

## Community questionnaire

KwaZulu-Natal has more people infected with HIV/AIDS than anywhere else in the country. The numbers of children being orphaned is a particular concern, with most welfare organisations in the area experiencing dramatic increases in requests for assistance to these children. It has become necessary that research be done to get to know what the Vryheid community thinks about the situation, and how orphan care can best be dealt with in future. In order to do so, your participation in answering the questions below will be a very necessary contribution.

**Please note: This questionnaire is anonymous. However, if you would like to discuss any part of it personally, please provide your contact details at the end of the questionnaire and I will contact you as soon as possible.**

1. Personal information:

Couples please complete male and female columns. Single people please fill in relevant column.

**Male:**

- Home language \_\_\_\_\_
- Age \_\_\_\_\_
- Residential area \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you currently employed? yes/ no
- Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you single / married/ divorced/ living with a partner/ in a relationship/ widowed?
- What is your highest school standard passed/ tertiary qualifications?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many dependent children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you receive any grants, such as disability, foster care or child support, or a government pension?  
 No  
 Yes (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you support anyone else financially? E.g. a grandmother  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Female:**

- Home language \_\_\_\_\_
- Age \_\_\_\_\_
- Residential area \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you currently employed? yes/ no
- Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you single / married/ divorced/ living with a partner/ in a relationship/ widowed?
- What is your highest school standard passed/ tertiary qualifications?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How many dependent children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you receive any grants, such as disability, foster care or child support, or a government pension?  
 No  
 Yes (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you support anyone else financially? E.g. a grandmother  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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2. We are told that northern KwaZulu Natal has one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates in the country. Have you been aware of this in your day-to-day living?  
(Please explain your answer)

- Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you think that HIV/AIDS is a crisis? Please explain your answer.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
4. What worries you the most about HIV/AIDS? (tick the two most important)
- The risk that it may be contracted;
  - The loss of productivity at work;
  - The large numbers of orphans;
  - An increase in crime;
  - The pandemic appears to be worsening, and no cure has been found;
  - Nothing worries me about HIV/AIDS. It does not affect me;
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
5. It is estimated that there are more than 885 000 orphans (a person under the age of 18 whose main caregiver has died) in South Africa. How many of these orphans do you think there are in KwaZulu-Natal at the moment?
- 12 000       45 000       100 000       150 000       200 000
- 230 000       255 000
6. How do you think orphaned children should be cared for? (Tick the two blocks you think are most relevant.)
- Be sent to children's homes/orphanages. (The nearest are at Nqutu, Babanango and Ladysmith);
  - Be kept in Vryheid with family or friends; (no foster care grant)
  - Be kept in Vryheid in **paid foster care\*** with relatives or friends;
  - Be kept in Vryheid in **paid foster care\*** with unrelated people;
  - Let the children take care of themselves;
  - Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \* **Paid foster care** means that a foster care grant of R530-00 per month is paid towards the care of the child until the child is eighteen years old.
7. Are you fostering a child at the moment, or have you ever fostered a child/ orphan before?  Yes     No
8. If you answered 'yes' above, would you be prepared to do it again? (Please motivate your answer.) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
9. When children are orphaned, do you think the older children should support younger brothers and sisters by, for example, leaving school to find employment ?
- Yes
  - No
- Please motivate your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

10. What do you think are the most important needs of a child who is orphaned? (Tick the three most important blocks)
- To place the child with foster parents who will provide love, stability and support;
  - A roof over the child's head, food and clothing ;
  - Medical treatment;
  - An education;
  - Understanding the child's needs for special treatment, like bereavement counselling;
  - Protection from exploitation and discrimination (for example, sexual abuse, child labour etc)
  - Life skills;
  - Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Whose responsibility do you think it is to care for the large numbers of orphans in the Vryheid area? (Tick the two blocks you think are most important):
- The Government;
  - Welfare, churches and non Governmental organisations (NGO'S);
  - Families of the children concerned;
  - Community members who are willing to care for these children;
  - The Abaqulusi Municipality;
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Under which of the following conditions would you be prepared to foster?
- An HIV positive child, if the child **was** related to me  Yes  No
  - An HIV positive child, if the child **was not** related to me  Yes  No
  - An HIV negative child, if the child **was** related to me  Yes  No
  - An HIV negative child, if the child **was not** related to me  Yes  No
13. Would you prefer to foster:
- An orphan; **or**
  - A child whose parents are still alive.
- Please explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. If you are not prepared to foster an orphan, what would your reason be? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
15. Please explain why you would prefer to foster:
- A boy \_\_\_\_\_
  - or
  - A girl. \_\_\_\_\_
  - or
  - Either of the above \_\_\_\_\_
16. Would you be prepared to foster an orphan of another race group?
- Yes  No

17. How long would you be prepared to foster a child for?  
 Up to two years;  
 Up to ten years;  
 Up to eighteen years;  
 Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
18. The foster care grant has to cover most of the child's costs, including food, clothing, transport, special medical care, sporting activities, outings etc. It is currently R530-00 per foster child per month. Would you be able to care for a foster child with this amount?  Yes  No
19. If you answered 'no' above, how much money do you think you would need to cover the costs of caring for one orphaned foster child every month?  
R\_\_\_\_\_
20. What services do you think the government should provide for orphaned foster children? (Tick what you think are the three most important blocks):  
 Free schooling;  
 Free medicine and access to specialists;  
 Extra payment to foster parents caring for children with disabilities;  
 Extra payment for children with special abilities, like those who are good at sport and who need money for tours, sports clothes etc;  
 College, University or Technikon fees;  
 Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
21. Do you think that the Vryheid community has a responsibility to foster local orphaned children? Please explain your answer.  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 No \_\_\_\_\_
22. What do you think are some of the necessary qualities/characteristics of parents and families who want to foster an orphan?  
a) Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
b) Families \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. Do you think there would be any benefits to you and your family, of fostering an orphan?  
 No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_
24. If you were to foster an orphan, what effect do you think it would have on you and your family?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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25. Do you think that fostering concerns **only** the foster mother, or does it involve **both** the mother and the father? Please explain your answer.

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
or

Mother and father \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Do you donate any money, clothing, food, time etc or make any other contributions towards orphans or people in need in Vryheid? Please specify. \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Would you be prepared to contribute to the care of the orphans in the area?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes (Please specify what you would want to do). \_\_\_\_\_

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28. If you would consider fostering a child:

- What would you like to know about fostering? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- What needs for training would you have? For example, a parenting course, grief counselling, child care etc? \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other comments or questions you may have:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank-you for your contribution.**

Contact details should you wish to discuss any part of this questionnaire personally:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enquiries can be directed to Shelley Thiele at Vryheid Child Welfare, telephone number (034) 9821197/8.

## Imibuzo yomphakathi

KwaZulu-Natal iyingxenywe yalukeli elinabantu abaningi abenegciwane le HIV/AIDS kunezinye izingxenywe zezwe. Abantwana basala bengenabazali, Iminyango yezenhlalakahle ikhungethwe ukunyuka wezinga lezicelo zokodla lezizintandane.

Kanjalo sekubonakale isidingo sokwenza ucwaningo ukothola imibono yomphakathi wase Vryheid ngalesisimo nanokuthi lezizintandane zinganakekelwa kanjani ngomuso. Ukwenza lolucwaningo lube impumelelo sidinga ukuthi ubambe iqhaza ngokuphendula lemibuzo elandelayo.

Lemibuzo ayidingi igama lomuntu, kodwa-ke uma ufuna ukuphendula futhi waziwe ukuthi ungubani ungalifaka igama lakho ekupheleni kwemibuzo.

1. Uma nihlala ndawonye Sicela owesilisa nowesifazane aphendule umbuzo wakhe. Uma ungawedwana phendula ngokwakho.

### **Indoda:**

- \* Ulimi olukhulunywa ekhaya \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Iminyaka yakho \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Idilesi lakho \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Ngabe uyasebenza? Yebo / Cha
- \* Usebenza msebenzi muni \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Ngabe ushadile / noma cha/ usuwahlukanisa/ uhlala nesingani sakho/ unobudlelwano/ washonelwa unkosikazi?
- \* Iliphi ibanga owaliphasa esikoleni / imfundo ephakeme? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Ubhekekele izingane ezingaki?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \* Zineminyaka emingaki? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Ngabe kukhona uxhaso oluthola kuHulumeni?  
 Cha  
 Yebo (Chaza) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Ngabe ukhona omunye omodlayo njengo gogo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Owesifazane:**

- Ulimi olukhulunywa ekhaya \_\_\_\_\_
- Iminyaka yakho \_\_\_\_\_
- Idilesi lakho \_\_\_\_\_
- Ngabe uyasebenza? Yebo / Cha
- Usebenza msebenzi muni \_\_\_\_\_
- Ngabe ushadile / noma cha/ usuwahlukanisa/ uhlala nesingani sakho/ unobudlelwane/ ungumfelokazi?
- Iliphi ibanga eliphezulu owaliphasa esikoleni/ imfundo ephakeme? \_\_\_\_\_
- Ubhekekele izingane ezingaki?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Zineminyaka emingaki? \_\_\_\_\_
- Ngabe kukhona uxhaso oluthola kuHulumeni?  
 Cha  
 Yebo (Chaza) \_\_\_\_\_
- Ngabe ukhona omunye omodlayo njengo gogo? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Sitsheliwe ukuthi umnhla nekwa Zulu Natali linezinga eliphezulu labantu abanesifo se HIV/AIDS Kulelizwe. Ngabe lokhu kunayiphi inselele noma ukuhlukumezeka empilweni yakho malanga onke? (Ichaze impendulo yokho)  
 Yebo  
 Cha

3. Ucabanga ukuthi iHIV/AIDS iyinkinga enkulu? Chaza \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Yini ekukhathaza kakhulu nge HIV/AIDS? (Khetha okubili okubalulekile)  
 Ingcuphe yokuthola leligciwane;  
 Ukulahlekelwa inzuzo ngokwemisebenzi;  
 Inani elikhulu lezintandane;  
 Inani eliphezulu lobugebengu;  
 Inani labantu abanalesisifo liyanyuka, kungenakhambi lokwelapha;  
 Akukho okungiphatha kabi nge HIV/AIDS. Ayingithinti mina;  
 Okunye ongakusho. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Isibalo sithi kunezintandane ezingaphezulu kuka 885 000 (zabantwana abangaphansi kuka 18 abanakekeli babo asebeshonile) e Ningizimu Afrika. Ucabanga ukuthi zingaki Kwa Zulu Natali njengamanje?  
 12000       45 000       100 000       150 000       200 000  
 230 000       255 000
6. Ucabanga ukuthi izintandane zinganakekelwa kanjani? (Khetha okubili okubalulekile.)  
 Zithunyelwe ekhaya lezintandane (eseduze iNquthu, Babanango kanye ne Ladysmith);  
 Zicpinwe eVryheid nemindeni/ nabangani; (Zingatholi uxhaso kuHulumeni)  
 Zicpinwe eVryheid nemindeni/ **nabangani zixhaswe uHulumeni**;  
 Zicpinwe eVryheid nabantu obangahlobene nazo **zixhaswe uHulumeni**;  
 Lezizingane mazizakekele ngokwazo;  
 Okunye ongakusho. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Uxhaso lukahulumeni ngalezizintandane** lingu R530-00 ngenyanga luvela ingane izelbe neminyaka engu 18.
7. Ngabe unakekela ingane okungeyona eyakho njengamanje?  
 Yebo       Cha
8. Uma uphendule ngoyebo ngenhla, ungathanda ukukwenza futhi. Ichaze impendulo yakho. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Uma izingane ziba izintandane, ucabanga ukuthi abadala abantwana kufanele bayeke isikole banakekele osisi nobhuti babo abancane?  
 Yebo  
 Cha  
 Ichaze impendulo yakho. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Ucabanga ukuthi yiziphi izidingo zengane eyintandane? (Khetha okuthathu okubalulekile)
- Ukubeka ingane nesinga mzali ozonika ingane uthando, nenhlalakhle;
  - Indlu ezohlala ingane, ukudla nokokugqoka;
  - Ukwe lapheka empilweni;
  - Imfundo;
  - Ukwazi ngezidingo zengane, nokwelapheka njengokuthola usizo uma kunzima u kwamukela ukulahlekelwa abazali;
  - Okunye ( Kuchaze) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Ucabanga ukuthi kungumsebenzi kabani ukunakekela izintandane endaweni yase Vryheid? (Khetha okubile okubalulekile):
- uHulumeni;
  - Abezenhlalakahle, Amasonto, izinhlangano ezizimeleyo;
  - Imindeni yezintandane;
  - Umphakathi othanda ukunakekela lezizingane;
  - Umasipala;
  - Okunye (Chaza) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Nga phansi kwaziphi izimo lapho ongathanda ukuba isingamzali?
- \* Ingane enegciwane le HIV/AIDS uma ngihlobene nayo  Yebo  Cha
  - \* Ingane engena gciwane le HIV/AIDS uma ngingahlobene nayo  Yebo  Cha
  - \* Ingane enegenalo igciwane le HIV/AIDS uma ngihlobene nayo  Yebo  Cha
  - \* Ingane enegenalo igciwane le HIV/AIDS uma ngingahlobene nayo  Yebo  Cha
13. Ungathanda ukuba isingamzali:
- Enganeni eyintandane noma;
  - Enganeni enabazali abasaphilayo.
- Ichaze impendulo yakho. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. Uma ungathandi ukuba isingamzali kungaba yini isizathu sakho? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
15. Chaza isizathu sokuba isingamzali:
- Enganeni yomfana \_\_\_\_\_  
noma
  - Enganeni yentombazane \_\_\_\_\_  
noma
  - Okunye phakathi kwalokhu okungenhla \_\_\_\_\_
16. Ungazimisela ukuba isingamzali enganeni yolunye uhlanga?
- Yebo  Cha



17. Ungakwazi ukuba isingamzali isikhathi esingakanani enganeni?  
 Iminyaka embili;  
 Iminyaka elishumi;  
 Iminyaka elishumi nesishiyagalo bili;  
 Okunye ( Chaza) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Uxhaso lukahulumeni ngengane eyintandane kumele lusize ezimpahleni, ekudleni, imali yokuhamba, eyosizo lwodokotela, neyokunguebeleka. Okwamanje lokuxhaso lungu R530-00 ingane ngenyanga. Ungakwazi ukunakekela lingane ngalemali?  
 Yebo             Cha
19. Uma uphendule ngo 'cha' ngenhla, ucabanga ukuthi imalini ongayindinga ukunakekela ingane eyintandane ngenyanga?  
R\_\_\_\_\_
20. Yiluphi usizo ocabanga ukuthi uhulumeni angalunika izintandane? (Khetha okuthathu okubalulekile):  
 Imfundo yamahhala;  
 Unyango lwamahhala;  
 Imali eyengeziwe ukunakekela izingane ezikhubazekile;  
 Imali eyengeziwe ezinganeni ezinekhono emidlalweni ukuze zikhokhele uhambo noma izimpala zokudlala;  
 Ukukhokhela ezikole zemfundo ephakeme;  
 Okunye (Chaza)
21. Ucabanga ukuthi umphakathi wase Vryheid kumele unakekele izingane zasendaweni? (Ichaze impendulo yakho.)  
 Yebo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cha \_\_\_\_\_
22. Iziphi izinto okumele abazali abafuna ukunakekela intandane okufanele babe nazo?  
a) Abazali \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b) Imindeni \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. Ucabanga ukuthi kukhona yini ongakuthola uma uba isinga mzali entandaneni?  
 Yebo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cha \_\_\_\_\_
24. Uma ungaba isingamzali ucabanga ukuthi kungaba namphumela muni kuwe nase mndenini wakho? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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25. Ucabanga ukuthi ukuba isingamzali kudinga umama kuphela noma kudinga umama nobaba? (Ichaze impendulo yakho.)

Mama \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ noma

Baba & Mama \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

26. Uke ufake isandla ekusizeni izintandane njengokupha imali, ukudla, nezimphala? Chaza. \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Ungazimisela yini ukufaka isandla ekunakekeleni izintandane kulendawo?

Cha \_\_\_\_\_

Yebo (Chaza kabanzi) \_\_\_\_\_

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28. Uma ungathanda ukuba isingamzali:

\* Yini ongathanda ukuyazi? \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Ungadinga luphi uqeqesho? Isibonelo izifundo zokukhulisa umtwana, ukunakekela umtwana, usizo lokwazi ukumelana nokushiywa umzali? \_\_\_\_\_

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Okunye ongakusho noma imibuzo ongaba nayo:

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**Siyabonga ngeqhaza olibambile.**

Uma uthanda ukuxoxa ngalemibuzo ngokwakho sinike:

Igama: \_\_\_\_\_

Nocingo: \_\_\_\_\_

Imibuzo ingabhekiswa ku Shelley Thiele e Vryheid Child Welfare inombobo yocingo ithi (034) 9821197/8

