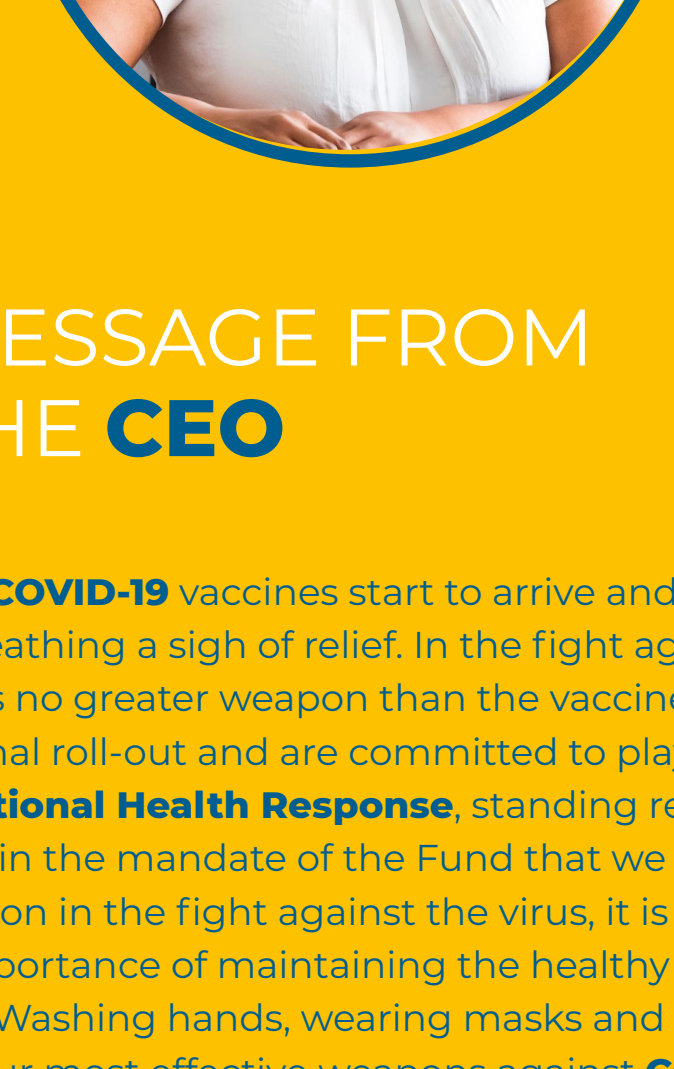
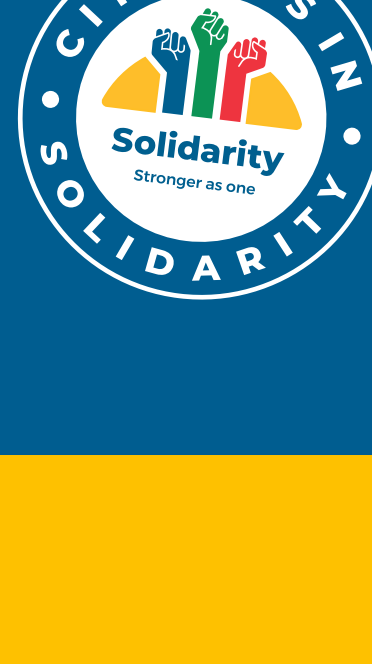


# SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN

February 2021



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As the first of the **COVID-19** vaccines start to arrive and be administered, many of us are breathing a sigh of relief. In the fight against this pandemic, there is no greater weapon than the vaccine. At the Fund, we support the national roll-out and are committed to playing our part as an additive to the **National Health Response**, standing ready to identify interventions within the mandate of the Fund that we can support. While the vaccine is a boon in the fight against the virus, it is important to remember the importance of maintaining the healthy habits established over the last year. Washing hands, wearing masks and maintaining social distance remain our most effective weapons against **COVID-19**.

The vaccine, however, isn't the only big news that has happened recently. After months of receiving and adjudicating applications for the 2nd phase of our **Gender-Based Violence** initiative, the Fund has approved funding for an incredible **332** beneficiary organisations. There is more on that later in this update. As the fight against the virus continues to evolve and change, the Fund will continue to do the same – reacting and responding to the needs of the country as and when they arise. While our role is changing, health, humanitarian and behavioural change support is still very much required. Our efforts and interventions will continue to be guided by the response required to the pandemic's effects, the waves and infection rates and the status of the **Mass Vaccination Rollout Programme**.

**Tandí Nzimande**



## A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



**PLEGDED**  
**R 3,22\* billion**

**RECEIVED**  
**R 3,22\* billion**

**ALLOCATED**  
**R 2,76\* billion**

**DISBURSED**  
**R 2,07\* billion**

Disbursed- **R2,07\* billion** (the difference between allocated and disbursed is as a result of a number of projects which are in execution but have not been fully closed off).

**\*Accurate as of 20/02/2021**

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY



**Health Interventions:**  
**(16 projects)**



**Humanitarian Relief Efforts: 5 Projects**  
**(11 sub-projects)**

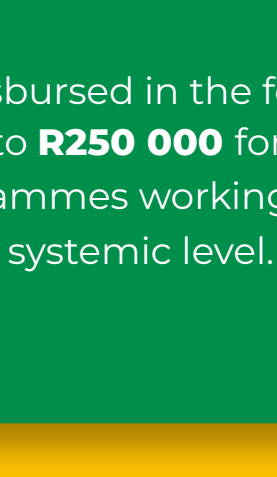


**Behavioural Change:**  
**10 projects**  
**(20 sub-projects)**



## AT A GLANCE

Pillars	Allocated	Disbursed
Health	R2,17bn	R1,70bn
Humanitarian	R415m	R261m
Behavioural	R176m	R103m
<b>Total</b>	<b>R2,76bn</b>	<b>R2,07bn</b>



## THE FIGHT AGAINST GBV GETS A MUCH-NEEDED BOOST.

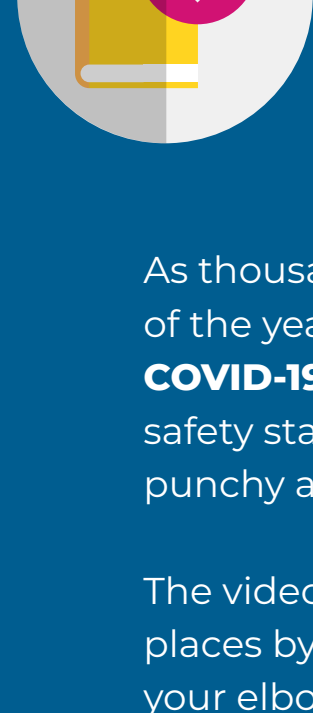
### GBV FUNDING APPROVED



As you may recall, in **November** last year, the Solidarity Fund put a call out for applications from potential beneficiary organisations in the **Gender-Based Violence (GBV)** sector who would benefit from a once-off grant from the Fund. We are happy to report that the **GBV Selection and Evaluation Panel** of the Solidarity Fund, after meeting on the 5th of **February 2021**, has approved **321** Community-Based Organisations (**CBOs**) and **11** large Public Benefit Organisations (**PBOs**) with systemic impact to receive funding.

The value of the funding is **R61.25 million** and **R9.99 million** respectively. The impact of this will be significant, aside from impacting approximately four million individuals through organisations providing services across the country, funding is also estimated to ensure continued or new employment for **4 880** full-time staff, **1 684** part-time staff, and **4 575** volunteers.

The funds are to be disbursed in the form of once-off grants, ranging from **R50 000 to R250 000** for **CBOs** and **R250 000 to R1m** for larger programmes working to combat **GBV** at a systemic level.



## NEW FACES AT THE FUND.

*The Fund is excited to welcome two exceptional new Exco members to our team.*



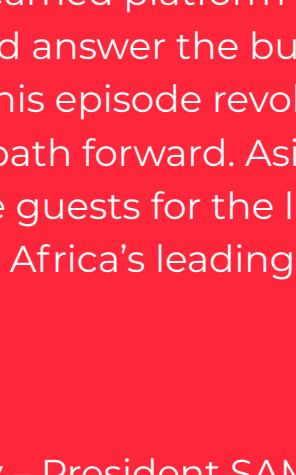
**Ms. Zanele Ngwepe**

**Zanele Ngwepe** joined the Solidarity Fund as Chief Financial Officer. **Zanele** is a qualified Chartered Accountant with over 13 years of **Financial Management** experience at an operational and strategic level. Her extensive experience covers both private (multi-nationals) and public-sector roles and cuts across various industries. She has worked alongside top Executives, **CEOs** and Boards of directors in strategic decision-making and organisational management. She has sat on the Executive Committee of **CSIR**, Finance Executive Committee of **SARS**, and the Executive Committee of **NERSA**, to name but a few.



**Dr Gugu Ngubane**

**Dr Gugu Ngubane** joins as co-lead on the Health pillar. **Gugu** has over 20 years' experience at policy, operational and implementation levels of the **SA** health system, provincially and nationally. Before joining the Fund, **Gugu** was **CEO** and **Head of Epidemiology and Strategic Information** at **HISP SA**, an NGO that provides support in digital health planning to the SA and regional **Ministries of Health**. Her vast experience in leadership, as well as on a technical and advisor level, makes her a valuable addition to the **Solidarity Fund** as the Health pillar co-lead.

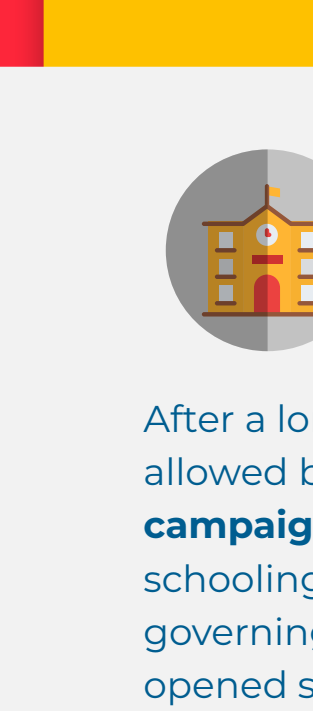


## SF VICE CHAIR ADRIAN ENTHOVEN TALKS VACCINES WITH NEWS24'S FRONTLINE.

**News24** invited **Adrian Enthoven** to participate in the first Frontline panel discussion for **2021**, held on **16 February**. The **Frontline** is **News24's** live-streamed platform where leading experts discuss topical issues and answer the burning questions of the moment. The topic for this episode revolved around **COVID-19 Vaccines** and the path forward. Aside from our own **Adrian Enthoven**, the guests for the live panel discussion included some of South Africa's leading experts on **COVID-19**.

- Professor **Glenda Gray** – President SAMRC
- Professor **Alex van den Heever** – (Public Health Systems expert and Chair of Social Security Systems Administration and Management Studies (WITS School of Governance)
- Stavros Nicolaou (Aspen/B4SA)
- Professor **Mosa Moshabela** – Chief Medical Specialist and HoD at UKZN

The full panel discussion can be viewed here.  
**<https://bit.ly/2NJR5p0>**

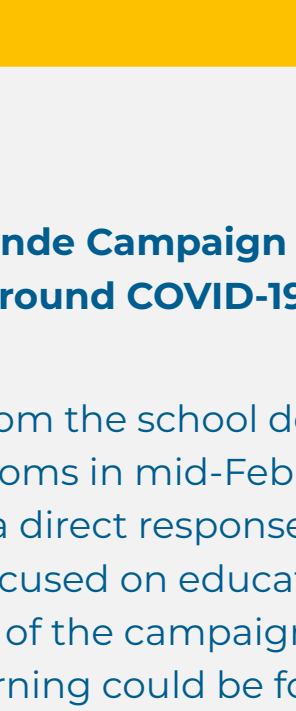


## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER – STAYING SAFE AS THE COUNTRY GOES BACK TO WORK

As thousands of South Africans returned to work at the beginning of the year, the country was in the midst of the second wave of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Anticipating the need for stringent workplace safety standards, the **Return2Work** initiative launched a range of punchy and accessible safe **back2work** videos.

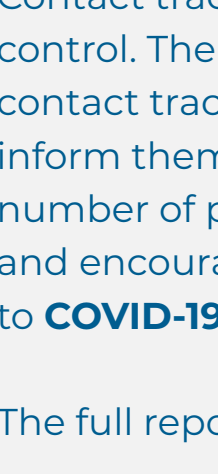
The videos cover a range of key messages about staying safe in workplaces by wearing masks properly; social distancing; sneezing into your elbow; following workplace protocols in terms of daily screening; travelling safely on public transport to and from work; socialising safely outside of work; and when and how one should self-isolate. They supplement a range of workplace focused educational resources launched by **Return2Work** in **December 2020**.

These educational resources are available free online for use and distribution to any business, union, employee or member of the public on the **Return2Work.co.za** website.



## UPDATE ON REPORTS

As part of our responsibility to the public and our stakeholders, the Fund publishes reports on a regular basis with updates on projects and initiatives undertaken. This month, we have 3 new reports uploaded to our site detailing the progress made.



### Phepha uFunde Campaign supporting schools and educators around COVID-19 and schooling.

After a long period away from the school desk, students were finally allowed back in the classrooms in mid-February. The **Phepha uFunde** campaign was created as a direct response to the challenging schooling environment. Focused on educators, learners and school governing bodies, the goal of the campaign was to ensure that schools opened safely and that learning could be fostered in a safe environment.

The full report can be downloaded here. **<https://bit.ly/37xjbef>**



### Contact Tracing Campaign to Increase awareness of the COVID Connect App

Contact tracing is an important part of **COVID-19** management and control. The purpose of this campaign was to increase awareness of contact tracing among people who were testing for **COVID-19**; and to inform them how contact tracing works. The aim was to increase the number of persons using the contact-tracing platforms, and encourage isolation among persons who may have been exposed to **COVID-19**.

The full report can be downloaded here. **<https://bit.ly/3pH5Jux>**



### Radio Campaign to increase awareness of COVID-19 messaging - iSikhaba – Series 1 and 2

In South Africa, radio remains one of the most effective ways to reach the mass population across all parts of our country. This campaign aimed to keep citizens informed by providing them with updated information which was assembled by an independent team of experts. The information was broadcast across the 15 radio stations with an approximate reach of **33 million** listeners.

The full report can be downloaded here. **<https://bit.ly/3dCs8a6>**

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