



# ODFL Project Prospectus

## Disabled Child Care Facility

### Tembisa Township, Johannesburg, South Africa

#### PROJECT NAME:

Reya Gona Special Needs Center for Children

#### PROJECT SUMMARY:

ODFL will build a care facility for physically disabled children in the township of Tembisa, near Johannesburg, South Africa. The project will include two wheelchair friendly classrooms, a kitchen, toilet and outdoor play area. The total cost of the project is \$8,625.



#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

One Dollar for Life (ODFL), Cuddle Trust and Rey Gona Associates.

One Dollar For Life helps American students build classrooms and other infrastructure projects in the developing world from their donations of one dollar (hence its name). Since its founding in 2007, ODFL has completed 75 such projects in nine countries in Asia, Central America, and Africa. ODFL is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit.

Cuddle Trust is a registered non-profit. Fully 95% of donations reach intended recipients. CUDDLE Trust improves educational opportunities for pre-school and first graders in townships in South Africa. It makes a meaningful, lasting impact on the lives of tens of thousands of children.

Reya Gona Associates. Reya Gona means "successfully forward" - with the idea that motion, movement, and achievement is possible even for the physically challenged child. Reya Gona was founded by local women in the township of Tembisa to address the needs of disabled children.

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## **PROJECT DATES:**

Construction will take 4 weeks to complete

## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:**

The South African government does not invest in caring for pre-school aged physically disabled children. As a result, there is a massive need for support, education and care in this area - for both the parent and the child. There are currently no facilities catering for physically disabled children in the township of Tembisa which has a population of 700,000+. There are only a few facilities available in the larger province of Gauteng (population of 12 million). Disabled children get grant money of R1500 per month to cover living costs (about \$100). This project is being viewed as a prototype with the hope that it will be the first of many centers all over Tembisa - remembering that transportation to the centers is a big challenge.

**Population:** Over 700,000 habitants in the township of Tembisa. Due to limited transportation options, the facility will mostly serve those who can be carried or brought to the center in a wheelchair. South Africa has the biggest and most high profile HIV epidemic in the world, with an estimated 6.3 million people living with HIV in 2013. HIV prevalence among women is nearly twice as high as men. Many babies are born HIV positive. Because there is a lot of shame associated with being HIV positive, women do not seek prenatal health care that in turn leads to a higher percentage of disabled babies being born.

**Economic Means:** Residents all survive below the poverty level of less than \$5 per day. They may have occasional labor work (employed on an on/off basis as domestic workers earning \$10 a day). Most are unemployed or survive on grant money (all children below the age of 18 are eligible for this assistance and it varies from \$40-\$140 per child). As soon as a person has some form of qualification or becomes a professional, they usually move out of the township and into a neighboring city to find work.

**Education level of the community:** Township community members typically attend schools in Tembisa – which are generally of a lower standard than a school in town. Persons above the age of 40 usually left school by the age of 14 or did not attend school at all. Occupations that most would apply for would be domestic workers; supervisors; factory workers; waiters; call centers . . . falling mostly into the category of menial work.

**Environment:** The area where we would like to establish the center is characterized by cement houses (RDP = Government redevelopment program houses) made of bricks and consisting of a small kitchen, bedroom, living area and a toilet. Water and electricity are generally available. People do not maintain gardens (viewed as an expense) so it is very dusty and there are minimal trees. The roads are tarred but unkept and sidewalks are non-existent. Each house is individually fenced with a lockable gate. Children often play in the streets as it is the only place where there is space. Due to high unemployment, men often sit on the street playing cardgames; gambling and drinking and women stay home to clean their homes and do washing (all hand washing). Generally it is quiet and safe during the day with the community members just busy surviving.

## **ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

In the townships, most physically disabled children are "hidden" in the homes due to ignorance and a belief that the disability is caused by the mother being "cursed". A physically disabled child is typically carried on the mother's back until he/she is too

large to carry - after which they are often left home alone while the parents go to work. Physically challenged children are being treated as being mentally challenged too - and yet with the correct education and stimulation, they could develop physical and mental skills that allow them to become independent individuals. Most people are dependent on public transport and the local taxis, buses and trains are not wheelchair friendly hence the requirement for neighborhood centers that are within walking distance.

The facility will not only provide a safe place for the children, it will also offer physical therapy, occupational therapy and educational training to both children and their mothers. The center will also include overseas and long-distance professionals and volunteers via Skype. Each classroom can accommodate 15 children and be open to provide education to the community and other mothers during non-class times.

**Costs (detailed budget attached)**

\$ 2,900	Two classrooms
<u>\$ 1,118</u>	Miscellaneous supplies for classrooms (tables, shelving, etc)
\$ 4,018	
\$ 590	Labor and transportation costs
\$ 2,610	Kitchen equipment, and other supplies
\$ 710	Toilet
\$ 695	Outdoor play area
<b>\$ 8,625</b>	<b>Total for two classrooms, kitchen, toilet and play area</b>

**ABOUT SUMMER SERVICE TRIP OPPORTUNITY:**

For the past five years, the CUDDLE Trust has welcomed student volunteers from the US to help with the projects that ODFL has funded. These projects have included upgrading preschools, installing water catchment systems, jungle gyms, funding and supplying a computer lab for occupational training and participating in food and clothing distribution. Depending on when the project is funded and construction begun, it is possible that a summer service project could be directed toward work on this project. Interested parties should check with Cathy Dwulet, Director of Global Field Operations of ODFL, to understand dates and available projects.

**ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFO:**

**Construction request and needs:**

**Need:** High

**Conditions for volunteers:** Very good. Volunteers will stay in a local bed and breakfast that is 10 minutes from the construction site.

**Location:** within the township of Tembisa

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Tembisa,+South+Africa/@-25.9974104,28.1426498,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x1e956bf9f90676c1:0xd3a0c098578f13c1!8m2!3d-26.0063121!4d28.2108827>

**Additional Info:**

Land title is owned by Ivy Rabothata  
Parent community is large and active

**Cuddle evaluation and possibilities:**

This is a good community and project for volunteers. Other than the long distance travel to South Africa, it is an easy ride on a dirt road out to the community, easy access for materials to be delivered, and security at night for safe keeping of materials. This project stands out because of the significant deficiency of existing facilities, and the impact that will be made by the construction of the center. This will be a pilot project with the hope that many more such facilities could be built within the township. Since transportation is such an impediment to care, the construction of multiple centers within walking distance is needed.

**BUDGET:** See Appendix 1, following.

## Appendix 1

### Reya Gona Special Needs Center Budget

#### 2 Classrooms

<i>Item</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per unit (rand)</i>	<i>Total cost (rand)</i>	<i>us dollars</i>
Cement (floor)	bag	40	79.2	3168	230.95
Sand (floor)	bag	40	24	960	69.98
Metal Zozo Huts (frame) 2.1m x 7m	hut	2	9000	18000	1312.20
Stable Door	door	6	1560	9360	682.34
Window panes	glass pane	16	96	1536	111.97
Wooden panelling for insulation	panel	30	104.4	3132	228.32
Paint (20litres)	bucket	4	900	3600	262.44
Lighting (bulbs & wiring)	unit	6	420	2520	183.71
Shelves	unit	4	840	3360	244.94
Lap tables	table	10	84	840	61.24
Carpets	carpet	6	840	5040	367.42
Beanbags	unit	10	360	3600	262.44
<b>Totals</b>				<b>55116</b>	<b>4017.96</b>

#### Kitchen

<i>Item</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per unit (rand)</i>	<i>Total cost (rand)</i>	<i>us dollars</i>
Metal Zozo Huts (frame) 2.1m x 2.1m	hut	1	5400	5400	393.66
Cement (floor)	bag	10	79.2	792	57.74
Sand (floor)	bag	10	24	240	17.50
Stable Door	door	1	1560	1560	113.72
Window panes	glass pane	4	96	384	27.99
Stove, pots, pans, sink, etc.	separate	1 each	misc	27435	2000.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>35811</b>	<b>2610.61</b>

#### Toilet facility

<i>Item</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per unit (rand)</i>	<i>Total cost (rand)</i>	<i>us dollars</i>
Metal Zozo Huts (frame) 2.1m x 2.1m	hut	1	5400	5400	393.66
Cement (floor)	bag	10	79.2	792	57.74
Sand (floor)	bag	10	24	240	17.50
Stable Door	door	1	1560	1560	113.72
Window panes	glass pane	4	96	384	27.99
Toilet	unit	1	840	840	61.24
Handbasin	unit	1	540	540	39.37
<b>Totals</b>				<b>8539.2</b>	<b>711.21</b>

#### Outdoor play area (cement slab)

<i>Item</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per unit (rand)</i>	<i>Total cost (rand)</i>	<i>us dollars</i>
Cement (floor)	bag	10	79.2	792	57.74

Sand (floor)	bag	10	24	240	17.50
Shade netting	unit	1	7560	7560	551.12
Sement paint (5litre)	bucket	2	474	948	69.11
				<u>8137.2</u>	<u>695.47</u>

## Other

<i>Item</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost per unit (rand)</i>	<i>Total cost (rand)</i>	<i>us dollars</i>
Transport & delivery	per km			3600	262.44
Labour (5 people per day)	per day	5	900	4500	328.05
				<u>8100</u>	<u>590.49</u>
		<b>Totals</b>		115703.2422	8625.74