



## **Aware.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project**

19 March is recognised internationally as World Social Work Day!

This year we celebrated this day with social workers working on the AWARE.ORG Vinpro Foundation Wine Project. We spent the morning getting to know each other a little better, providing feedback on the various wine growing areas where they offer services and planning for the rest of the year ahead.

The Aware.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project was launched in 2011 in the Perdeberg area. The project has since grown from strength to strength and now comprises a total of 8 Social Workers working in the following areas; Breedekloof, Riebeek Kasteel & Malmesbury, Stellenbosch & Somerset West, Paarl & Perdeberg, Wellington, Robertson & Ashton, and Overberg & Hermanus areas.

The approach is simple, a registered experienced social worker offers their services to Vinpro members (cellars & farms) with a valid ethical accreditation certificate\*. The services offered includes; monitoring of crèche and aftercare facilities, training of crèche facilitators, social workers provide individual & group counselling to cellar and farm workers/residents and present information & training sessions to cellar and farm workers/residents

What are the main focus of the project and service?

- Alcohol/substance abuse
- Alcohol addiction
- Binge drinking and related social issues.

There is no cost towards the services for producers! All that is required from the producer is to set time aside for their employees during working hours (and not in lieu of their lunch hour) to attend individual and/or group counselling.

Has your farm/cellar signed up to join the Aware.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project?

If not, why not? Together we can be the change, #BecausePeopleMatter!

If you would like to sign up to the Aware.Org Vinpro Foundation Wine Project, or require more information on the project, please send an email to [info@vinprofoundation.org.za](mailto:info@vinprofoundation.org.za) or call +27 21 276 0500.



Our amazing group of Social Workers

From top, left to right:

Greta – Paarl & Perdeberg

Annanda – Breedekloof

Malinda – Robertson & Ashton

Liana – Project Co-Ordinator

Karin – Wellington

Devon – Riebeek Kasteel & Malmesbury

Prudence – Overberg & Hermanus

Eunice (absent) – Stellenbosch & Somerset West

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*\*Valid ethical accreditation certificate from the following organisations: Wieta – Wine and Agricultural Ethical Trading Association; Siza – Sustainability Initiative of South Africa; Fair Trade ; FFL – Fair For Life and BSCI – Business Social Compliance Initiative*