

### JUNE 2016 UPDATE: CASES AT AI-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

A total number of 35 victims for the month of June 2016 seen at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre 239 Durban Road, Korsten and the satellite office container based in Schauderville. Issues like crime, domestic abuse/violence, substance abuse, HIV, illness (chronic and terminal), grief, teen pregnancy, abandonment of children by parents, unemployment and financial worries continue to be high on the list of problems victims approach our centre with. Below is a brief summary of several cases:

1. 80 year old widow with the responsibility of supporting her sister's grandchildren. Her only source of income is her pension and she is struggling to make ends meet.
2. A 44 year old unemployed single mother of 2 approached the centre on a family matter; 5 years ago a relative of the victim absconded leaving 3 children behind. She approached the centre for assistance.
3. 38 year old HIV positive single female residing in a shack, having recently contracted tuberculosis. Victim is not permanently employed and is at times without any food to accompany her treatments.
4. 20 year old victim seeking counselling after informing her parents of her pregnancy. As a result, the victim's family broke ties with her, abandoning her on the street. She was taken in by a relative and has not had any contact with her parents at this point.
5. 34 year old mother of 3 residing with her mother after her separation from her former husband. According to the victim, her former husband's behaviour including domestic violence and substance abuse is the contributor to the separation. The victim is suicidal with anger management issues. She was referred to the Kwanobuhle Outreach One Stop Centre.
6. 58 year old widower residing alone and suffering with tuberculosis for the past 2 years. The victim is depressed; struggling emotionally and financially. His daughter resides in the outbuilding with her husband and children but according to the victim, is not willing to assist him in any way.
7. 35 year old widow and mother of 3 battling to make ends meet. The victim's husband was murdered and was the sole provider up to the point of his demise. She now finds herself coming to terms with the loss of her spouse and having to keep the roof over her family's heads.
8. 46 year old mother of 2 diagnosed with cancer after the birth of her child and underwent treatment. The recent recurrence of the cancer has brought up intense fear and anxiety resulting in severe emotional stress.
9. 38 year old single female residing with her mother. Victim is still grieving the loss of her former partner who was gunned down in their home last year during a robbery shoot out.
10. 38 year old single employed mother of 3, seeking referral for her son with an addiction problem. The victim was referred to SANCA.
11. 32 year old divorced male recovering from substance abuse and addiction, attempting to make amends with his former spouse, who refuses to reconcile their differences.
12. 38 year old female victim of a severe motor vehicle accident sustaining severe burns to her limbs after the vehicle caught alight. The victim suffered with physical ailments as well as post traumatic stress.

13. 49 year old single male residing with a family member. Victim was recently diagnosed HIV positive and will be seeking treatment.
14. 32 year old unemployed father and husband seeking assistance. The only source of income is the child support grant of a child. Victim acknowledges the responsibility of taking care of his family but is finding it hard to secure employment.
15. 52 year old single mother grieving the loss of her son. The victim has not come to terms with the loss a year after his demise.
16. 47 year old wife and mother the sole breadwinner in the family. Her husband and adult children do not contribute to the household.
17. 49 year old unemployed male dealing with the after effects of a divorce. Financial concerns, the sale of his home and maintenance expenses to his former spouse, contributed to his anxiety and stress.
18. 22 year old female recently evicted from her home by a family member with no explanation. Victim's mother passed away and she has no support from her father, whom she hasn't seen in over a year.
19. 59 year old male feeling the pressure and burden of providing for a large family. He feels his efforts are unappreciated by family members.
20. 58 year old unemployed mother of 2 battling to find work. The victim's own mother is currently in hospital and seldom has food to eat. The victim and her children sleep regularly at the hospital to save on transport costs to and from the hospital.
21. 63 year old pensioner couple heartbroken by the ill treatment they receive at the hands of their children. The couple rely on a pension and are battling with unforeseen expenses including maintenance and repairs on their home. They feel their offspring are aware of their struggles but refuse to assist or empathize in any way.
22. 52 year old female contacted the centre regarding a family members children residing alone in her outbuilding. The mother of the children abandoned them and has not made any effort to contact the children or the victim. The victim has been providing for the children in the meantime.
23. 19 year old male living in a physically abusive home environment seeking counselling. He has been advised on the correct avenue to seek further help but his main concern is the abuse his mother may be enduring at the hands of his father.
24. 30 year old male who resided with his mother until her passing a few years ago. The victim has been experiencing some emotional upheaval due to his estranged father coming back into his life with the news that he has remarried and victim has two siblings. The news of his father's cancer has added to his stressors.