

News Update

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The **Humanitarian Effort** is one of three immediate focus areas for the disbursement of funds donated by South Africans to the Solidarity Fund.

To provide accelerated aid for South Africa's most vulnerable households and communities during the covid-19 pandemic, the **humanitarian effort** will focus on promoting human welfare through augmenting the efforts of government and business to enhance the households' ability to cope through the pandemic—through sustaining access to food, care and other interventions to alleviate the impacts of economic disruption.

To achieve this, The Solidarity Fund is continuously engaging with multiple civil society groups and government partners to understand where the country's most pressing needs are for intervention. This is bolstered thorough analysis and assessment.

Food

The Fund's first Humanitarian disbursement, announced on the 18th April 2020, took the form of a R120m donation to provide emergency food relief to over 250 000 distressed households across South Africa.

The food parcels provide a family with food essentials for a 2-4 weeks (depending on household size), as emergency food relief for vulnerable households experiencing severe food insecurity. This short-term, immediate relief intervention will allow time for the more systemic Government grant solutions to take effect/come on stream.

The Fund seeks to augment existing civil society and government efforts. Distribution of the parcels will be done through a range of partners to optimise national coverage and impact, as shown below:

- 25% through the Department of Social Development's 235 Community Nutrition and Development (CNDC), Centres
- 50% through large national food distribution Non-Profit Organisations that have expansive reach across the country
 - Food Forward South Africa
 - Afrika Tikkun
 - Islamic Relief
 - Lunchbox Fund
- 25% through a range of Community Based Organisations and Faith Based Organisations at provincial and local level.



The Fund has consulted with civil society coalitions like the SACC, Covid 19 Peoples coalition, SAWID and the Nedlac community sector to identify Community Based and Faith Based Organisations across the country and reach vulnerable households across the urban and rural areas.

Food relief update

- Reporting lags by 24 hours as partners are expected to report on their deliveries by 10 am the following day
- A total of 41,915 deliveries have been made to households as of 26 April. In addition, at least another 29,811 parcels have been delivered to CBOs that are being distributed to households today.
 - Pillar 1: CNDC deliveries made EOD 26 April = 20,236 parcels delivered to households
 - Pillar 2: NPOs deliveries made EOD 26 April = 19,068 parcels delivered to households, additional 29,811 parcels delivered to local CBOs and out for distribution today
 - Pillar 3: CBO deliveries made EOD 26 April = 2,870 parcels delivered to households, additional 2,130 received at CBO level in Eastern Cape and out for distribution today
- Across the 3 pillars, deliveries at household level have taken place in EC, FS, GP, KZN, LP

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