Lepae
(sotho: little blanket)

The project started in Nov 2013 when a few friends decided to get involved in a project to assist the mothers and babies at the Neonatal Unit at Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE THE NEONATAL HIGH CARE UNIT OF PELONOMI HOSPITAL (Dept of Health - Free State) WITH HATS, BLANKETS AND CLOTHES. The project aims to assist existing Departments eg Nursing, Social Work and Occupational Therapy with materials and equipment they may need. Therefore assistance to both the mothers and babies.

As the unit at Pelonomi caters for the young/teen mothers of the Free State, (+ 100 at a given time) it was decided to try to improve their stay at the hospital which varies from 6-8 weeks by assisting the Occupational Therapy department with material for activities eg sewing, magazines, etc.

ACTIVITIES of LEPAE:
Hats and blankets for babies
Goodie bags for mothers
Clothing for both mothers and babies
Any articles that will help to keep mothers busy eg material, magazines, wool etc

Special Occasions: Hand Massages for mothers
Sponsor the winners of the beauty contest

The group consists of volunteers who knit hats and blankets
Volunteers who collect donations from the community
Volunteers who coordinate and distribute
Volunteers who contact other organisations for assistance eg Bernina, African Stone Spa etc

Frequency: Quarterly visits to the hospital

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