



**COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION**  
**NOT FOR PROFIT COMPANY & ORGANISATION ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 2022**

**SECTION A**

**NPC REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 2017/422875/08

**NPO REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 203-137 NPC

**ORGANISATION NAME:** Courage Child Protection

**REPORTING PERIOD:** March 2021 to February 2022

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## SECTION B

### PREAMBLE:

Courage Child Protection NPC & NPO was launched in May 2018, and is a child protection and empowerment community programme. The primary aim of the programme is to support and improve the gatekeeping functions of child protection officers. As a secondary benefit, Courage is also used as a means to engage with and empower communities and learners to identify and solve the child protection challenges they are experiencing on a day to date basis.

COVID Lockdown continued for most of this financial period, with level 2 being implemented in October 2021 and finally coming to an end in April 2022. This made in-person-workshops extremely challenging for Courage, however, this time was spent productively, developing online child protection videos, in support of our training process. We developed a self completion online training questionnaire for child protection officers, parents, community members, and learners.

We also developed an organisational database and a newsletter to drive activity to our online videos and training opportunities.

### ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS FOR REPORTING YEAR & HOW OUR BENEFICIARIES BENEFITED:

ONLINE VIDEOS, EDUCATION & NEWSLETTER	BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES
<p>Using the principle of ‘multiple channels for learning’, Courage embarked on creating a range of videos, hosted on YouTube, to bring child protection to life for its various target audiences. The following videos were created and distributed both on social media (1100 followers) and to the Courage database (976 subscribers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Story of Courage, 18 July 2021 – A comprehensive video on the development of the Courage programme and toolkit shared on the 21 July 2021 via our first newsletter (Time to Take Courage), which introduced the programme and our new website.</li> <li>• A focus on Teenage Pregnancy, 21 August 2021 – A video describing puberty, menstruation, consent, birth control, sex, conception, foetal growth in-utero &amp; birth.</li> <li>• A focus on Teenage Pregnancy, 21 August 2021 – A video describing the different options available to someone experiencing a</li> </ul>	<p>The content of these videos is extremely valuable to our beneficiaries in the child protection community. In total 3221 people have engaged with our newsletter and our videos have been watched 1487 times since being launched. Details of these videos can be found below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Story of Courage, 18 July 2021 (173 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/jKudap1lUbl">https://youtu.be/jKudap1lUbl</a></li> <li>• Sex, Conception &amp; Pregnancy, 21 August 2021 (214 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/zLbX5r47U6U">https://youtu.be/zLbX5r47U6U</a></li> <li>• Option Counselling for Crisis Pregnancy, 21 August 2021 (99 Views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/CIFFov2N3A4">https://youtu.be/CIFFov2N3A4</a></li> </ul>



crisis pregnancy, who they should talk to, and guidance on how to advise someone in this predicament.

- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day, 9 September 2021 – A video detailing what FASD is, the worrying statistics that exist in SA, the key drivers of this challenge, and advice on how to prevent it moving forward.
- Sex and gender identity, 15 October 2021 – A video exploring concepts of sex and gender identity, acceptance, and how to prevent discrimination, including understanding gender transitioning and the use of pronouns.
- 16 Days of Activism Daily Video Campaign – A new video was launched every day from the 25<sup>th</sup> November to the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 covering the following topics:
  1. How to run a Courage Child Protection Workshop, Day 1, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
  2. Creating an Empowered Child Protection Vision, Day 2, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
  3. Identifying our Child Protection Challenges, Day 3, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
  4. Understanding our Child Protection Challenges, Day 4, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
  5. Creating Empowered Child Protection Strategies, Day 5, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021
  6. The Courage Child Protection Process, Based on the Children’s Act Day 6, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- FASD Awareness Day (56 views) see <https://youtu.be/USZXItM79hw>
- Sex & Gender Identity, 15 October 2021 (208 views) see [https://youtu.be/rs\\_rz8yFMdY](https://youtu.be/rs_rz8yFMdY)
- How to run a Courage Child Protection Workshop (71 views) see <https://youtu.be/dOz6Vi4sm0I>
- Creating an Empowered Child Protection Vision (46 vies) see <https://youtu.be/3FP3dJZAQZo>
- Identifying our Child Protection Challenges (58 views) see [https://youtu.be/s-NU\\_75ba6o](https://youtu.be/s-NU_75ba6o)
- Understanding our Child Protection Challenges (67 views) see <https://youtu.be/QdBJDilx68>
- Creating Empowered Child Protection Strategies (27 views) see <https://youtu.be/GJBDEhfMTnk>
- The Legal Child Protection Process (65 views) see <https://youtu.be/A60tCdDZRuQ>



<p>7. Identifying Child Protection Community Partners, Day 7, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>8. Linking Rights to Responsibilities and defining Values, Day 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>9. Child Protection Action Planning, Day 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>10. Sex, Conception &amp; Pregnancy Day 10, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021</p> <p>11. Option Counselling for Crisis Pregnancy Day 11, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>12. What to do if you find an Abandoned Child, Day 12, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>13. The Process of Adoption, Day 13, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021</p> <p>14. Positive Parenting, Day 14, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>15. Understanding the Rights &amp; Needs of Children, Day 15, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021</p> <p>16. What you can control during a Pandemic, Day 16, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying Child Protection Community Partners (18 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/-WW8Mr-n-R4">https://youtu.be/-WW8Mr-n-R4</a></li> <li>• Linking Rights to Responsibilities and defining Values (18 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/sXdJdL_glcE">https://youtu.be/sXdJdL_glcE</a></li> <li>• Action Planning (69 Views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/PNKXXXc1AKY">https://youtu.be/PNKXXXc1AKY</a></li> <li>• Sex, Conception &amp; Pregnancy (214 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/zLbX5r47U6U">https://youtu.be/zLbX5r47U6U</a></li> <li>• Option Counselling for Crisis Pregnancy (99 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/CIFFov2N3A4">https://youtu.be/CIFFov2N3A4</a></li> <li>• Abandoned Child CP Process (43 views) see - <a href="https://youtu.be/1FHZMLRAb8k">https://youtu.be/1FHZMLRAb8k</a></li> <li>• The Process of Adoption (100 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/NvLLnInMe2U">https://youtu.be/NvLLnInMe2U</a></li> <li>• Positive Parenting (73 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/2_QB0wM_Zok">https://youtu.be/2_QB0wM_Zok</a></li> <li>• The Rights &amp; Needs of Children (63 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/1gKT_t4L_oA">https://youtu.be/1gKT_t4L_oA</a></li> <li>• What you can control during a Pandemic (37 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/AQDBNCo1ZMI">https://youtu.be/AQDBNCo1ZMI</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>CHILD PROTECTION RESEARCH, LOBBYING &amp; ADVOCACY</b></p>	<p><b>BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In support of our role as child protection advocates, Courage developed a detailed video on ‘The State of Child Protection in South Africa in 2021’. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This was launched prior to the National Children’s Act Amendment Hearings on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and watched widely.</li> <li>○ It was also used by representatives of opposition parties in the Portfolio Committee to advocate for change.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed information was shared with child protection officers and community members on the state of child protection in South Africa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The original video (1091 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/vwkpuP-9YU">https://youtu.be/vwkpuP-9YU</a></li> <li>○ High resolution video (90 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/hUoiPV7uKIY">https://youtu.be/hUoiPV7uKIY</a></li> <li>○ November re-edit (274 views) see <a href="https://youtu.be/z8l63XNb1Es">https://youtu.be/z8l63XNb1Es</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The video was edited and reposted on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, to address the assertion by legal representation of DSD, that there was no pressing need for adoption in South Africa.</li> <li>● Dr Dee Blackie presented an oral submission to the Gauteng Regional Hearings on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</li> <li>● Courage partnered with For the Voiceless (Robyn Vorster) and Baby Savers SA (Nadine Grabham &amp; Whitney Rosenberg) in briefing members of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on the need for a “Safe Relinquishment Law” (as an alternative to unsafe abandonment).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Highlighting the importance of adoption, calling for statistics on child abandonment, and the need for a safe haven law.</li> <li>● Courage hosted and facilitated a meeting between the various parliamentary stakeholders, advising them of the desperate need for an alternative to unsafe abandonment.</li> </ul>
<b>COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION ENGAGEMENT &amp; TRAIN-THE-TRAINER WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES</b>
<p>Courage Child Protection train-the-trainer workshops were conducted with the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kavod Trust Makhanda Workshop (3 June 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eluxolweni Children’s Shelter</li> <li>○ Child Welfare Grahamstown</li> <li>○ Gadra</li> <li>○ St Mary’s DCC</li> <li>○ Holy Cross School</li> <li>○ St Andrews Ingwavuma</li> <li>○ DSG</li> <li>○ Rhodes University Community Engagement</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Outreach Foundation (12 August 2021)</li> <li>● ABBA Adoption – Positive Parenting (10 November 2021)</li> <li>● Yes I Can ECD Training (18 November 2021)</li> <li>● Africa Tekkun Child Protection Policy &amp; Courage Training (15 – 17 February 2022)</li> <li>● For All God’s Children (23 February 2022)</li> </ul>	<p>As with all Courage Child Protection Training, this workshop helps participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop a vision for themselves, their family, their community or organisation based on children’s rights and developmental needs.</li> <li>● Identify what drives and what prevents all or particular child protection challenges in their community.</li> <li>● Understand and prioritise their child protection challenges and how they show up.</li> <li>● Develop empowered strategies to drive change.</li> <li>● Understand child protection and safe-guarding processes.</li> <li>● Identify and develop win/win community child protection partnerships.</li> <li>● Develop guiding values and principles to ensure the delivery of their child protection vision.</li> <li>● Develop a detailed action and implementation plan to ensure meaningful and sustainable change.</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makhanda Child Protection Forum Launch &amp; Training (25<sup>th</sup> February 2022)</li> <li>• North West University Post Grad Students (16 March 2022)</li> <li>• Islamic Careline (17 March 2022)</li> <li>• Windybrow Market Theatre Community Art Centre (31 March 2022)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Over 80 Toolkits were distributed to facilitators over this period to continue training the Courage Child Protection principles and practice in the communities they serve.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY BASED CHILD PROTECTION FORUM SUPPORT</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following on from the Kavod Trust Courage training workshop for Child Protection Week 2021, Courage was approached by St Mary's Development &amp; Care Centre and Rhodes University Community Engagement to facilitate the launch of a Makhanda Child Protection Forum.</li> <li>• The inaugural meeting was attended by representatives from five local schools, Child Welfare, the SA Police Service, Rhodes University Community Engagement (RUCE), the Makhanda Circle of Unity, Grahamstown Business Forum and local media.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courage facilitated the first training workshop and donated 10 toolkits for participating organisations to use in their stakeholder and community engagement efforts moving forward, see <a href="https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-makhanda-unites-for-childrens-rights/">https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-makhanda-unites-for-childrens-rights/</a></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COURAGE ONLINE TRAINING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES</b></p>
<p>On the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Courage launched its online training portal, where various stakeholders can engage in online training of the Courage Child Protection Programme for free. The training is tailored to a range of different audiences, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Protection Officers, which includes doctors, nurses, teachers, coaches, social workers, police officers, in fact any adults who have a role to play in a child's growth and development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The training takes participants through a number of informative videos and then asks them to complete a range of questions related to their community, or the community that they work in.</li> <li>• Child Protection Officers Online Training see: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RTFCQF">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RTFCQF</a> participants can request a certificate on completion of the training which they can use to apply for CPD points.</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent and Community Member Training Questionnaire.</li> <li>• Learner and Student Training Questionnaire, which is designed to understand young people’s perspective on child protection in their community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Members Online Training see: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKZ6W MQ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKZ6W MQ</a></li> <li>• Learner and Student Online Training see: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39NRC DH">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39NRC DH</a> participants can request a certificate on completion of the training which they can use to apply for Community Service Points at their school, college or university.</li> </ul>
<b>SECTOR PARTNER ENGAGEMENT</b>	<b>BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES</b>
<p>Courage offers strategic support to a number of NPO’s in the child protection sector. Organisations that benefited from strategic support over this period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Children’s Theatre</li> <li>• The Adoption Coalition of South Africa</li> <li>• The Adoption Companion</li> <li>• For the Voiceless</li> <li>• Baby Savers South Africa</li> <li>• KT Cares</li> <li>• Africa Tekkun</li> </ul>	<p>Courage assists with issues such as organisational structure, strategic focus, brand positioning and project delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brand positioning and strategic focus.</li> <li>• Strategic focus for Amendment Hearings.</li> <li>• Content for training.</li> <li>• Strategic focus.</li> <li>• Brand positioning and strategic focus.</li> <li>• Content development and support.</li> <li>• Child protection policy.</li> </ul>
<b>ACCADEMICS AND CONFERENCES</b>	<b>BENEFIT TO BENEFICIARIES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MA Thesis 2014 – Sad, Bad &amp; Mad: Exploring child abandonment in South Africa</li> <li>○ PhD Dissertation 2020 – Anomaly: An anthropology of atypical children</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Post Graduate lecture on PhD research - MSC Neurodevelopmental Workshop on Autism, Wits University Public Health (8 June 2021)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2101 Reads, 24 Citations (Researchgate.net &amp; Accademia.edu)</li> <li>• 302 Reads, 1 Recommendation (Researchgate.net &amp; Accademia.edu)</li> <li>• Innovative insights were shared with students and professionals into the lived experience of atypical (neurodiverse) children.</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on PhD research at the SA-ACAPAP 2021 Congress (Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions).</li> <li>• Joined the 'Reimagining-Reproduction' team at the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship (University of Pretoria) as a research associate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posted online, 28 July 2021 (192 Views) See <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEn7rXDTfZE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEn7rXDTfZE</a></li> <li>• Future pan-African research focus for Courage methodology.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEDIA &amp; MARKETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BENEFIT TO BENEFICIARIES</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Autism Awareness Day   Dembe Ndou communicating through music, 3,571 views, 2 April 2021, see <a href="https://youtu.be/vXaPSvZvtq8">https://youtu.be/vXaPSvZvtq8</a></li> <li>• World Autism Day   Highlighting the need to improve quality of life of those with autism, 269 views, 2 April 2021, see <a href="https://youtu.be/lFih8yREXng">https://youtu.be/lFih8yREXng</a></li> <li>• Eskort advert: Making adoptees the butt of a tone-deaf 'satirical' ad leaves a bad taste – Daily Maverick, 9 May 2021, see <a href="https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionist/a/2021-05-09-eskort-advert-making-adoptees-the-butt-of-a-tone-deaf-satirical-ad-leaves-a-bad-taste/">https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionist/a/2021-05-09-eskort-advert-making-adoptees-the-butt-of-a-tone-deaf-satirical-ad-leaves-a-bad-taste/</a></li> <li>• Eskort ad criticised for 'othering' adoptees, 2,016 views, 11 May 2021, see <a href="https://youtu.be/DeBtUnTVi8w">https://youtu.be/DeBtUnTVi8w</a></li> <li>• Various radio interviews of CPW 2021</li> <li>• Makhanda unites for children's rights, Dispatch Live, 26 March 2022, see <a href="https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-makhanda-unites-for-childrens-rights/">https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-makhanda-unites-for-childrens-rights/</a></li> <li>• Veil of silence over abusive practices has to end, says child protection researcher, Dispatch Live, 26 March 2022, see <a href="https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-veil-of-silence-over-abusive-practices-has-to-end-says-child-protection-researcher/">https://www.dispatchlive.co.za/news/2022-03-26-veil-of-silence-over-abusive-practices-has-to-end-says-child-protection-researcher/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness around autism spectrum, including the importance of screening.</li> <li>• Awareness around autism spectrum, including cultural issues of stigma.</li> <li>• Addressing negative cultural perceptions around adoption in South Africa in the context of the Children's Act Amendment Hearings.</li> <li>• As above</li> <li>• Facilitating the launch of the Makhanda Child Protection Forum</li> <li>• Addressing the challenge of patriarchy in child protection.</li> </ul>





## SECTION C

### LIST OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANY CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION:

TYPE OF MEETING	YES	NO	NO. OF MEETINGS	COMMENTS
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	1			25 October 2022
Special General Meeting		No		
Board Meeting	2			12 August 2021, 14 October 2021
Others		No		

### CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

No changes were made to the Courage Child Protection Constitution over this reporting period.



**COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2022

ASSETS	RANDS	LIABILITIES	RANDS
Current assets:		Current liabilities:	
Cash	R17 874-23	Accounts payable (none)	
Petty cash	R1000-00	Wages (none)	
Inventory	63 500-00	Interest (none)	
Supplies	R3 000-00	Taxes (none)	
Total current assets	R85 374-20	Total current liabilities	R0-00
Investments:		Long term liabilities:	
None		None	
Property & equipment:			
None			
Intangible assets:			
Goodwill			
Trade Names			
Total intangible asses			
Total assets	R85 374-20	Total liabilities	R0-00



## COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT

FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2022

INCOME	RANDS	EXPENDITURE	RANDS
Donations	R0-00	Salaries (None)	-
Toolkit & Service Fees	R25 500-00	Toolkit production and printing	18 086-00
		Materials for Courage Workshops	R5 600-00
		Consulting Services	R7 250-00
		Accounting Services	R7 380-00
		Professional Membership	R250-00
		Banking	R1036-00
		Operational expenses	R12 000-00
		Cellphone/Data	R2 640-00
		Petrol	R6 000-00
		Office supplies	R5 000-00
Total	R25 500-00	Total	R65 242-00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & TAKE COURAGE!