



**Ray of Hope Baby Home (Imisebe Yelanga)**  
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**1. BACKGROUND**

**1.1 History of Ray of Hope (Imisebe Yelanga)**

Some time ago Immanuel Church felt it upon their hearts to play an active role in setting up a home to care for at least some of the many abandoned babies in our community and purchased a house which was then renovated to suit the requirements to run such a home. A management committee of trustees was formed to draw up a constitution and attend to the legal aspects of registering as NPO etc. One of the trustees is an elder of Immanuel Church and the trustees are accountable to the church for oversight. An NPO called Imisebe Yelanga has been registered, suitable staff employed, and in Sept 2009, working with the support and guidance of the dept of Welfare, the home was opened under the name of Ray of Hope. The house has been fully paid for and is located at a cul-de-sac road and therefore in a relatively safe neighbourhood.

The house has been beautifully renovated and has a separate flat on the premises which is occupied by a mature couple who are appointed as house parents. Rachel is the house mother who is in charge of all that happens in the day to day running of the home. She is passionate about the work and absolutely loves the babies. In addition we have a day caregiver, alternating night duty caregivers, a weekend day caregiver as well as volunteers who come in and give assistance. Each of the staff have been carefully selected for their suitability in terms of character, skills and health.

**1.2 Vision**

Ray of Hope baby home seeks to impact abandoned babies and children through providing a safe, stable and loving home environment and assisting in transitioning them into adoptive families or at least longer-term foster homes. The home aims to become fully self-sufficient financially as soon as possible. Thereafter, funds generated would enable it to initiate a second home and so increase the number of babies it will impact. The success of the home will no doubt also encourage other similar initiatives.

**2. WELCOME TO OUR HOME**

**2.1 Service**

Imisebe Yelanga is not intended to be an orphanage but is essentially a transition home, a temporary home to look after abandoned babies while waiting for adoption placement. The

home offers love, care, protection and hope for babies and toddlers under the age of three who have been abandoned or removed from their homes. The home is able to care for up to 6 children at a time, under the care of a permanent housemother and father. The children will stay with Imisebe Yelanga until Durban Children's Society places them in foster care for a maximum duration of 8 months. The home officially opened its doors on 1 September 2009.

## **2.2 Partnerships**

The home is hoping to create partnerships with organisations that will support the home by way of financial contributions or by contributions in kind such as free or subsidised medical services, or medicines, nappies, baby foods etc. So we would be delighted if you are able to partner with us.

## **2.3 Governance**

Ray of Hope is governed by a suitably appointed board of trustees, one of whom is an elder at Immanuel Church, which has general oversight over the running of the baby home.

### **2.3.1. Child Welfare**

The Durban Children's Society has inspected the home and found it to be completely suitable for its current usage as a baby home and does, from time to time visit the home, without prior notification, to audit the home and see how it is being run.

### **2.3.2. Financial Accountability**

A budget of about R40 000 has been set for the monthly running costs of the home and the trustees with fiduciary responsibility meet at least every 2 months to review expenditure against budget and to sanction any special costs to ensure that the home is being run efficiently.

## **3. SPONSORSHIPS: CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENTS**

Should the company you represent wish to participate in any form of corporate social responsibility contribution we will gladly assist in either doing a presentation or completing any application forms to apply for assistance. Should you require copies of documentation such as constitution, finance reports, NPO certificate, Tax-deductible certificate, we will be glad to assist.

**3.1** Our greatest need is to cover the monthly running costs of the home, which include monthly salaries, maintenance, food, clothing, medical supplies, etc. Should your organization be willing to contribute towards these monthly running costs it would be hugely appreciated.

- Donations may be made to the following banking account:

**Imisebe Yelanga (name of Account)**  
**Account number: 1899068139**  
**Nedbank, branch 189905**

- Debit order forms are also available for individual monthly donations. (Attached)

**3.2** Should you prefer to donate something more tangible, please contact the trustees listed

below, to get the current requirements of the home.

#### **4. CONTACT US**

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