

TRACE HER CASE, TRACK HER JUSTICE

Following every case of violence against women to justice

A live case tracking system in the Overstrand, Western Cape, that follows each report through the police, hospitals, social services and the courts until it is resolved.

The challenge

South Africa has some of the strongest laws on gender-based violence in the world. The services exist and the mandates exist. What breaks is the handover between them. A woman reports violence to the police and her case stalls before it reaches the prosecutor. She is referred for medical care and social services never hear of her. By the time a case reaches court it is often incomplete, and it is struck from the roll for want of clarity rather than merit.

These gaps fall hardest on marginalised and underserved women, who are the most likely to need every service at once.

Our solution

The Red Dot Process, designed by STAND with Overstrand Municipality and the Overberg Violence Prevention Unit, with the support of the DG Murray Trust, runs on the municipality's existing Citizen App. Each case receives a private reference number, so no names are recorded, and every handover is mapped across police, prosecutors, the courts, health, social development and child protection services.

A community layer of 31 trained ambassadors supports survivors on the ground and helps them follow their cases through every service.



24 Aug 2026

System went live

3 days

Until the first case was dispatched to the police

31

Trained community ambassadors

130,000+

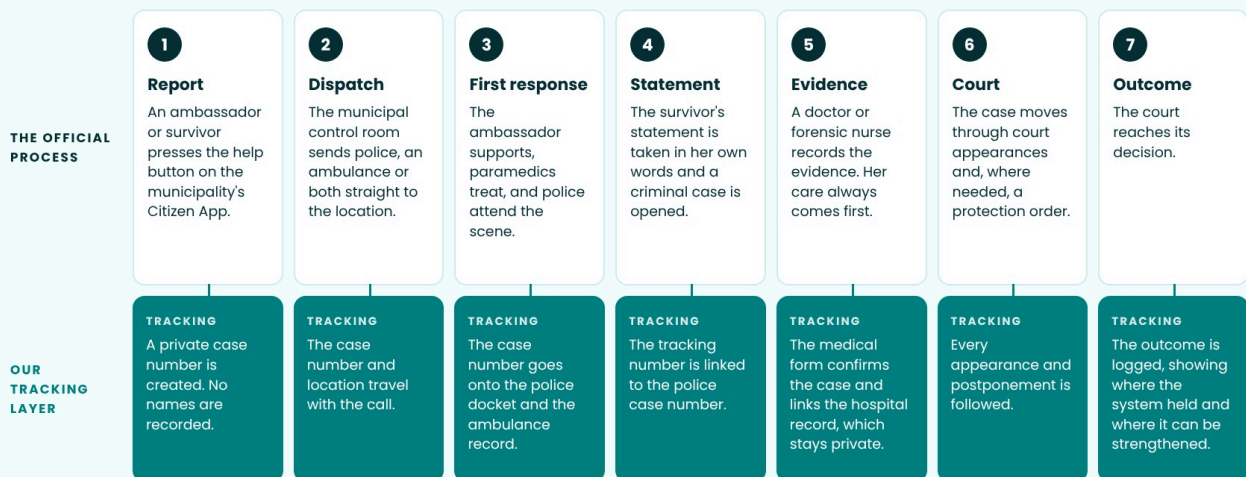
People living in the Overstrand

How it works

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How we follow every case to justice

The official process runs along the top. Our tracking layer runs beneath it, working alongside each service and recording every handover, so no case is lost between one office and the next.



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Why now

Phase 1 is built and proven. Phase 2, the operational rollout across the district, is ready to begin at the time of year when the risk of violence against women is highest. Institutional funding takes months. Your gift carries a working system through the festive season and builds the evidence to take the model into new districts across South Africa and the Global South.

Long-term impact

Every case followed to its outcome shows where the system holds and where it can be strengthened. Over time this builds a district-wide evidence base that helps police, prosecutors and health and social services work as one system, so more cases reach court complete and more women see justice.

Who we are

STAND is a women-led South African organisation working where justice, health and protection meet. Since 2018 we have trained more than 500 officials and practitioners, reached more than 700 women and community members directly, trained 29 INTERPOL officers from 11 Southern African states, and managed more than R16.9 million in donor funding, under an independent Board of Directors.

PROJECT BRIEF

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What your support delivers: USD 75,000 over 12 months

Programme leadership and multi-sector coordination	\$16,069
Meetings, stakeholder engagement, travel and manual case tracking across police, health, social services and the courts	
Case tracing coordinator	\$8,765
Day-to-day follow-up of every case through each handover	
Community ambassador stipends	\$10,189
31 ambassadors, three days a month	
Ambassador data	\$5,661
Mobile data so ambassadors can log and follow cases	
Training	\$12,174
Four training sessions for ambassadors, police and service providers	
Analysis and endline report	\$6,087
Independent analysis of case outcomes and handover gaps	
Fieldwork	\$2,922
Community follow-up visits	
Awareness	\$2,191
Community information on how to use the system	
Travel	\$1,826
Local travel across the Overstrand	
Independent audit	\$1,826
Annual audited financial statements	
Devices	\$1,217
Phones for ambassadors	
Programme subtotal	\$68,927
Platform and payment fees	\$5,994
Online giving and transfer costs (8% of gifts)	
Total, 12 months	\$74,921

Converted at USD 1 = ZAR 16.43 (19 October 2026). Programme leadership is the largest line by design: it covers the meetings, stakeholder engagement, travel and manual tracking that keep every service working together.

Fundraising milestones

\$5,000 October	\$15,000 November	\$20,000 December	\$12,000 January	\$12,000 February	\$11,000 March
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