

## **BERTMAMS MORE PITTER PATTTER OF TINY FEET IN OUR LITTLE SHELTER**

We have taken a Shelter under our wing, as this is real poverty. The Shelter is for Abandoned Women and Children (18 mothers and 78 little ones). When I asked about their meals – I was horrified. Breakfast – water and bread, lunch – tea and bread, Supper – a saucer of vegetables if there is any. We are currently attempting to assist the Crèche with all relevant facilities as these particular little ones were roaming the streets pleading for handouts, as most little orphans would do. We are liaising with the Department of Home Affairs to establish whether these little ones were registered at birth, which we doubt, as any past history is unknown. We are working with other shelters in the area as well. In Xenophobic crisis The Children and Mothers that are in the Shelter do not stay there permanently this is only temporary accommodation and we place trafficked Children in the Shelter as they can deal with the languish barriers. We must remember a Child is a Child and in the best interest of the Child.

## **BERTRAMS THE CRECHE IS LINKED TO THE SHELTER**

We are pleased to announce the birth of our “TEDDY BEAR CRECHE” at our Shelter. Children within close proximity of the Shelter attend our Crèche where they play with only a piece of hardboard and crayons. After a visit to the Crèche, in perfect unification, they clap hands and sing a song of thanks for spending a short time with them at their little Crèche. We are in the process of registering the Crèche. We have 178 children at present. We managed to enclose the back area so that they can still play even if it's raining. We provide food parcels for the destitute families in the area it is amassing how these Children come from different countries and get along with each other the Children do not speak the same language there is a language barrier. But you must see how they play together it is so sweet to see them get along with each other.