

## **Bishop Lavis**

Bishop Lavis is in the northern suburbs of Cape Town and has a population of about 45 000 inhabitants. Afrikaans is the most spoken language (90%) in the area, followed by English (9%). The majority of the dwellings are houses or brick structures with a yard and private electricity and piped water. Most residents are from Cape Town or the surrounding areas in the Western Cape Province. Bishop Lavis has two high schools and 7 primary schools. Some of the schools are in danger of being closed due to reduced attendance (about 10% of the youth are school leavers). Besides high unemployment rates, Bishop Lavis has to deal with other issues including poverty and emerging squatter camps. There are two squatter Camps called Malawi Camp and Freedom Farm in the area next to the airport. They consist of shacks and have no access to the water and electricity supply.

### **Bishop Lavis Clinic**

The Bishop Lavis Clinic is operated by the city of Cape Town. Medical assistance is available from Monday to Friday and sees approximately 200 patients. These clients are treated and counseled in 12 rooms. The clinic employs nine nursing sisters and a part-time TB doctor, who comes in twice a month. Despite the large amount of clients a day, the waiting time is short. The most common illnesses in this community are TB and HIV related diseases. Everyday about 10 clients are tested for HIV with a few positive results.