

## OUTREACH PROGRAM

Outreach is an integral part of Bienvenu Shelter, **providing an essential service of sustenance for residents exiting the shelter and families in the local community in great need.** We provide support with food parcels, blankets, clothing, rental assistance, transport to health, legal services and school support. The program also serves in supporting ex-residents that require long-term psychological support. In collaboration with the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees Department of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg, daily bread was provided to:

11 811 families ➡ assisted directly  
58 403 people ➡ assisted indirectly



## WHAT CAN YOU DO

We sincerely thank you for your heartfelt generosity to those less fortunate than ourselves. **If you would like to make a difference, any donation will be much appreciated:**

### BANKING DETAILS BIENVENU SHELTER

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Branch          | Standard Bank Killarney |
| Branch number   | 007205                  |
| Type of account | Market Link - Savings   |
| Account number  | 008091145               |
| Bank Sort Code  | SBZAZJJ                 |

**THANK YOU**

## ABOUT US

Bienvenu Shelter adopts and reflects on the mission of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters to serve in the perspective of being "a migrant with migrants", with priority given to those who go through situations of greater need and vulnerability, protecting and promoting their dignity, their human rights and empowering them to re-start their lives.



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## BIENVENU SHELTER



**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"**  
(Matthew 25:35)

### ANNUAL REPORT 2024



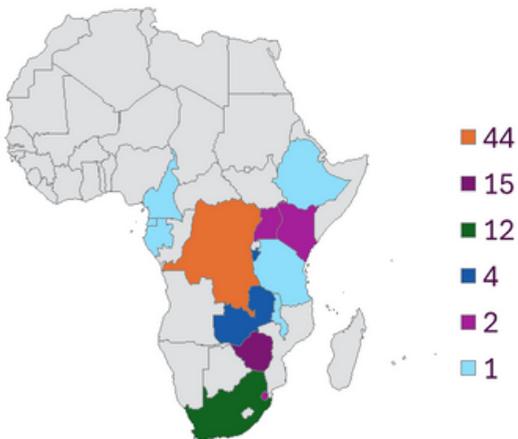
## SAFE AND SECURE ACCOMODATION

Bienvenu Shelter provided **safe and secure accommodation to 163 women and children** from **14 African countries**, with the largest numbers coming from DRC, South Africa, Zimbabwe.

All basic and specific needs were met, which included access to health care, psychological support, emotional healing and empowerment. The promotion of social, cultural, spiritual, diversity and social cohesion were paramount.



MOTHER'S NATIONALITY



The duration of the stay from 0-3 months was the highest total followed by 6-13 months and the lesser duration of stay was that of 3-6 months.

## EMPOWERMENT

The **Mother Assunta Training Centre** is an extension to Bienvenu Shelter which offers women from the shelter and local community the opportunity to participate in **livelihood training courses and other skills of orientation, business training and skills development**, creating job opportunities to generate income for themselves and their families.

We provide assessments of each student's situation, supporting them with psychological and legal services and **taking care of their general well-being.**



**144 women from 12 different countries engaged in livelihood courses.**

**105 graduated** and 41 of them received starter packs after the courses of **Sewing, Baking, Beading, Beauty - Nails and Make-up.**

**Training Centre:**  
**16 Dasher Street,**  
**Kensington**



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



The Bienvenu Shelter provides a day-care for babies aged 0-3 years, the **Mother Assunta Baby Room**, and facilities from 4-6 years, the **Lovely Bears Creche**. After care is also available to the children for mothers who are working.

**92 children were cared for in 2024**, coming from 14 different nationalities, with the highest numbers from DRC, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.

The project promotes holistic development of children ensuring that **all their needs are met**, working according to the ECD (Early Childhood Development) programme. The educational programmes are also **open to the children living in the local community.**