



CABSA

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Message from our Chairperson



Rev Sean Esterhuizen

We cannot pretend that nothing is wrong or tell others to put aside their frustrations. Instead, we must use a language of resilience, one that says, “as tough as circumstances are, we will get through this together.”

In everything we do, we recognize that success is founded on partnership.

As CABSA we aspire to continue equipping and supporting faith communities to enable them to realize the full potential of local partnerships to react to the needs of their communities regarding HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. We are making every effort to end AIDS as a public health crisis by the year 2030 and encourage faith communities to live up to the commitments made to the global goals of Zero New Infections, Zero AIDS Related Deaths, and Zero Stigma and Discrimination.

This we do whilst access to resources is limited and thus our emphasis and appreciation of our current partners and partnerships as is reported on in this annual report.

To build resilience, we cannot deny difficulty. We can't pretend that nothing is wrong or tell others to put aside their frustrations. Instead, we must use a language of resilience, one that says, “as tough as circumstances are, we'll get through this together.” It guides others to create hope and generate a sense of control through their actions.

Together we can usher in a new era that is more just, resilient, and inclusive of all.



Message from our Director



Aneleh Fourie Le Roux

"I do not know if I will witness the end of the HIV pandemic. I do not know how much longer CABSA will be able to serve faith and marginalised communities. But I do know that the same God who carried us through the COVID-19 pandemic, still journeys with each of us today."

When I paged through this annual report, I was almost surprised to see photos where we are wearing masks and recalled all the challenging workshops we conducted on COVID-19 vaccine readiness. Can it really be only a year ago when we started to breathe freer from the COVID-19 pandemic? And this also leaves the question, are we also breathing freer when it comes to the HIV pandemic?

The answer is complicated, because with early access to medication, an HIV diagnosis does not have to be a death sentence and therefore we can dream with UNAIDS about the end of AIDS as a public health crisis by 2030. Also, the increased use of ARV medication for HIV prevention, has the potential to reduce new HIV infections significantly.

This is good news, for CABSA, for everyone living with HIV and for communities and churches who are empowered through this information and services. However, there is still a huge gap between what is possible and what is real in Southern Africa.

According to UNAIDS 250 000 adolescent girls and young women acquired HIV in 2021 and 82% of them live in sub-Saharan Africa. In South Africa there were 575 new HIV infections every day and between 130 and 230 AIDS related deaths per day.

At present, it is estimated that 8,5 million people are living with HIV in South Africa alone.

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We are deeply grateful to each of you who have been journeying with CABSA and who supported and enabled us in different ways.

It is my prayer that this God, our God, will breathe over us and continue to nurture the seeds CABSA planted and watered to bloom as beacons of hope, love and transformation amidst the HIV pandemic.



Staff and Governance



Bianca Truter-Botha



Meloney Solomon



Aneleh Fourie
Le Roux



Tanatswa Gwande



Clive Swartz

CABSA coordinates and implements our services with a very small permanent staff component, and we are deeply grateful for the assistance of part-time and ad hoc staff, contractors and board members who are critical for our governance and the impact of our ministry.

In 2022 we were ushered into a fresh and more efficient approach to marketing, monitoring and evaluation and office administration through the skills of Tanatswa and Bianca who joined CABSA in part-time contracts.

CABSA remains committed to sound governance. This is ensured by management policies and procedures and the director is assisted by the Board that is ultimately accountable for the implementation of CABSA's aims and objectives.

Full-time Staff

Meloney Solomon (Office Coordinator)
Aneleh Fourie Le Roux (Executive Director)

Part-time Staff

Clive Swartz (Trainer and Bible Message)
Tanatswa Gwande (Social Media and Marketing)
Bianca Truter-Botha (Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator)

Staff assisted by:

Jolene Cloete (Finance)
Mpho Lekgetho (Hope & Support)
Mpho Mbeki (Trainer)
Hugenote Media (Web and Newsletters)
Anneke Boshoff (Volunteer editor)
Jasmijn Hanekom (Volunteer office admin)

Fundraiser Volunteers:

Cloetie and Jannie Fourie (Greeting Cards)
Yolanda and Jan Botha (Music Evening)
Warren Joubert and Shaun Johannes (Music Evening)

CABSA Board (31st December 2022)

Rev Sean Esterhuizen (Chairperson)
Rev Shaneeze Dilgee (Treasurer)
Ms Aneleh Fourie Le Roux (Executive Director)
Mr Molteno Cameron
Mr Denshir De Koker
Prof Vhumani Magezi
Dr Sipho Mahokoto
Ms Toni Zimmerman

A special word of thanks to Rev Clive Swartz for his unique contribution, especially to the HIV Farm Project, and for your loyalty to CABSA. We wish him well on his new journey. After serving on the CABSA Board since August 2009, we also greeted Ms Nomvuyo Baba in 2022. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude towards her for the many years she contributed to the well-being of CABSA.

Thank you for your service, Clive and Nomvuyo | Welcome Bianca and Tanatswa

Introduction

CABSA's Churches, Channels of Hope Programme was piloted in 2002 and implemented since February 2003. Over the years it has become the main vehicle through which CABSA serves and equips faith and marginalised communities to respond comprehensively to the changing challenges HIV, AIDS and related issues pose in our communities.

This programme consists of different elements that are all designed to build the capacity and resilience of faith and community leaders, and peer educators to be channels of hope in their respective churches, communities, workplaces, peer groups and families.

A variety of different training and workshop curriculums is available as part of the Churches, Channels of Hope Programme. CABSA is grateful to report that in 2022 we were able to offer four of these curriculums: HIV Facilitator Training, Peer Educator Training, COVID-19 Vaccine Workshops and Faith and Community Leader Workshops.

Facilitator training

This training equips faith leaders, spiritual workers and pastors with the knowledge and skills to lead their congregations and/or communities towards a comprehensive and competent HIV response within a framework that acknowledges and engages with the intersection between other related issues like gender-based violence (GBV), gender equity, poverty and substance abuse.

We are thankful for our continued partnership with Diaconia that makes this training possible. In 2022 we welcomed eight faith leaders from the Northern- and Western Cape at Stillebosch Retreat to be trained as facilitators. That is eight congregations and/or communities, who can now be empowered to respond responsibly to the HIV pandemic. During the six-day course, spanning over two blocks, participants are trained, not only in facilitation, but also how to address the physical, spiritual, systemic and theoretical aspects of the pandemic in a holistic way.



Feedback:

(I learned) there are stats, but stats are real people. 'Living stones' #realitycheck

(The training) compelled me to take part in addressing the pandemic in my congregation. It gave me an approach of how to (approach) this difficult issue

"I have learned or come to the conclusion that we as facilitators have a great role to play in Church where this topic is (often) a taboo"



Covid-19 Vaccine Workshops

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In 2022 CRS (Catholic Relief Service) utilized CABSA's services to co-facilitate nine COVID-19 vaccine workshops in three provinces of South Africa, five in the Eastern Cape, two in Gauteng and two workshops in KwaZulu-Natal.

CABSA, in partnership with CHABAHIVA Trust and World Vision International, facilitated another nine in-person, one-day COVID-19 Vaccine Workshops in two provinces of South Africa, two in the Northern Cape, and seven in the Western Cape.

These 9 workshops were attended by 165 participants, including faith leaders and it is anticipated that they would be able to share accurate information with at least 3000 people.



Nonhlanhla Maclare (CRS),
Aneleh Fourie Le Roux
ana Sana Ramone (CCoH Facilitator)

HIV Faith Leader Workshop

The HIV Faith Leader Workshop aims to empower faith and community leaders with basic essential information regarding HIV and how it intersects with the other more urgent challenges perceived in a local community.

In 2022 CABSA was approached by the South African Council of Churches, Emalahleni representative, with the urgent request to train faith leaders in this municipal district in the Eastern Cape. With the support of the CHABAHIVA Trust, it was possible to offer three workshops in this area that were attended by a total of 135 people.

This is the first time CABSA witnessed such an eagerness and desire to learn more in one community and it confirms the need for accurate and relevant HIV information in the Chris Hani District Municipality, but possibly also in other rural communities.



Rev Vazi (seated left) from the Methodist Church requested and organised the workshop. Rev Mkhwambi (standing) from the Anglican Church expressed their gratitude at the closing ceremony.

Feedback

"The workshop was very educational and thought provoking"

"Such things as HIV stigma/GBV aren't popular(ly) talked about, while they are the most challenging that we are facing in our daily life."

"The knowledge I got from the workshop was very educational and empowering. Most importantly it was encouraging."

"The way people look at HIV positive people needs to be changed, we have to treat them with love and support them."

Peer Educator Training

CABSA developed two slightly different versions of the Peer Educator Trainings: one aimed at the workplace and one aimed at faith communities, including adolescent girls and young women. This training aims to equip employees, young people or leaders as peer educators who can in turn reach out to friends, families and colleagues with accurate information, healthy attitudes and responsible and supportive behavior.

In 2022 CABSA was privileged to offer the Peer Educator Training twice. We are grateful for the partnership with CHABAHIVA Trust who is committed to Peer Educator Training as a tool to invest in communities.

Gauteng

In August, CABSA offered the Five Day Peer Educator Training to a group of women from the south of Johannesburg. It was a first ever for CABSA to have women whose ages ranged from 25 to 81 in the same training. What a wonderful privilege it was to share this space with a student, retired teachers and nurses, NGO leaders, community members, activists and members of the Mondeor Methodist Women's group!



Eastern Cape

In 2022 CABSA was fortunate to finally expand its network in the Eastern Cape and facilitate the Peer Educator Programme in the Oliver Tambo district municipality. Twenty-five young people were trained as peer educators in the village Ngcengane, outside Mthatha.

We are grateful to the CHABAHIVA Trust for making this possible and also want to note that CABSA's presence and activities in the Eastern Cape was further strengthened by our partnership with Diaconia, and cooperation with the Catholic Relief Service.

Peer Educators in Action

CABSA's Farm project was introduced in the Cape Winelands District Municipality in the Western Cape in 2016. Induction into this project is a 40 hour peer educator training, followed by regular mentoring and follow-up meetings as well as an annual one day refresher training. In 2022 two refresher trainings were offered, one in Wellington and one in De Doorns



CABSA continued to mentor and support peer educators and they were challenged to initiate and conduct community activities where they live and work. CABSA Peer Educators organised 15 Community Events in De Doorns (reaching 454 people), and 5 Community Events in Wellington (reaching 169 people).

We would like to thank CHABAHIVA Trust and Otto Per Mille for their continued support, especially in the mentoring and follow-up of existing peer educators. The fact that a number of peer educators who were initially trained in 2016 and 2017 are still active, is testimony to the value of a comprehensive project that offers support and investment beyond the initial training. The workplace training is central to the HIV Farm Project that CABSA implements as part of a project agreement with CHABAHIVA Trust.

During each of these events different pamphlets were distributed courtesy of the Christian Literature Fund. Thank you very much!

CABSA Peer Educator, Elizabeth Fredies, commented after hosting a Gender-based Violence community event: *"(During this event I learned) the importance of my role as Peer Educator in the lives of others... I make a difference and when I journey with them, they realise that they are not alone."*



CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FUND
CHRISTELIKE LEKTUURFONDS

CABSA continues to offer a weekly online message: A Bible Message in a Time of HIV

This message is based on the Revised Common Lectionary Texts for the next Sunday and available to anyone who registers online or requests the service from admin@cabsa.org.za. For AIDS Candlelight Memorial Sunday in May and World AIDS Day in December the message includes a special liturgy that can be included in or adapted for church services.

We would like to thank everyone who wrote a message for us, and also the Diaconia AIDS Task Group for partnering with us for the development of the liturgies. We also value and enjoy the feedback from our subscribers:

“Thanks for always sending us your regular prayer letter. We are happy to hear from you often. We appreciate you for forging strong relationships and we look forward to strengthening such organizational relations Our prayer is to seek God's intervention to receive the necessary support you need to continue working for vulnerable people who live with difficult circumstances as the result of HIV...

- Rev Marc Karta, CIDAL, Monrovia, Liberia

“Thanks for the good message that you sent us for Easter week, all blessings reach everyone in our community and we profit from sending our condolences to people suffering by the effects of the flood in KwaZulu-Natal!

- Déo Nkuzimana

“This was a very nicely done reflection with her clear call to consider our own part in such a story. And thanks for your faithfulness in organizing and sending these reflections so faithfully.

- Hope Carter (Kenya partner through the Kijabe AIDS Education Project)



“Thank you for sharing. The revelation passage is a constant reminder that God is working in our midst, in my life to prepare for eternity. Our earthly suit may wear out but our heavenly garments continue to shine brighter as we grow in our faith. Thank you for staying faithful in sharing these messages

- Brenda Etukei, Kenya



We cannot address gender equity and GBV without doing advocacy. We cannot address HIV and Gender, without including the youth. We cannot engage the youth while ignoring their vulnerability and especially the risk of HIV infection for young adolescent girls and women.

Gender

CABSA had the opportunity to nominate participants for the Faith Leaders Gender Transformation Programme that was organised by Faith in Action and aimed to equip faith leaders as agents of change in their faith communities. Mpho Lekgetho, CCoH Facilitator in Kuruman, grabbed the opportunity wholeheartedly and finished the ten month programme.

"I really want to thank you for connecting me with the FLGTP team. I will forever be grateful."

"What stood out for me is how participants engaged in the topic when we were outlining the issue of the use of power, privilege and positionality. Sharing their personal experiences of gender-based violence and also admitting that society has taught us to normalise the abuse."

Mpho actively promoted the Thursdays in Black campaign in Kuruman and journeyed with a group of women from her community.

Youth

CABSA's youth engagement was a highlight in 2022. From young people who voluntarily attended workshops and trainings even though it did not specifically target them as youth, youth work and social auxiliary work students who visited the office for information, pamphlets and condoms, a student volunteer, young staff members with their creativity, energy and new skills, the peer educator training in Mthatha that was initiated and organised by the inspiring young woman, Asafika Gqiba Sweleni to a small group of very young adolescents (VYA) and youth attending a holiday workshop in Lusiskisiki. CABSA is inspired by our youth and motivated to empower more young people through our services.



Advocacy

CABSA continued to use our training and workshops to promote awareness about gender-equity, gender-based violence and the Thursdays-in-Black campaign.

CABSA played an active role in the Gender Justice Task Team of the Dutch Reformed Church regional West and Southern Cape Synod and is a member of We Will Speak Out.

However, for CABSA advocacy extends beyond gender when we advocate for the dignity, rights and worth of every human being.



Mpho Lekgetho

Networking and Collaboration

It is an undeniable fact that as churches, faith-based organisations, NPOs and civil society, we need one another to work together towards healthier communities where we create synergy, strengthen our shared visions and work towards God's kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

CABSA is grateful for valuable partnerships, cooperation and support from different organisations and churches, membership to different forums that strengthen our capacity and reach.

Collaboration Highlights

Churches, Channels of Hope Manual Meeting

In January CABSA and AIDSLink were able to meet again for the first time in four years for what used to be our annual check-in and work session with our license partner, AIDSLink International. It was a privilege to meet the new AIDSLink director, Joshua Chishala from Zambia and Nontsikelelo Esther Banzi, despite the masks and COVID-19 scare.



AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service in Person

CABSA has prepared special liturgies for Candlelight Memorial for almost twenty years. The Diaconia AIDS Task group became collaborators and in 2022 we took the step of not only making these guidelines available online, but to also organise a collective Candlelight Service at the Calvin Protestant Church in Athlone, Cape Town.



Financial Report

Financial recording is done by an external bookkeeper and monitored quarterly by the board. Financial Statements have been audited by Broodryk Kotzè Inc.

INCOME		2022	2021	EXPENDITURE		2022	2021
Churches & Faith-based Organisations	88,595	148,678	Operational Expenses	510,489	650,848		
Calvin Protestant Church	12,000	11,000	Office Expenditures	4,429	6,986		
Congregations	11,595	13,678	Marketing	5,970	49,679		
Diaconia	65,000	60,000	Capacity Building & Collaboration	4,740	1,700		
Chabahiva Trust	0	64,000	Salaries & Staff Development	480,105	581,681		
Fundraising	64,562	75,450	Other	15,245	10,802		
Functions	17,005	36,380	Project Implementation & Services	766,483	559,922		
Individual donors	47,557	39,070	Venues, Accomodation & Meals	179,036	122,336		
Contributions and Projects	1,032,017	890,613	Travelling costs	101,026	139,925		
Chabahiva Trust	808,017	556,141	Training Material & Resources	15,348	18,546		
Diaconia	111,400	253,772	Implementation & Development	412,936	194,319		
Catholic Relief Service	49,000	63,600	Consumables	31,967	-		
URCSA SKDD	40,000	-	Communication	7,912	16,860		
Helderburg Uitreik	22,800	-	Other Implementation	18,258	67,936		
Other	--	17,100					
Sales, Licence Fees & Cost recovered	22,158	54,054	Administrative Expenses	79,179	68,591		
			Banking fees	7,566	7,781		
			IT costs	37,313	27,209		
			Financial Management	34,300	33,601		
Interest received	7,887	6,986					
TOTAL INCOME	1,215,219	1,175,781	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,356,151	1,279,361		
			(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(140,932)	(103,580)		
End of year reserves	149,828	267,745					
Bank balance	148,632	267,742					
Petty Cash	1,196	3					

Thank You

CABSA would like to express our deepest gratitude to every person, church, organisation and community who journeyed with us in 2022. Thank you for your interest in, prayers and support for, and donations towards CABSA's services and activities. Thank you for every partner organisation, task team and funder who collaborated with CABSA in some or other capacity.

We are also grateful for



Hope and Support

That this project can continue to support HIV positive facilitators and peer educators with support from Helderberg Uitreik.



Youth Inspiration

That there are young people who are willing to step up and make a difference.



Five Provinces

CABSA is grateful for in-person trainings and/or workshops in 5 provinces of South Africa.

KOLPING SOUTH AFRICA



Get involved

Register for the Weekly Bible Message at admin@cabsa.org.za

Like the CABSAs Facebook Page

Make an appointment and discuss possibilities to collaborate with or support CABSAs

Consider a once-off or monthly contribution to assist with core expenses

Please pray for CABSAs staff, board and beneficiaries.

Bank Details

CABSAs

ABSA Savings Account: 9104 6741 60

Branch code: 632005

Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to help faith communities become competent in responding to HIV.

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