

Notes for the report

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**Foundation for Alcohol Related Research
 Presentation at the Second Sitting of Karoo Parliament**


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“Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the most common preventable cause of mental retardation in the world”
 Sampson PD et al.; Teratology (1997); 56:317 – 26

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FARR: Foundation for Alcohol Related Research

<p>Established as an NGO in 1997 with focus on FASD research Currently 22 permanent staff members</p> <p>Scope expanded since 2006 to include all aspects of Comprehensive FASD Research and Prevention Community Programmes</p> <p>Completed 8 FASD Community Prevalence Studies to date, 3 in progress, possibly 1 more in 2014</p> <p>Published 54 articles in national and international peer journals, 3 in print</p> <p>Current partnerships with Government Departments, Private Sector, MRC, 11 national + international universities, WHO FASD Task Team, EUFASD, RSA (USA); Canadian FASD Advisory Board; UNICEF</p>	
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The wheel of misfortune

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FARR’s fight against FASD

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International FAS(D) Prevalence Rates

Country	FASD rate per 1 000	%
USA	10 – 30	1 - 3
Canada	10	1
France + Italy	12	1,2
Sweden	13	1,3
<u>South Africa</u>		
Johannesburg (2000)	27	2,7
Wellington (1998 - 2002) with USA research team	88	8,8
De Aar (2002)	122	12,2
<i>De Aar (2010) 30% decrease due to FARR's interventions</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>8,6</i>
Upington (2003)	69	6,9
Aurora (2011)	80 – 130	10
Witzenberg (2013)	25 – 180	9,6
Kimberley (2014)	60	6
Vredenburg/Saldanha (2016)	Publication 2015	
Bethelsdorp (2017)	Busy with study	

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Making a FASD Diagnosis

Informed consent

- Maternal Interview
- Clinical examination
- Neuro Developmental assessment

Feedback to parents, etc

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