



SARHA GRAVES PROJECT REPORT

1. File number	
2. Name of terrain	Vereeniging Concentration Camp Cemetery
3. GPS coordinates	S 26 40'52.5" E27 54'75.3"
4. Background	This camp was opened in September 1900, with a maximum population of 1038 in August 1901. The main cause of death in this camp was measles. According to camp records, a total of 108 children and 48 adults are buried in the Concentration Camp Cemetery. According to SAHRA records, gravestones were made of Sandstone, and in the 1960's an inspection team already reported that these gravestone are badly deteriorating. This could be the reason why only 29 graves are visible today. There is a central panel with the names of the deceased, with the graves surrounding
5. Date of site visit	5 – 9 September 2011
6. Structures	The structures consist of a central panel with the names of children and adults who perished in the Concentration Camp
7. Cleaning/ Construction / Maintenance	Cleaning: A total of 29 graves were cleaned (the only ones still visible) by removing grass and dirt and the area around the graves was cultivated. The granite of the central panels was cleaned using a soft soap solution and the area around the panels was also cultivated. The grass and dirt removed from the cemetery was dumped at the entrance, and the local municipality promised to have this removed
8. Involvement of local community and individuals	Currently N/A
9. Contact with local authorities	During the initial site visit, the inspection team called on the Local Municipality, but no contact was established as the person responsible for the cemeteries was unavailable
10. Other problems / threats re terrain	N/A

11. Future Action re the site It is currently not necessary to do any construction or renovation work at this site. Regular maintenance and general upkeep of the site is recommended

12. Before and after Photos



Graves barely visible above the long grass



Cleaned graves and cultivated area surrounding



Central panel



Cleaned central panel with cultivated ground surrounding

***Costs re work at Vereeniging**

Description	Amount
Food	R2569.60
Fuel	R815.00
Airtime	R110.00
Accommodation	R5460.00
Total	R8954.60

*Salaries not included

