SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN 29 January 2021



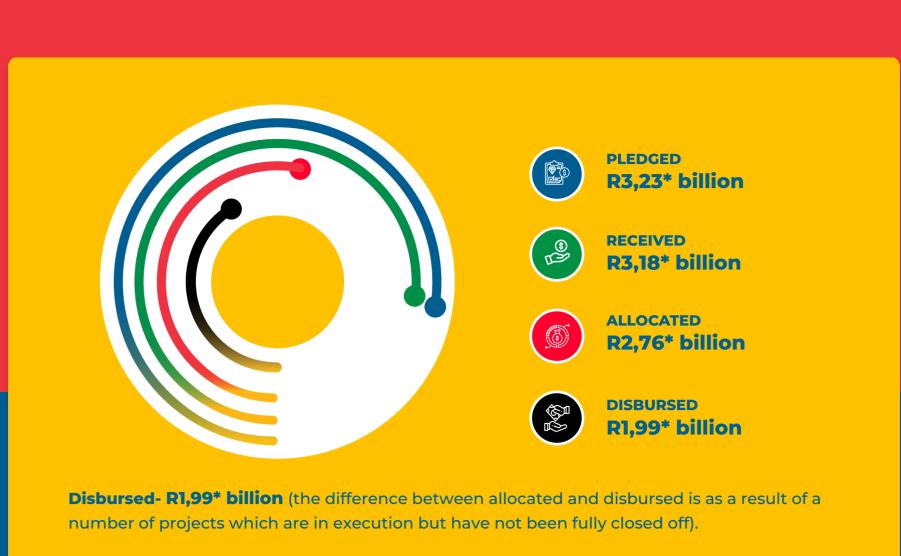




MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

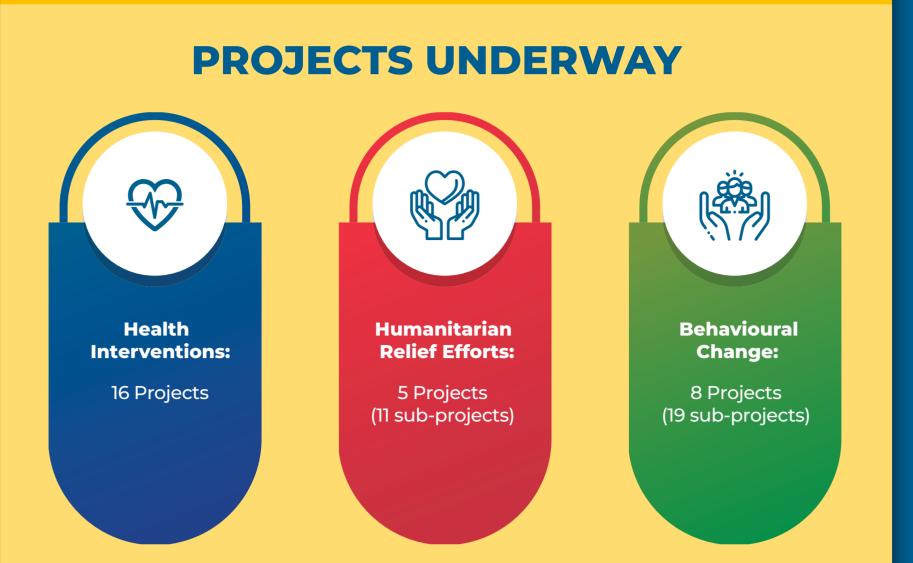
Welcome to 2021. Who would have thought, this time last year, that we would be sitting where we are? The last year was tough and disastrous for too many. My heart and thoughts go out to all affected by this pandemic. We entered 2021 in the midst of a second wave and, though the Solidarity Fund was officially closed, there was little time for rest. We worked with Government to ensure that the up-front payment for South Africa's entry into the COVAX vaccine programme was secured and paid, and we prepared ourselves for Phase II of the Fund's initiatives. This phase, while continuing our health and humanitarian support, puts additional emphasis on behavioural change - in anticipation for the long-term presence of COVID-19 in our lives. As we move into February, we are ready to continue our fight against this disease and to step in as an additive to the national effort as we support those affected by the disease and subsequent lockdowns. To help us in this purpose, I am pleased to welcome Dr Gugu Ngubane, who joins as Health Co-Lead, and Ms. Zanele Ngwepe, who joins as Chief Finance Officer. Thank you for your commitment and contribution. I am excited and grateful to have you onboard and look forward to working with you. I wish you all peace, prosperity and good health as we work together for better times.

Tandi Nzimande



FUND SUMMARY

* Accurate as of 25 January 2021





AT A GLANCE

Pillars	Allocated	Disbursed
Health	R2,17bn	R1,67bn
Humanitarian	R415m	R218m
Behavioural	R176m	R100m
Total	R2,76bn	R1,99bn



THE REAL IMPACT **BEHIND THE NUMBERS**

So, what exactly has the Solidarity Fund been spending the generously donated money on? Across our three pillars of Health, Humanitarian Relief and Behavioural Change, we have reached millions of people across the length and breadth of our country - from urban to rural, rich to poor. Here is a quick look at the impact we have made.

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funding requests

medical students





GBV COMMAND CENTRE RELAUNCHES



The GBV CC officially opened its new premises in Salvokop, Pretoria.

Faced with an unprecedented surge in **GBV-related calls** since lockdown in March 2020, the Department of Social Development's GBV **Command Centre (GBV CC)** risked being overwhelmed by the increase. This is why the Solidarity Fund stepped in. As part of our GBV1 initiative, the Fund identified the Command Centre as a beneficiary due to its important role in assisting victims and directing them to help and support. The new Centre boasts newly recruited and trained social worker supervisors, furniture for 40 workspaces, as well as laptops and tablets. The Fund also provided additional trauma training for social workers.

The relaunch saw Minister of Social Development, Lindiwe Zulu, and her Department of Justice counterpart, Ronald Lamola, leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony as part of the annual 16 Days of Activism campaign.



The state of the pandemic is always changing. As such, our approach must be nimble and adaptive in order to stay relevant and deliver maximum impact. In our Phase II mandate, we aim to retain our 3-Pillar strategy and continue to fund high-impact and legacy initiatives in three key focus areas:

- In the **Health Pillar**, the Fund will continue supporting Government's efforts to mitigate the effects of the pandemic in the health sector. The fund allocation will shift to focus more on Humanitarian
 - interventions as the economic disruptions continue in the second (and possibly a third) wave.

With the increase in COVID-19 infections and the upgrading to Alert Level 3, it is clear that **Behavioural Change** is essential to reduce the rate of transmission. The Fund is driving this change with key campaigns and initiatives.



UPDATE ON REPORTS PUBLISHED

At the Fund, transparency and accountability is critical in order for us to nurture and maintain the confidence of donors, stakeholders and South Africans. As we enter our 11th month of existence, many of our interventions/projects have been completed, or are in the process of completion and, of course, many new initiatives are beginning. Below is a rundown of the reports that have recently been uploaded to our website.



As part of our efforts to encourage healthy behaviour change, and in line with our mandate to support the national health response, the Fund partnered with Right to Care to compile funeral protocols for the Eastern Cape which has been identified as a COVID-19 hotspot.

The full report can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3pxMAvC



COMMUNITY **RADIO PROGRAMME**

In an effort to mobilise and inform South Africans through the far-reaching medium of radio, the Fund partnered with Grounded Media to provide COVID-19 messaging through the vast community radio network.

The full report can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3t49Ovz



The Solidarity Fund has issued an Interim Impact Report, reporting back on the impact attained by the Fund since inception to the end of September 2020.

When the first Solidarity Fund War Room meeting was held on 24 March 2020, the members faced a daunting task - to build a new institution from scratch, whilst mobilising the largest fundraising campaign in our country's history, and deploying those funds with urgency and utmost care to have the greatest possible impact as the crisis rapidly unfolded. The interim Impact Report describes how the Fund discharged this assignment during the six-month "Crisis Phase" of the Fund.

The full report can be downloaded here: https://bit.ly/3r4XIH7



The Fund has recently loaded an addendum to our Food Relief programme. This reports back on our most recent partnership with the SACC to provide food relief in the form of food vouchers to 23,400 households. The vouchers' total value amounted to R10m.

Read the full addendum here: https://bit.ly/3mvorUa



THE SOLIDARITY BEHAVIOURAL **RESPONSE REPORT OMNIBUS RESEARCH ON COVID-19 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.**

In order to identify, fund and initiate effective projects that have the greatest chance of making a lasting impact, it is important that we understand the sentiment of the people. As part of our efforts to mobilise South Africans, we partnered with research company Ask Afrika to understand the behaviour of people towards COVID-19.

Download the report here: https://bit.ly/3p1f8go

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