnerable individuals through practical support, outreach, and holistic care.





2.4.1 The following Affiliates were Serviced:

The following projects were contacted for reporting and supporting purposes:

Project	Assembly	Beneficiaries/ Reports	Volunteers
Vusithemba	Mzamba Casino	2 elderly people offered Home Bases Care services 1 wheelchair purchased. 30+ elderly persons were given lunch, fruit trees to plant. Outreach programs and awareness campaigns in Schools and during Conferences. 1 family assisted with the renovations after a storm. 2 students who Matriculated were assisted with funds while they wait for financial assistance.	7
Ngokholo	Tsolo Village	86 families (100 adults and 31 children) 37 referrals to other stake holders 69 adults received counselling.	3
Thembelihle	Sinelizwi	174 children are fed monthly through Drop-in Centre program. Total =2088 a year	2
Jire Charity Project	Maranatha Assembly	4 families were assisted with the building of the shelters, household contents and monetary assistance.	7
TOTAL		Adults = 243 Children = 2127	19

Most of the projects **did not report** as the reports were mostly compiled during project visits (Monitoring). The reason for this is that the methods of sending reports is expensive as well as the fact that rural areas have challenges with the availability of technology and network problem in general.

ECD Statistics:

Most AFM Welfare ECDs and affiliated ECDs were monitored telephonically during this period.

Name of the project	Province	No. of volunteers	No. of beneficiaries
Makukhanye ECD	EC	2	40
Jire Pre-School	EC	2	32
Dwala lam	EC	2	35
Rising star ECD	EC	3	31
Phakama	EC	3	67
Pride and Joy ECD	EC	4	70
Barnaviya ECD	GP	4	22
Zimisele Educare	KZN	5	35
Sibane Pre School	KZN	4	47
TOTAL	9	29	379 (X12 = 4 548)

Care for elderly:

Project	Assembly	Beneficiaries	Volunteers
AFCOSA	AFM Nomaheya	20	2
TOTAL		20 (X12 = 240)	2

Care for the disabled:

Project	Assembly	Beneficiaries	Volunteers
Masiphakamisane	CBO	110	2
TOTAL		110 (X12 = 1 320)	2

TOTAL IMPACT: BENEFICIARIES: 2 277 monthly; VOLUNTEERS: 204; MEETINGS: 43

General statement

Supporting the work in the Eastern Cape remains challenging; however, we are encouraged by the resilience and commitment of projects that remain engaged and seek guidance when needed. Their willingness to consult reflects a maturing spirit of development and a deepening sense of ownership.

Some initiatives have discerned that the time has come to operate independently, a natural and welcome stage in the growth journey. As facilitators, we celebrate this transition, recognizing it as a sign of empowerment and sustainability.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all projects that are actively transforming lives, within their teams, among their beneficiaries, and throughout the communities they serve.

Ultimately, our measure of success is not found in numbers alone, but in the ripple effect of meaningful impact: changing one life, then a family, a neighbourhood, a community, a province, a nation, and ultimately, the world.

2.4.2 REPORTS BY AFM REGIONS WITH WELFARE REGIONAL STRUCTURES

2.4.3.1 UMZIMVUBU REGION - EC

The **Umzimvubu Region Welfare Department** is committed to serving vulnerable families and communities through practical support, partnerships, and faith-driven compassion. Below is a summary of the key initiatives and activities undertaken during the reporting year.

◆ Regional Welfare Conference & Workshop

The AFM of SA Umzimvubu Region hosted a Welfare Conference and Workshop on **19–20 July 2024**, attended by **162 participants**. Representatives from the **Department of Social Development, SASSA, and the Department of Health** were also invited, contributing to discussions and strengthening collaboration between the church and government stakeholders. This event provided valuable training, networking, and inspiration for assemblies to strengthen their welfare outreach.

◆ Support to Vulnerable Families in Tombo

- **Family Funeral Support:**

At the request of Pastor Dilata, the Welfare Department assisted a destitute family with no financial means to bury their loved one. Through the Tombo Assembly Welfare and *Outside the Walls*, the family was supported with a dignified funeral. During the visit, serious challenges were identified, including:

- Absence of parents and unemployment in the household.
- 21 children living in the home, with several lacking official identification documents.

- **Flood-Affected Family:**

On the same day, another family in Tombo was visited after their home collapsed due to flooding. Children had been temporarily sheltered by neighbours, and through advocacy by Pastor Dilata and *Outside the Walls*, government intervention secured a temporary structure for the family. This household was also affected by poverty and documentation challenges.

- **Follow-up Support:**

Both families were revisited, and groceries valued at **R3,000 per family** were provided. Community leaders attended the visit and expressed deep appreciation for the AFM's presence and contribution to their community.





◆ Umzimvubu Welfare Day

On 27 April 2025, the Umzimvubu Region encouraged all assemblies to dedicate the day to practical welfare activities. **Twenty-three (23) Assemblies** participated, engaging in acts of service such as feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and supporting families in need. This marked a significant step in embedding a culture of compassion and community impact across the region.

◆ Support to Goso Foster Cluster Care Scheme

On 28 April 2025, the Welfare Department visited the **Goso Foster Cluster Care Scheme in Lusikisiki**, providing groceries to the value of **R6,000** to assist in the care of vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

◆ Conclusion

The Umzimvubu Region is privileged to serve through welfare ministry. These visits and initiatives not only highlight the overwhelming needs of our communities, but also demonstrate the AFM's commitment to bringing hope, dignity, and support to families and children facing poverty, disaster, and vulnerability. We remain prayerful and dedicated, trusting God to strengthen us to do even more for His glory.



They continued to motivate their members as follows:

Why the Welfare Programme was Designed

The national AFM office facilitated the national organized structures down to the regional level, eventually down to the assembly level where most people are more likely to benefit to this program.

- The AFM church fulfils God given mandate that tends to be neglected for at times.
- Vulnerable children, orphans, needy, widows, elderly etc, are beneficiaries of the program. Matt. 25:35-40 states that if you help the needy you help God himself.
- The book of Ruth highlight that Boaz would leave some food while harvesting some crops for the benefit of the poor.
- The early church seniors treated elder people with respect, filled with holy spirit and wisdom, that facilitated this program eg. Stephen (Acts 6:7). AFM Welfare stands to fulfil that expectation and empower all the AFM members with compassion to do the same.
- We understand our God as the father of orphans and husband to widows (Jehovah Jireh).

How To Start

Assemblies organize themselves, form a structural analysis, choose a relevant project to service members' needs. Although our priority is on our members, we do not discriminate against other community members. The program also serves as the evangelical tool.

Affiliate To National Executive Welfare Council

R500 per year as an assembly project commitment fee.

Benefits Of Welfare Executive Council Affiliation.

- Networking for supporting, getting information, training, funding etc.
- All assemblies are encouraged to affiliate their welfare initiatives.
- You get affiliation certificate after payment of R500 commitment fee, to use it to get donation.
- Executive Welfare Council serves a reference in time of need, guidance, support etc.
- Reports are submitted to the AFM Welfare national every month.





Our church as part of the government and social partner is expected to partake. It may be the reason why it is allowed to fundraise and exempted from taxation. When we report, the government will know and respect AFM.

The resolution was taken by National Welfare Council to continue to request at least R1 per month from each AFM member equal to R12 per year.

NPO - Non-Profit Organization

- Register with Department of Social Development
- Comply with government legal requirements.
- Narrative report submitted: Annual Report, Audited Financial Report, AGM Minutes, AGM attendance register and Bank statements to be attached.
- Benefits: Funding

2.4.3.2 Ekuphumleni Region - EC

◆ Annual Welfare Empowerment Conference

On 21–22 February 2025, the Ekuphumleni Region hosted its **Annual Welfare Empowerment Conference** at AFM Mount Ayliff, a gathering marked by inspiration, collaboration, and spiritual renewal. The event brought together leaders, practitioners, and congregants with a shared commitment to uplifting communities through faith-driven welfare initiatives.

The conference featured a **powerful lineup of speakers** whose messages resonated deeply with attendees: Past. Bongiwe Naile, CEO of AFM Welfare, Ms. Ntohome Skhosana, Mrs. P. Mtyingizane, and Mr. L. Makhamba. Each brought unique perspectives rooted in lived experience, professional expertise, and community engagement. Past. V. Jolobe, the host of the event, anchored the gathering with warmth and spiritual depth, fostering an atmosphere of unity and encouragement.

2.4.3.3 Better Life Network – Gauteng

◆ Better Life Network: Faith in Action Across Communities

The Better Life Network (BLN) assemblies have demonstrated extraordinary compassion and commitment throughout 2024, embodying the spirit of “faith in action” across diverse communities. Their collective welfare efforts reflect a church deeply rooted in service, unity, and love.

◆ Highlights from Assemblies

✓ **AGS Rayton** hosted a vibrant Welfare Weekend, blending joyful fellowship with tangible support. Activities included a water fun day for children, communal meals, and monthly food parcel distributions. Their ongoing contributions to CMR Cullinan and AFM Welfare underscore their commitment to sustained impact.

✓ **AFM Sunnyside (Oasis)** focused on eliminating hunger through weekly vegetable distributions, Hot Food Fridays, and large-scale events like Heritage Day and the Food Tower Challenge. Their Winter Mission Possible provided much needed blankets and clothing to those who needed it most. Their creative initiatives, including a Guinness World Record attempt, reflect innovation in service.

✓ **AFM Leratong** celebrated key moments, Mother’s Day, Youth Day, Women’s Day, with gifts, meals, and heartfelt outreach. Their Welfare Weekend featured food parcels, clothing drives, and open-air ministry, impacting over 200 individuals and reinforcing the church’s role as a pillar of hope.





- ✓ **AFM Kwagga Bethel** carried out a deeply personal act of service by caring for an elderly community member, Mkhulu Skosana. Their hands-on support touched not only his life but inspired his neighbours.
 - ✓ **AFM Potters House** extended their reach through grocery and clothing donations, support for the Botshelo ba Mama Foundation, and an autism awareness session. Their recognition of pensioners and thoughtful Christmas packs added warmth and dignity to the festive season.
 - ✓ **AFM Cullinan** conducted outreach to an orphanage in Refilwe Township and continued monthly food parcel distributions, closing the year with prayerful anticipation for greater impact in 2025.
- AFM Eersterust** launched a food bank under the theme “Ubuntu: Changing Lives for Good.” Their fundraising efforts and practical support, including rewiring a congregant’s home, demonstrate a proactive and holistic approach to welfare.
- ✓ **AFM Enhakkore** ministered to the homeless with soup, soap, and the gospel, resulting in five souls repenting. Their generosity extended to single mothers and the AFM Welfare Council.

◆ Closing Reflection

The BLN assemblies have sown seeds of hope, dignity, and transformation. Their stories are not just reports, they are testimonies of love in action. As we reflect on these contributions, we are reminded that the church is not confined to walls, but lives and breathes in the streets, homes, and hearts of our communities.



3. CONCLUDING REMARKS

As we close this chapter of service, it would be remiss not to pause and offer deep **gratitude to those who have journeyed with us**, faithfully, sacrificially, and with unwavering commitment.

◆ **To our Heavenly Father**, who continues to sustain us with grace, wisdom, and strength. It is a privilege to serve in this part of His vineyard, **where compassion meets calling** and every act of care becomes a reflection of His love.

◆ **To the National Office Bearers and the National Leadership Forum**, thank you for your steadfast oversight, strategic guidance, and spiritual leadership. Your support anchors our work and inspires our vision.

◆ **To our Chairperson, Dr. Weideman and the Executive Welfare Board members** - your counsel and encouragement during complex and shifting seasons have been a source of clarity and courage.

◆ **To the Anchor Assemblies and Committees**, who shoulder the responsibility of our CYCCs, Foster Homes, and Residential Facilities for Older Persons, your faithfulness in stewardship is deeply appreciated.

◆ **To our Management Teams**, whose dedication ensures that our children and older persons receive not only professional care but dignity, warmth, and respect. Your excellence is evident in every detail.



◆ **To our affiliated assemblies and projects**, thank you for entrusting us with your vision and allowing us to walk alongside you in service and support of the vulnerable in our communities.

◆ **To our dedicated staff**, whose professionalism, compassion, and commitment ensure that every child, elder, and family receives care that is both excellent and deeply human. Your consistent service is the heartbeat of AFM Welfare.



◆ To **our volunteers**, whose generosity of time, spirit, and skill brings light into places of need. Your willingness to serve, often quietly and sacrificially, continues to ripple through lives and communities in ways that cannot be measured but are deeply felt.

This year has reminded us that true impact is not measured by numbers alone, but by the **quiet transformation of one life, one family, one community at a time**. Though challenges persist and the future may feel uncertain, we remain anchored in faith and fuelled by hope, trusting that with God's help, **AFM Welfare is stepping into a season of renewal, innovation, and deeper impact**.

As Scripture encourages us, *"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not give up"* (Galatians 6:9). **May the seeds sown in faith, compassion, and perseverance continue to bear fruit in the lives of those we serve**. May every volunteer, staff member, leader, and partner be strengthened by the knowledge that their labour is not in vain. And as we journey forward, **may God renew our vision, restore our strength, and multiply our impact**, so that we may serve with humility, lead with courage, and love with intention.

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4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Attached as Annexure 1



Past. Peter de Witt (CFO)



Past. Rudi Coertzen (Treasurer)