

Umthombo — FY2027 Program Budget

Program Pillar: Early Childhood Development & Nutrition

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

Beneficiaries: 45 children enrolled

Contract Total: ZAR 298,798 (18,387 USD / 13,676 GBP)

Cost Per Child: ZAR 6,640 per year (409 USD / 304 GBP)

Quarterly Payment: ZAR 74,699.50

Budget Line Items

Cost Category	Description	Amount (ZAR)	Amount (USD)	Amount (GBP)
Teachers	2 teachers @ ZAR 2,176/month x 3 months x 4 quarters	52,217	3,213*	2,390*
Assistant Teachers	2 teacher- assistants @ ZAR 1,632/month x 3 months x 4 quarters	39,162	2,410*	1,792*
Nutrition	ZAR 364.35/child/m onth x 45 children x 12 months	180,353	11,098*	8,252*
REDCap Data	ZAR 520.50/month x 12 months	6,246	384*	286*
Other Programmatic Expenses	ZAR 5,205 x 4 quarters	20,820	1,282*	953*

Total		ZAR 298,798	\$18,387*	£13,676*
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Notes

Umthombo is a full-year Early Childhood Development Center funded for 1 April 2026 through 31 March 2027, serving 45 enrolled children in KwaZulu-Natal South Coast. 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*