

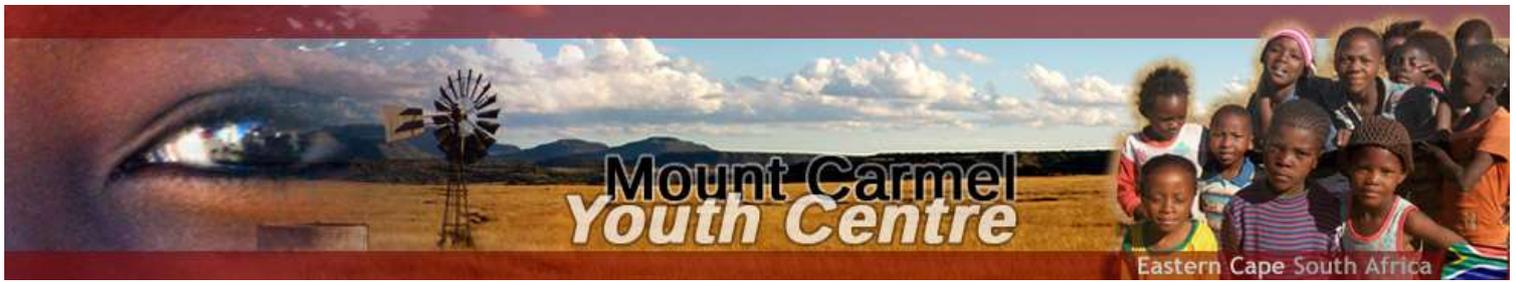
"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children" *Nelson Mandela*



MountCarmel **Youth Centre**

Aliwal North - Eastern Cape - South Africa





Project Presentation

August 2011

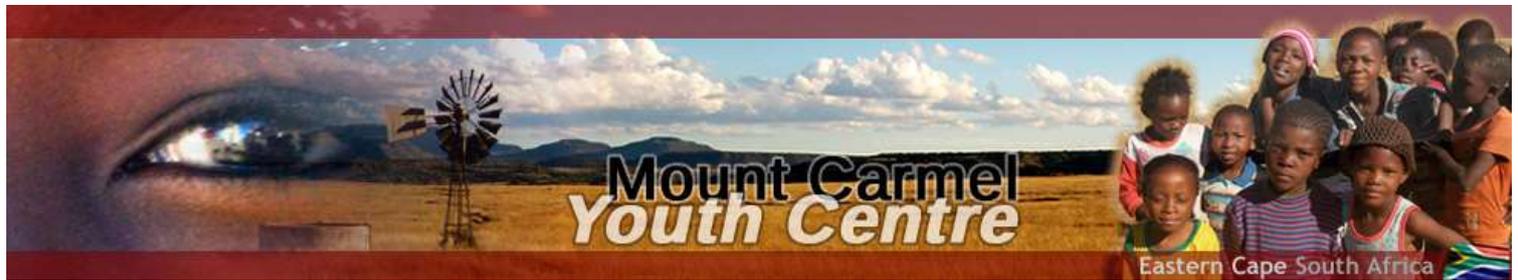
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I. The Project

A. Introduction

Mount Carmel Farm is located in Eastern Cape, 16km outside **Aliwal North** on Queenstown N6 road. It was donated to the Diocese on the 1st of January 2011 by the **Holy Cross Sisters**. One of the intentions of their original donor, Mr and Ms Smith in 1948, was that it should be used as a place of **formation**. Due to dwindling numbers of sisters the congregation decided to offer the farm to the Diocese.



Figure 1: Aliwal North Eastern Cape South Africa



Figure 2: Mount Carmel existing buildings

The Diocese is concerned to be faithful to the will of the original donor and by the way formation is very much at the heart of the diocese concerns. The Diocese manages general formation and education of the population as a response to the poor school. The formation aspect goes further to human formation and skill training which can in future also include simple professional skills.

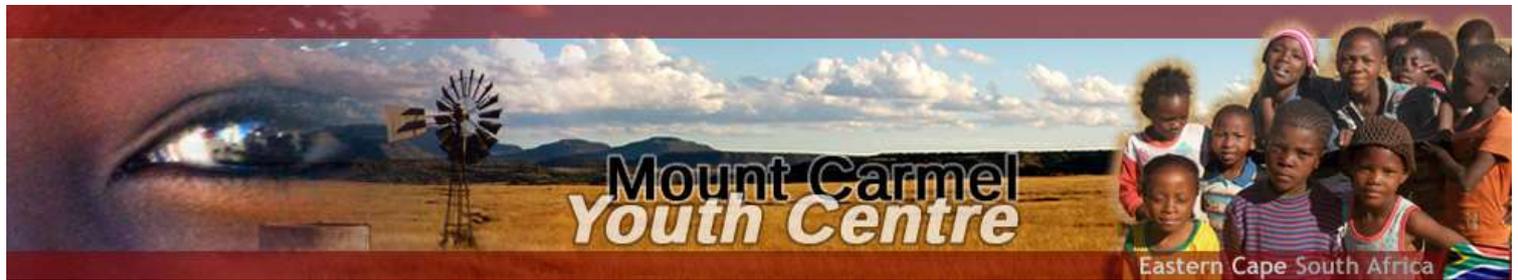
The centre is located in a nice and quiet **countryside** area with a wide sightseeing. This situation makes it the **perfect place to manage** formation and retreats. With its 16km distance to town the centre is far enough to forbid extra excursions (also in order to buy alcoholic beverages) during courses and it is close enough to be easily accessible.



Figure 3: Map of existing and upcoming buildings

The centre consists of several existing buildings previously used as a convent, a school and a farm: sleeping rooms, dining room, guest house, chapel, barn, cottage, classrooms and a hall. Most of these buildings need renovation work





and or extension in order to better serve the purpose of the centre.

A vegetable-garden is providing fresh food for the farm people. It is at present under development and expanding, getting an underground irrigation system for some 1 ½ ha.

B. Target Group

The **children** and **youth** are the primary target group and beneficiaries of the project. In a comprehensive approach it also targets those concerned with children, parents, teachers, crèche personnel...

(See I.D Social environment page 5).

90% of the target group are **black people** and **10%** are **coloured**.



Figure 4: Kids from "Area 13" Township in Aliwal

C. Purpose of the centre

The centre has its focus on **youth and children** and the people working with them such as **teachers** and **crèche** personnel. The latter shall help to develop proper commitment and quality services together with a great **ethos** that makes a difference from other **crèches** and **schools**.

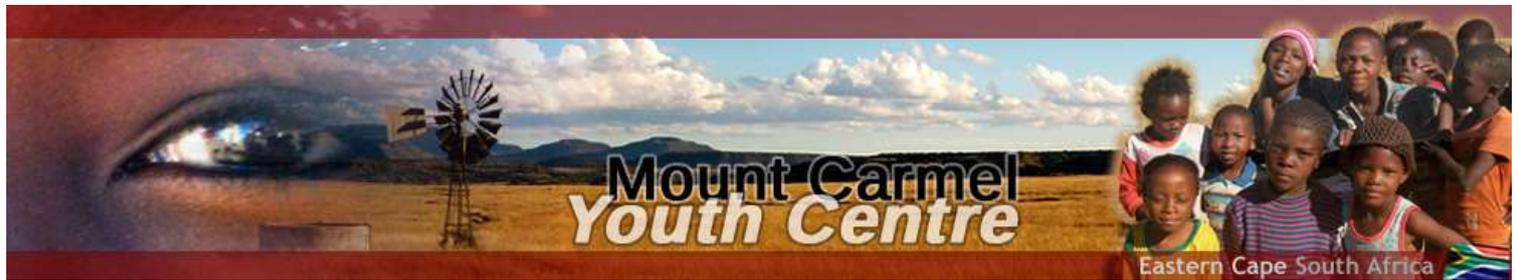
The Diocese of Aliwal has many projects addressing the youth and the general situation. A big emphasis lies on **Education for Life** in order to address HIV/AIDS related issues. Recently the issue of **human trafficking** became focus of the awareness programs, yielding some success even among the adults.



The centre will provide space for children and youth, with a special concern for OVCs coming from the many **HIV/AIDS** projects within the Diocese, to spend time in an **alternative environment** in order to enable experiences that are different from the usual township-style exposure; **new life skills** shall be acquired. The centre will also serve e.g. the care-givers and the **orphans** and **vulnerable children** within the context of our AIDS projects, working for a perspective of hope. It serves already for camps and weekends, bringing together children from the scattered communities within the Diocese of Aliwal. Themes dealt with in a variety of methods are human trafficking and **conflict management**, in particular with a view of **domestic violence**.

Formation programmes for the youth are planned with the support of among others organisations. **Life skills** are a priority as well as enhancing the culture of learning. A special area of training is the **Marimba** Project which aims at getting young **people off the streets**, helping them developing skills, enjoying making music and marketing themselves at





functions in order to make some income. One element of the programmes will be **social development through sports**. We got simple sport-fields that need still further developments. They are sought after even by the Department of Sports and Culture as a place that is away from the townships where nearby pubs have a disturbing and disruptive influence on spectators and even players.

The centre will also serve for training for specialized ministries. One outstanding area is the **prison ministries**. Practice and intention is the involvement of communities in these ministries. This needs training for such lay people



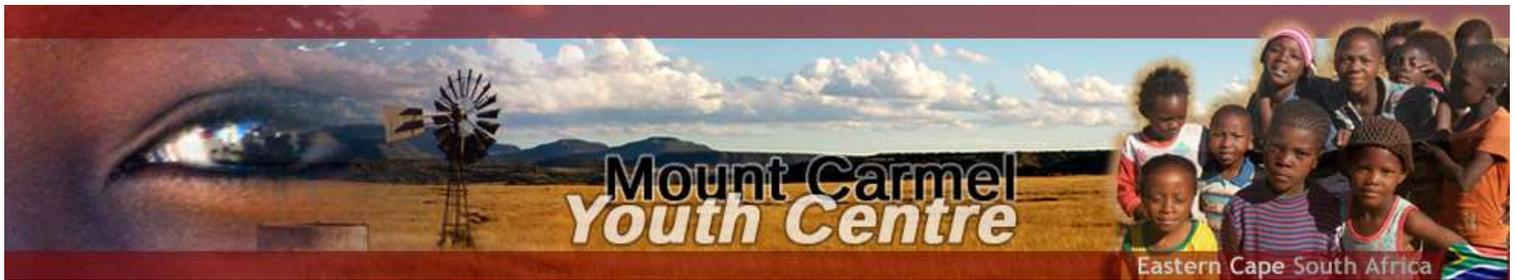
Figure 5: Marimba Project

getting actively involved as well as for communities. The area of prisons is a very sensitive one given the situation of overcrowding and violence within the prison system.

D. Social environment

Aliwal North is located in the impoverished Province of the Eastern Cape. **Unemployment** is high, **emigration** is high and job-opportunities are few. The **schooling system** is **poor** with low outcome in final exams. **HIV/AIDS** has a major impact on the life of the people. **Many children are born out of wedlock** and have no proper experience of family and role-models. **Criminality** is high even among the youth; **domestic violence** is widespread. In this area, many proper facilities are missing, such as sport facilities and formation centres. In fact, there is **no facility that can reasonably accommodate formation events** in the whole area.





II. The Needs

A. Construction



Upcoming buildings

1. Facilitator's accommodations
2. Dining Hall
3. Tuck Shop & Laundry
4. Youth accommodations
5. Supervisor's unit
6. Football & Sports field

Existing buildings

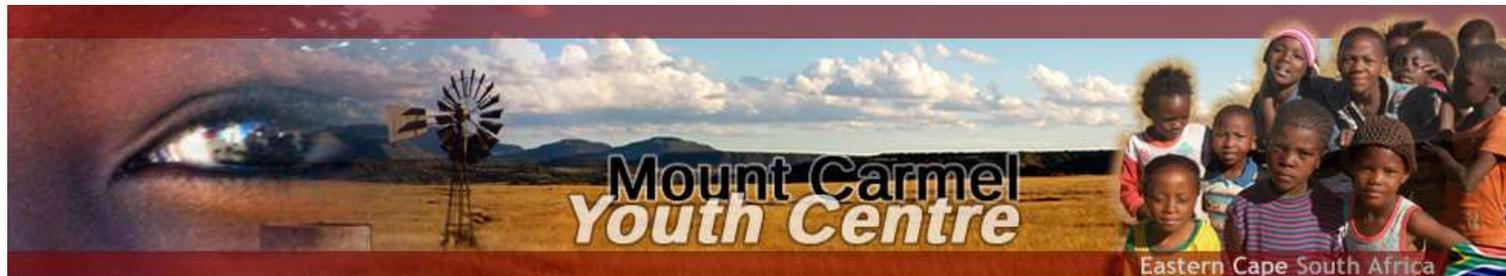
7. Hall
8. Convent and Chapel
9. Former school
10. Farm

At present all this happens under very **primitive conditions**. The building structures need urgent upgrading to make it suitable for the centre purposes. New buildings have to be constructed to provide accommodation, sanitation and a place for dining.

With the help of overseas donors by the end of September we will start building proper accommodation-blocks with sanitary facilities (we have no proper toilets and washing facilities), facilitator accommodation, refurbishing existing rooms and building a laundry.

BUT we urgently need to build a **dining hall** with kitchen in order **to cater** in an acceptable and **hygienic way**. We use at present the former farm-church as hall for conferences and as dining hall. The former sacristy serves as a make-shift kitchen. This situation has to be improved in order to secure undisturbed workshops/trainings and to avoid reorganising the hall several times a day. Moreover, the planned dining hall will also provide the much needed toilets for day events next to the existing hall.





B. Finances

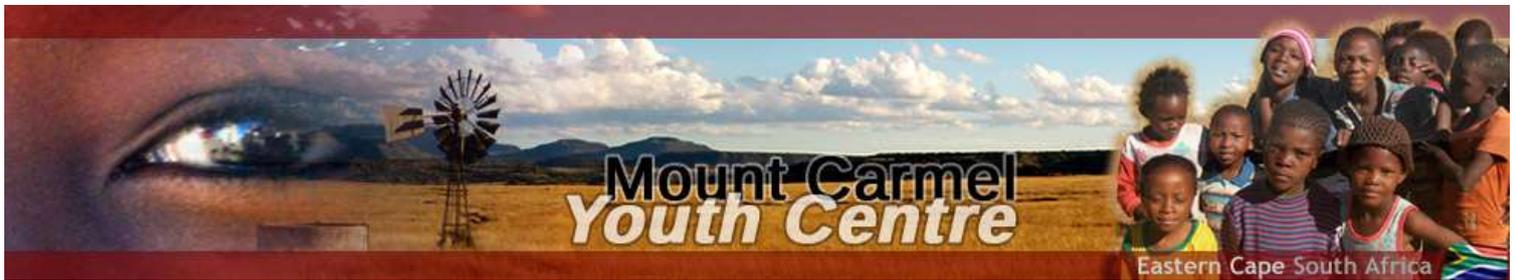
We have already started to fundraise for the dining hall and its equipment. We are expecting positive answers from overseas donors without any certainty. Anyway, this will not be enough to cover the needs. We need **local contribution** to enable the project to start. Here is the breakdown of our financial needs and donors:

EXPENSES	South African Rand	Estimated €
Building dining hall (including toilets)	R 1 073 220.50	112,000.00 €
Equipment hall (kitchen, tables ...)	R 450 000.00	47,000.00 €
Total	R 1 523 220.50	159 000.00 €

INCOMES		
Overseas donor (approached)	R 191 650.00	20 000.00 €
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Overseas donor (approached)	R 383 290.00	40 000.00 €
Overseas donor (approached)	R 479 120.00	50 000.00 €
Donations in kind (equipment)	R 47 910.00	5 000.00 €
Local contribution	R 229 600.50	24 000.00 €
Total	R 1 523 220.50	159 000.00 €

We are open to any **communication actions** that will enable donors to take as much advantage as possible of our partnership.





III. The Applicant

A. Who are we?

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Name of account: Aliwal Diocese

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Current Account

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