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The impact of the lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic is being felt by every section of the public, but particularly by vulnerable groups like people with disabilities (PWDs), and can even be lethal.

The increased risk to PWD in the time of COVID-19 pandemic is due to the need for close contact with personal assistants/caregivers, as well as an increased risk of infection and complications due to underlying health conditions and socioeconomic inequalities, including poor access to health care.

The lockdown caused the closure of special care centres for children with severe and profound disabilities, protective workshops and social work service offices (although social work staff continue to provide counselling and services to those in need), and visitors were not allowed at the residential facilities. Clients who were receiving training in protective business units who also receive a portion of the income generated, are now forced to remain at home, with no means of supplementing their meagre disability grant for the foreseeable future. All of these clients as well children with severe disabilities in our special care centres received a daily cooked meal as part of our service to them. These preventative measures were taken to help flatten the curve but have left some of the most vulnerable groups even more exposed.

SERVICES : social work services; occupational therapy; skills development; career pathing; vocational rehabilitation; day care & stimulation; motor vehicle rebates; beach access assessments; disability equity & sensitisation training; exhibitions & talks; access assessments; advocacy & disability rights; advice on legislation

WHERE WE ARE Beaufort West APD – Beaufort West | Bergrivier APD – Velddrif | Hout Bay APD – Hout Bay | Breede Valley APD – Worcester
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Overstrand APD – Hermanus | Paarl Stimulation Centre – Paarl | Robertson House – Milnerton | Die Sterreweg – Plettenberg Bay
Tembaletu Day Centre – Guguletu | Tygerberg APD – Goodwood | Wallace Anderson Home – Riversdale | West Coast APD – Vredenburg
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Even though the workshops and care centres have closed, we are continuing with providing this daily meal and delivering it to clients, but without income from the sale of products manufactured in the workshops and parent's fees, we won't be able to do so for much longer.

The National lockdown period and accompanying loss of income from sponsors, grants and fundraising will without any doubt have a devastating impact on the financial sustainability of APD service providers.

We appeal to the public to help us help our clients by donating any of the following items –

- Nappies – both children & adults
- Dry goods for food parcels
- PPE & Sanitising products (- masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitiser, disinfectant, spray bottles
- Blankets - second-hand to be freshly laundered & bagged in plastic
- Winter clothes
- Donations to cover operational costs, particularly electricity, petrol, vehicle repairs & telephone.

Please call us on (021) 5552881 for further information. We will gladly collect donations and will provide a Section18A certificate upon request.

Background information on Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities

For the past 83 years Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities (WCAPD hence forward) is passionate about striving towards an inclusive society in which persons with disabilities are equal and active citizens. WCAPD has been committed to social development of persons with disabilities in the Western Cape and Southern Cape.

24 APD Offices in the Western and Southern Cape provide an inclusive service to all persons with disabilities. This may include (but is not limited to) sourcing mobility devices, dealing with social issues within the home, arranging for home care, caring and stimulating children with severe disabilities, protective work centres or lobbying for accessibility in the community. Services are free of charge and open to anyone who needs help.

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