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Cotlands is a non-profit early childhood development organisation addressing the education and social crisis by establishing early learning playgroups and toy libraries in under-resourced communities to serve vulnerable children aged birth to six. History Founded in 1936, Cotlands was originally created as a sanctuary for abandoned babies. It all started one night when a baby was left on the doorstep of Matron Dorothy Reece's home in Mayfair, Johannesburg. She decided to take the infant in and care for it and so, Cotlands was born out of this single act of kindness. Vision To see children in South Africa thrive in their formative years. Mission Cotlands provides children with effective, high impact health, psychosocial and early learning play based development opportunities to help them thrive. Organisational Profile Cotlands has been a beacon of hope for thousands of vulnerable children since 1936. Now operating in 5 provinces – Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and Mpumalanga – Cotlands reaches thousands more through its high impact early childhood development programme. National Footprint Currently operating in five provinces in South Africa, Cotlands provides a range of services to more than 8, 000 beneficiaries nationally.

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