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SOLIDARITY FUND OPENS SECOND FUNDING CALL (R500 000 TO R1M) FOR LARGE-SCALE NPO PROJECTS IN THE GBV SECTOR

Johannesburg, 05 November 2020 – The Solidarity Fund has today announced the opening of a second call for [funding applications](#) from non-profit organisations (NPO) in the GBV sector who can show how a once-off grant from the Fund, ranging from R500 000 to R1 million, would help catalyse or accelerate large-scale or systemic change in the GBV sector over the medium to long-term.

The Fund will award once-off grants to successful applicants with a track record in the following areas relating to prevention, response and/or access to justice issues within the GBV sector:

- Research, advocacy and/or policy work related to GBV in South Africa;
- Development and scale-up of digital solutions that help to address GBV-related challenges;
- Support for and capacity-building of the criminal justice system;
- Support for and capacity-building of community-level responses to GBV;
- Support for feminist movement building efforts;
- Support of innovations and/or piloting of GBV initiatives (organisations must include a detailed scale-up and sustainability strategy to sustain the initiative beyond the support of the Fund).

Every proposal will undergo a well-documented qualitative assessment to enable a sufficiently transparent and justifiable process. The Fund will determine the exact amount awarded to successful applicants based on a variety of factors, including the quality of the application, track record, partnerships, systemic/catalytic potential and finances.

All applications submitted before the deadline will be considered and all applications submitted after the official closing date will not be considered. Applicants may be contacted about their application during or after this period for more information. This does not guarantee that the application will be successful.

All applications will undergo initial screening and vetting and, if shortlisted, will be forwarded to an independent Selection and Evaluation Panel who will make all final decisions on Solidarity Fund funding. A decision on the outcome of applications will be communicated in writing within a maximum of three months of the closing date.

“With this second call for funding, we aim to support organisations that are making large-scale and systematic impact in bringing about behavioural, attitudinal and sustainable change in GBV for the longer term,” says Wendy Tlou, Head of the Humanitarian and Behaviour Change pillars at the Fund.

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Editor’s notes:

All applications should be submitted via [the online application form](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found on the Fund’s [GBV response page](#). (<https://solidarityfund.co.za/systemic-catalytic-response/>).

Should applicants still have questions after reading the FAQ, they can contact the call centre at 080 007 9609 or email solidarityfund.gbv@capabilitybpo.com.

The call centre is toll-free so applicants will not be charged for any calls. It will be open from 08h00-17h00 Monday to Friday while the call for applications is open from 5 November at 14h00 to 25 November at 17h00. Call centre agents will be available in all 11 official South African languages.

For detailed information and reporting about donations received, projects and approvals, as well as the impact the Fund is having, visit www.solidarityfund.co.za.

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