



Gender-based Violence Response II

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PROCESS

The Solidarity Fund will soon commence a call for applications process for eligible community-based organisations (CBOs) and non-profit organisations to apply for funding in support of critical activities and services related to addressing gender-based violence (GBV) across the country on 22 October and 4 November respectively.

While the entire world tackles the COVID-19 crisis, South Africa has a second pandemic to contend with – Gender-based violence (GBV). Already a scourge on our country, this violence has seen alarming increases since the COVID lockdown began.

The goal is to assist organisations providing GBV-related support and services that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 lockdown and the state of the economy through a once-off grant to ensure continued service delivery and sustained impact.

The Fund's primary role, across all activities, is to be an emergency response vehicle during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, where possible, the Fund also wishes to make systemic investments that will have meaningful, lasting impact well beyond the crisis (and the Fund's existence). As such, the call for applications has two parts:

- To offer immediate assistance of between R50 000 and R250 000 to CBOs with at least a 12-month track record of doing impactful work within their communities;
- To provide a once-off grant of between R500 000 and R1m to larger non-profits to help accelerate large-scale or systemic change in the GBV space over the medium- to long-term.

Every applicant proposal will undergo a well-documented qualitative assessment undertaken by Tshikululu Social Investments, our implementation partner, to enable a transparent and justifiable process. CBOs will be able to apply for funding through three channels - via WhatsApp, online via Cognito forms or via email - depending on their preference. Applicants to the systemic change call will be able to apply online via Cognito forms. A call centre will be available Monday to Friday between 08h00 and 17h00 to assist CBOs with any queries regarding the process while that call is open (22 October to 18 November). A set of Frequently Asked Questions will also be available to guide all applicants through the process.