June 2015 UPDATE: CASES AT Al-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

Listed below are the **June 2015** overview of the types of cases presenting at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre. In total 35 victims were assisted through counselling and/or referrals at 239 Durban Road Office for the month of June, not including the figures from the Port Elizabeth courts. *Please note: Follow up cases are not listed here.*

1. A couple approached the centre for help. Her husband has recently been diagnosed with cancer. With both of them currently unemployed the financial situation has been strained along with the emotional stress of his diagnosis.
2. A single mother of a disabled child seeking advice about a school for children with special needs. She was referred to the relevant schools and advised about applications to these schools.
3. A couple experiencing relationship problems as a result of their 32 year age difference. The relationship has caused friction amongst their families with added stressors including one partner’s disability and HIV status. Close to the brink of suicide, the thought of her child’s future without her prompted this mother to continue with counselling.
4. A family requiring counselling; having gotten a court interdict against an abusive husband who retaliated by evicting the family (wife and children) from the home.
5. 51 year old female physically assaulted by her adult son. Despite having obtained a protection order, she fears for her life as the police are unable to determine his whereabouts.
6. 67 year old pensioner experiencing socioeconomic distress as her pension is the only income in the household supporting 3 adults.
7. A mother of two, walked out on her abusive husband; trying to come to terms with the financial implications and trying to find employment.
8. 63 year old mother residing with her daughter who is physically and mentally abused by an ex-husband.
9. 30 year old widow, having lost her husband in a motor vehicle accident, dealing with financial and emotional stress and the pressure of five children to support.
10. A 51 year old grandmother who was on trial for alleged murder: the victim has been released on condition of good behaviour. The support she has received from the parents of the deceased (alleged murder victim) has helped ease her mind.
11. 62 year old male undergoing regular blood transfusions in a quandary as he has lost his job and is experiencing feelings of depression and helplessness as he is unable to support his family.
12. 52 year old female separated from her husband due to religious disagreements.
13. A 22 year old male, suicidal as a result of parental conflict which ended in divorce. The tension between himself and a step parent has exacerbated the situation for him.
14. Single mother of 2 seeking assistance as she is in dire financial straits