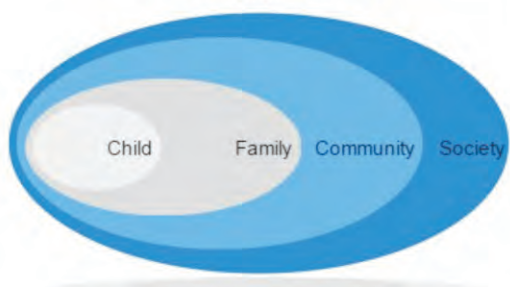




# A Model Intervention for preventing child abuse and neglect in South Africa

Services to address child abuse in SA remain fragmented. COPESSA aims to make a difference by providing holistic services for child abuse prevention.

## Our Approach



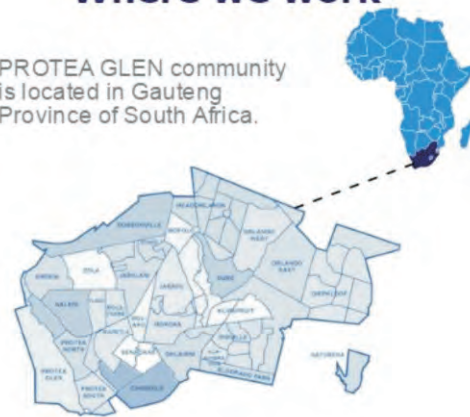
Through a comprehensive approach, COPESSA addresses abuse risk factors at four levels based on an Ecological Model

## Our Services

- Counseling and providing medical assessment of abuse survivors  
*\* Secondary & tertiary prevention*
- Creating sustainable community development programmes and projects  
*\* Primary prevention*
- Training, building capacity and conducting research  
*\* Primary & quaternary prevention*

## Where we work

PROTEA GLEN community is located in Gauteng Province of South Africa.



## The Protea Glen context

**75,363**

Total Population



Female population



Unemployment rate



ASSAULT	<b>345</b>
SEXUAL CRIMES	<b>100</b>
CHILD ILL-TREATMENT	<b>11</b>

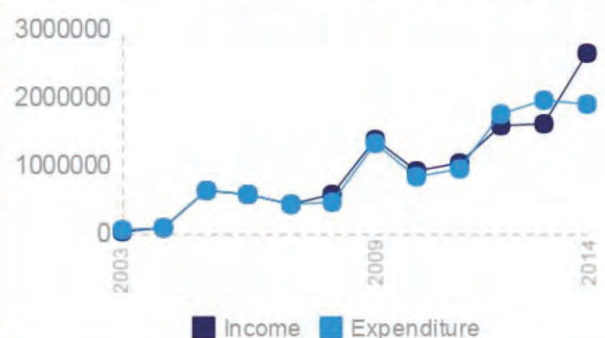
Average reported cases per year since 2011

## COPESSA provides award winning projects in the community

- 2011**: Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year
- 2012**: Agri Business Award
- 2013**: MmaTshepo Khumbane Award
- 2014**: Professional Provident Society Women of the Year



COPESSA has mobilised funding to meet the growing community needs  
**...BUT to continue providing comprehensive services COPESSA needs new sources of income**



Income Expenditure

# Going Beyond Primary Prevention: Results since 2004



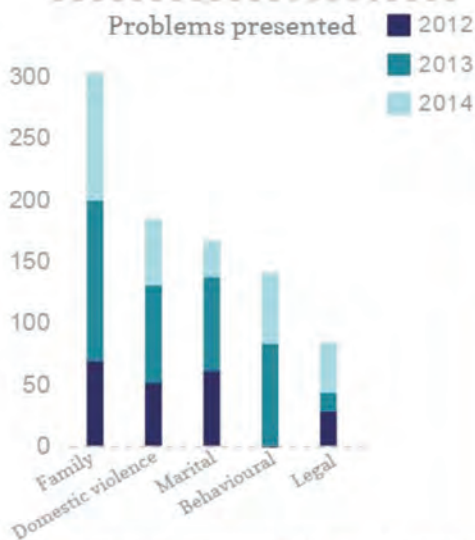
## Individual

### Counselling services and medical assessments

to increase access to screening, care and support services for victims and perpetrators of abuse

**82** Medico-legal assessments

**2,444** Counselling



## Community

### Community development and income-generating projects

to improve social cohesion and reduce effects of socio-economic status on abuse

**19** Gardening

**178** Women of worth sewing

**888** After care programme

**34** Families receiving food parcels

**60** People per day @ Health Park and Gym

**Income generation:** "The respondents earn an income selling their vegetables to members of the community and the local supermarket. The garden also supplies fresh produce to the children at the local school."

**Social Cohesion:** "The horizon on friendship has widened. We are already a family."



## Training

### Research and training

to strengthen the capacity of support staff and volunteers who provide abuse treatment, care and support services in the community



**More than 200 lay counsellors, and more than 30 peer counsellors trained**

COPESSA has a collaborative approach to training staff and volunteers by providing direct training or training facilitated by an external organization.

Multiple trainings such as HIV Management, advanced Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT), and adherence counselling Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) was provided to enhance the quality of COPESSA services.

**..."It taught me that in life, I always have a choice, I'm not a victim."**



\* due to data access limitations prior to 2012, some monitoring data is only available from 2012

## The difference COPESSA has made

- increased access to treatment, care and support services for victims of abuse
- developed an award winning model to address the causes and effects of abuse
- strengthened social capital among community members
- created opportunities for skills development and income-generation
- developed capacity of individuals to provide treatment, care and support services to victims of abuse

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