



To a safe space & new opportunities

NPO 306-824

OPENING DOORS NPO

A two-site solution changing the outcome for young mums and vulnerable families

Funding & Partnership Pitch | 2026/2027

Specialised CYCC & Temporary Safe Care Facility + Community Centre

The challenge

The community of Esikhelekehleni, Ximba, faces significant barriers to accessing basic services.



7+ km

Is the distance to the nearest community centre for the residents.

2+ hrs

Is how long it takes mothers with infants or elderly caregivers to access basic services.

1 in 3

Adolescent mothers are nationally reported to leave school after pregnancy.

CORE ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY

- Young mothers can be forced to choose between education and caring for their babies.
- Essential community, employment, documentation and support services are difficult to reach.
- The Child Support Grant provides relief, but does not by itself create education and employment pathways.

OUR RESPONSE

A two-site model that directly addresses these interconnected challenges

Put safe infant care and practical community services where they can work together — removing barriers rather than treating them separately.

Proof of delivery

Opening Doors is already active, trusted and delivering measurable community support.



400+

school uniforms
distributed

70+

young mothers
supported

100+

emergency food parcels

35+

ID / birth certificate
applications

200+

youth receiving job-
readiness support

WHAT HAS BEEN BUILT

- Formal NPO registration in April 2024, built on more than 15 years of grassroots service
- Programs launched in October 2024 without government or institutional grant funding.
- Strong relationships with schools, CCGs, ward leadership and government services.

WHY THIS MATTERS

We're an organisation that has already demonstrated commitment, local access and the ability to mobilise support.

The two-site solution

Two facilities. One integrated pathway from safe care to education, skills and opportunity.



SITE 1

Specialised CYCC & Temporary Safe Care

DRUMMOND • BABY HOME

- Safe care for up to 8 infants (with room to grow from year 2 of opening)
- Enables young mothers to continue education or training
- Safe space for emergency and referred placements from local SAPS



ONE MODEL

- Education • Care
- Opportunity

SITE 2

Opening Doors Community Centre

ESIKHELEKEHLENI • XIMBA

- Skills, digital literacy and job readiness
- Parenting, nutrition and documentation support
- Youth, sports and partner service programmes



Site 1: Baby Home

The immediate priority — STOP having young mothers have to choose between education and their child



Up to 8

infants at steady-state capacity

24/7

care model with rotating caregivers

10–15 min

from the Community Centre

DSD

compliance, safeguarding & licensing pathway

WHAT FUNDING ENABLES

- Property adaptation, safety and compliance works
- Cots, furniture, kitchen and care equipment
- Home Manager and caregiver staffing
- Structured referral, admissions and safeguarding systems

YEAR 1 PATHWAY

Prepare → train → pilot 2–3 infants → scale to 4–6 → consolidate at 6–8 infants, with monitoring and DSD engagement throughout.

Site 2: Community Centre

A local multi-service hub that makes support accessible where people live.



1,500+

expected direct
beneficiaries in Year 1

8

interconnected programme
areas

250

meals per session at
planned scale

6 days

potential weekly opening as
capacity grows

Education & Skills

Back to School • Digital Literacy • Skills Training

Young Mothers

Baby Boxes • Support Groups • Community Hub

Employment

CVs • Applications • Interview Preparation

Access

Grants • IDs • Birth Certificates

Wellbeing

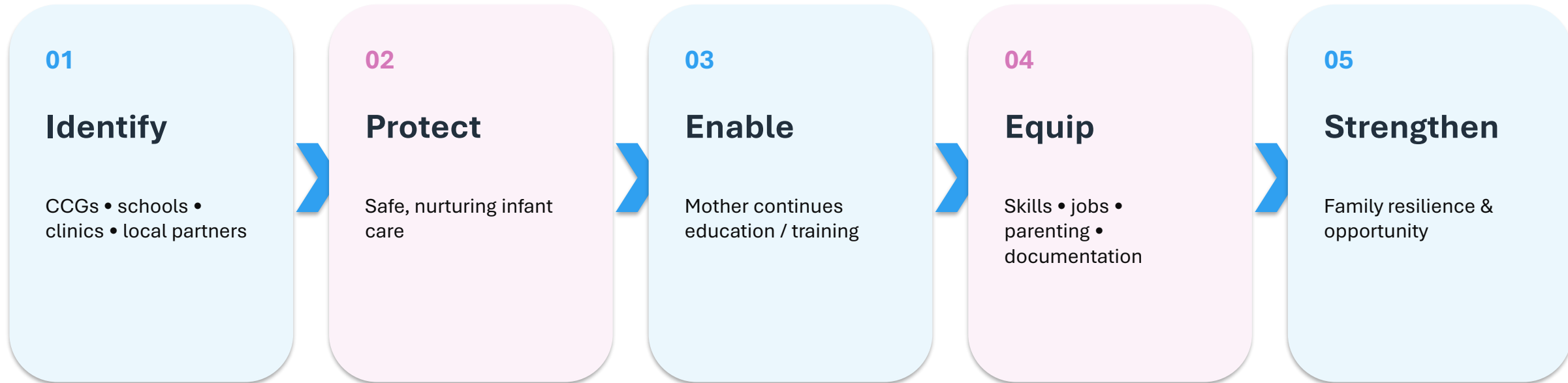
Football • Youth Development • Recreation

Community

Meals • Garden • Partner Service Days

One integrated pathway

The strength of the model is the connection between the two sites.



The model is designed to move people from immediate protection and access barriers toward education, employability, independence and longer-term community wellbeing.

The funding opportunity

Priority is the Baby Home, followed by full activation of the Community Centre.



TOTAL 6-MONTH FUNDING NEED

R1.489m

Capital setup + initial operational & staffing costs

Capital setup R1.064m

6-month operations R425.5k

Baby Home

CAPITAL SETUP

R857,914

6-MONTH OPERATIONS

R199,800

Community Centre

CAPITAL SETUP

R205,958

6-MONTH OPERATIONS

R225,720

Funding can include cash, materials, professional services and/or equipment, e.g. cots, furniture, computers, sports and kitchen resources.

Why the model is built to last

Low fixed property risk, diversified support and phased implementation reduce delivery risk.



SECURE SITES

Baby Home: founder-owned property, no bond. DSD supported initiative

Community Centre: lease secured with Ward Councillor support and supported by the community

DIVERSIFIED SUPPORT

Fundraising, founder business support, corporate / individual donations, grants and in-kind contributions.

GOVERNANCE

Three-member Board, quarterly oversight, Xero financial management and independent accountant support.

PHASED DELIVERY

12-month implementation: prepare → pilot → scale → consolidate, with monitoring and DSD engagement.

Compliance, safeguarding, property/liability, staffing and financial resilience are explicitly addressed in the business plan.

Help us open the next door.

Your support can turn a childcare barrier into a pathway to education, while bringing practical services closer to families.

FUND

Capital and operating support for the Baby Home and Community Centre.

EQUIP

Cots, furniture, computers, kitchen, sports and educational resources.

PARTNER

Professional services, referrals, programme partnerships and long-term support.

Detailed business plan available for full due diligence and supporting documents.

THE 2026 ASK
R1.489m