

## **Grabouw**

Grabouw is a mid-sized town located some 65 km south-east of Cape Town along the N2 highway. The population at the last census stands at 15 993. The town's economy is based on servicing the surrounding agricultural industry, with the Elgin Valley being intensively used for viticulture and the cultivation of apples, pears, plums and other deciduous fruit. Tourism is also of importance to the economy. The N2 highway through the valley is extremely busy during the holiday season.

Grabouw is a very wide spread and poor community. The area itself is divided into rural parts and farm land. Shacks and informal housing are common. There are a lot of migrant and seasonal labourers. School attendance in the area is poor. Teenage pregnancies as well as substance abuse and a relatively high crime rate are common socio-economic problems in Grabouw.

### **Grabouw Clinic**

The Grabouw clinic offers medical assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Eight nursing sisters attend to patients during the day and two nursing sisters at night. The large facility with 13 consulting rooms has two full-time doctors from 8:00 am to 16:30 pm. Most common illnesses seen in the clinic are diarrhea, TB, HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.