

FEBRUARY 2020 UPDATE: CASES AT AL-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

28 victims recorded for the month of February 2020 at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre, 239 Durban Road, Korsten. Referrals included: Al-Fidaa Skills Development Centre, Housing Department and Legal Aid.

The following are brief summaries of some cases seen:

1. Despondent female reported that her life partner is allegedly financially abusive towards his step-children. Client disclosed that she is forced to find employment in another town and leave her children with a family member so she can support her children financially.
2. Worried female sought assistance as a family member applied for full custody of her children where she feels she is able to sustain her children independently. Client was referred to Family advocate and Legal Aid.
3. Female reported that she was dismissed from her previous employment and fears that she could lose custody of her child as she is unable to provide for the child's needs. Client was referred to Al-Fidaa Skills Development Centre.
4. Elderly female disclosed that her family is dependent on her old age pension. According to the client, her adult children are unable to find employment. Client disclosed that she is under a lot of pressure to provide for the family and her pension is expected to sustain the family.
5. Minor requiring counselling to help him deal with the death of his biological parent. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
6. Elderly male reported that he is under financial pressure to sustain his adult children with his old age pension. None of his adult children are employed and he is currently bearing the living expenses.
7. Unemployed female requires counselling for her child who is struggling to adapt to his new environment. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
8. Unemployed and homeless male reported for counselling. Client disclosed that he had to flee the family home as gangster activity was rife in the area.
9. Differently abled and frustrated male feeling unsupported by family as he struggles to face life challenges. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client as he struggles to come to terms with his circumstances.
10. Female requires assistance as she has to care for her elderly parent. Client informed that her siblings have the means to assist financially, but they refuse to assist their parent, leaving her as the sole provider and caregiver, shouldering all the responsibilities.

11. Desperate male needs assistance with a family member who allegedly tried to kill him and his wife. Client was referred to Department of Social Development.
12. Elderly female involved in a land dispute with a former landlord. Client has no proof of agreements made between herself and the landlord, resulting in a stalemate. Client was referred to the Housing Department and Legal Aid.
13. Unemployed mother of 1 reported that she does not receive assistance from the child's biological father. Client has no skills and is finding it hard to find any employment, casual or permanent. Client was referred to the Al-Fidaa Foundation Skills Development Centre.
14. Unemployed female is seeking accommodation as she is currently residing in an overcrowded home and feels she cannot live in those conditions.
15. Male enquired about financial assistance with training or a training institution where he could enrol so he can improve his chances of obtaining employment. Client was referred to the Al-Fidaa Foundation Skills Centre.

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