



# Pre-operational Funder Readiness Brief

Status as at 21 August 2026

| Current phase                        | Funding position                                                  |
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| Pre-registration and pre-operational | Not currently accepting institutional funding or public donations |

## Purpose

Little Warriors Cancer Foundation is being built to strengthen practical, psychosocial and family support around children affected by childhood cancer and serious blood disorders. The Foundation is deliberately not presenting planned programmes as delivered outcomes and is not claiming legal, tax, governance, banking or partnership status before formal approval exists.

**Important:** This brief is a readiness document. It is not evidence of NPO registration, PBO approval, Section 18A status, an appointed independent board, signed partnerships, audited finances, operational programmes or beneficiary impact.

# 1. Founder and clinical perspective

Dr DM Mathibe is the founder and provides the clinical perspective behind the Foundation vision. His clinical credibility supports the purpose of Little Warriors; it does not replace the independent governance structure that the Foundation still needs to establish.

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| HPCSA                        | MP 0666955  |
| MB ChB Pret                  | 23 Nov 2006 |
| FC Paed (SA)                 | 17 May 2018 |
| MMed (Paed), Sefako Makgatho | 06 May 2020 |
| Cert Medical Oncology (SA)   | 27 Jun 2023 |

# 2. Planned programme portfolio

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Family Support Fund</b>                   | Planned - not yet accepting applications |
| <b>Hospital &amp; Treatment Support</b>      | Partnership development                  |
| <b>Psychosocial &amp; Family Connection</b>  | Safeguarding framework in development    |
| <b>Awareness &amp; Early Detection</b>       | Education programme in preparation       |
| <b>Survivorship &amp; Palliative Support</b> | Programme design stage                   |
| <b>Training &amp; Capacity Building</b>      | Partnership-led                          |

Programme opening dates, eligibility, referral criteria and intake processes will be published only once governance, safeguarding, funding, record-keeping and delivery controls are ready.

### 3. Readiness at a glance

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| <b>Legal registration</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>In preparation</b>                          |
| NPO registration and future SARS PBO / Section 18A status are not yet claimed.                                                                   |                                                |
| <b>Independent governance</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>To be formally established</b>              |
| Approved board or office-bearer profiles will be published only after adoption.                                                                  |                                                |
| <b>Banking &amp; financial controls</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Required before funds are accepted</b>      |
| Dedicated banking, dual authorisation, procurement controls, donor receipting and reporting are still to be established.                         |                                                |
| <b>Child safeguarding</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>Framework in development</b>                |
| Child-facing programmes and volunteer roles must not open before formal controls and accountable oversight are approved.                         |                                                |
| <b>Privacy / POPIA</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>Framework in development</b>                |
| Beneficiary privacy, retention, access-control and incident procedures must be approved before personal information is collected for programmes. |                                                |
| <b>Operational programmes</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>Not yet operational</b>                     |
| No beneficiary-delivery or impact claim is being made.                                                                                           |                                                |
| <b>Partnerships</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>No public partner claim unless approved</b> |
| Names and logos should appear only after relationships and publication permission are formally approved.                                         |                                                |
| <b>Donations</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>Not currently accepted</b>                  |
| Public bank details or tax-deductibility claims should not be published prematurely.                                                             |                                                |

## 4. Milestones before funding readiness

### 1. Establish

Complete legal registration, independent governance and a dedicated Foundation bank account.

### 2. Protect

Adopt child safeguarding, privacy / POPIA, conflict-of-interest and financial-control frameworks.

### 3. Operationalise

Approve beneficiary definition, referral criteria, intake processes, programme budgets and responsible delivery procedures.

### 4. Pilot

Launch a tightly scoped programme with records, oversight and clear eligibility rather than opening multiple programmes at once.

### 5. Measure

Track outputs, outcomes, family experience and partner feedback using an approved monitoring-and-evaluation framework.

### 6. Report

Publish transparent operational and financial reporting before scaling or making broad impact claims.

## 5. Proposed future measurement areas

These are proposed measurement categories for future approval, not current impact results.

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reach        | Families referred, screened or connected to support.         |
| Access       | Practical barriers addressed through approved assistance.    |
| Continuity   | Support delivered as planned and followed through over time. |
| Experience   | Family-reported usefulness, dignity and ease of access.      |
| System value | Partner feedback and reduced duplication of support.         |

## Clinical boundary

Little Warriors Cancer Foundation is separate from Dr Mathibe's private medical practice. The Foundation does not provide medical treatment, make treatment decisions, or automatically receive private-practice patient information. Future support programmes should complement healthcare without interfering with clinical care.

Approved Foundation contact details will be published on the website once finalised through the governance and privacy process.