

Bright Start — FY2027 Program Budget

Program Pillar: Early Childhood Development & Nutrition

Funding Period: 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027 (full year)

Beneficiaries: 50 children enrolled

Contract Total: ZAR 387,760 (23,862 USD / 17,747 GBP)

Cost Per Child: ZAR 7,755 per year (477 USD / 355 GBP)

Quarterly Payment: ZAR 96,940

Budget Line Items

Cost Category	Description	Amount (ZAR)	Amount (USD)	Amount (GBP)
Teachers	3 teachers @ ZAR 2,176/month x 3 months x 4 quarters	78,325	4,820*	3,584*
Assistant Teachers	2 teacher- assistants @ ZAR 1,631.75/mont h x 3 months x 4 quarters	39,162	2,410*	1,792*
Nutrition	ZAR 364.35/child/m onth x 50 children x 12 months	200,393	12,332*	9,170*
Other Programmatic Expenses	ZAR 13,345 x 4 quarters + ZAR 16,500 school fees for 5 children	69,880	4,300*	3,197*
Total		ZAR 387,760	\$23,862*	£17,747*

Notes

Bright Start is a full-year Early Childhood Development Center funded for 1 April 2026 through 31 March 2027, serving 50 enrolled children in Durban (KwaZulu-Natal). Nutrition is the dominant cost, with Starfish purchasing and delivering groceries directly to the center at R364.35 per child per month.

**Numbers are subject to the exchange rate*