



In South Africa today, it is estimated that around 40 000 New-born babies are abandoned each year and only around 3000 of these babies are saved. The rest die horrific deaths thrown into rivers, abandoned in fields or dump sites because they are unwanted, or the mothers cannot afford to look after them.

***We can't save them all, but we can do our part to help...***

#### **Who we are? & why we want to build a baby home?**

iKhethelo Children's Village is a registered NPO / PBO and was established over 20 years ago, playing an important role in raising orphaned & vulnerable children aged 2 – 21 years to wholeness. iKhethelo is currently registered to take in children from as young as 2 years old, but with the current baby crisis in South Africa we would like to open our doors, to include facilities for Newborn babies and children younger than 2 years of age. Our current facilities are not equipped to house children under 2 years of age and so we would like to build a brand-New Specialised **Baby Home & early childhood development centre** on our premises that would house up to 12 babies aged 0-3 years but also provide training for new mothers, and childhood development for children under 5 years. The Baby Home will also have new qualified Care Giver staff and a registered social worker and nurse.

#### **The building plan Vision**

To build a state of the art Baby Home that can house up to 12 babies under 2 years of age. The Baby Home would not only care for and nurture babies from birth and up, but provide all the facilities for early childhood development, education and loving care. The home would also provide facilities for education and training of young mothers or mothers to be.

We would also like to partner with **adoption agencies** for those children who have been orphaned and can be placed with a loving family of their own.

Where would we build?

We are blessed to own almost 30 Hectares of land, and we are planning to build the Baby Home within the fence line of our current Village – see the diagram below for the location of the build.





Above: This image above shows where we would like to build the New Baby Home along the side of the current village.

The Baby Home Build will be able to accommodate:

- Car Park
- Reception area with toilet
- House up to 12 babies (including facilities for toddlers)
- Rooms for toddlers
- Outside and Indoor play areas
- Toilet facilities
- Office / Storage facilities
- House up to 4 staff members (Care Givers / Nurse)
- Include a training classroom for new mothers/ parents' workshops / training

### Fundraising

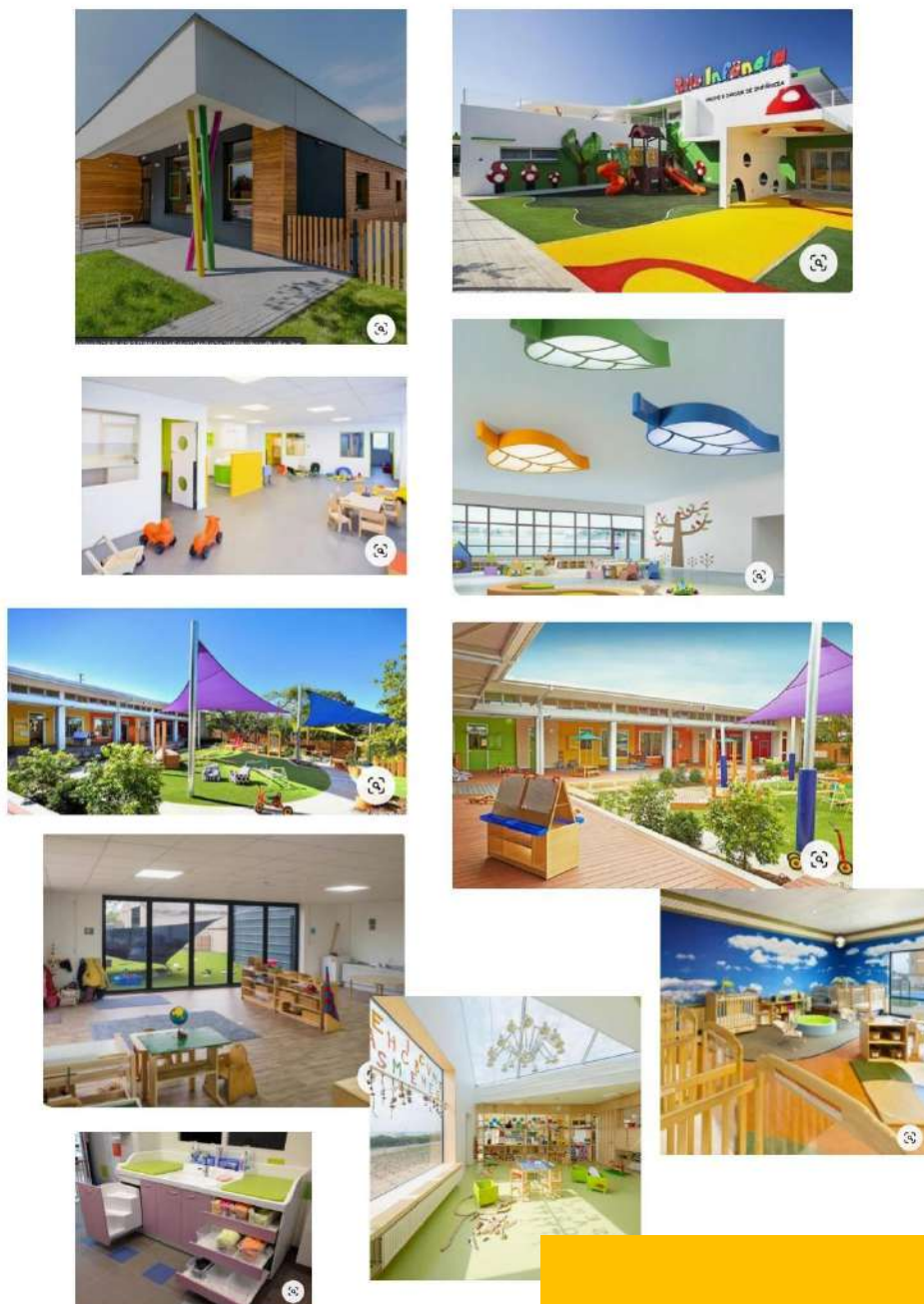
We are estimating a cost of around R5M (290 000 Euro / 250 000 GBP / \$344 000) to build the Baby Home with all its facilities mentioned above. Architects are busy working on the plans of the Home and that will be released to funders as soon as it is available.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Baby Home please donate through our registered organisations around the world, you can find links to all these on our website at [www.ikhethelo.org](http://www.ikhethelo.org)



## Vision Board

Below is a Vision Board of what we are thinking of building. This will be a place that is bright and colourful, a place where children can flourish with all the facilities to raise orphaned and vulnerable children to wholeness. Building Brighter Futures!



Left: Here is a mood board we created using Pinterest of ideas on what we would like the Baby Home to look like. Note that these are just ideas and not the actual design of the build.

Kind Regards

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