

SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On the 16th of September, our President, Cyril Ramaphosa, announced that South Africa would be moving into Level 1 lockdown. For many businesses and individuals, this heralded the return to some form of normality – a sign that South Africa could start rebuilding after the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the Solidarity Fund, we share South Africa's relief and optimism, but we are also aware that our work is not done. As our country continues to open up, the work that the Fund is already doing on behavioural change is going to become even more important. The virus will be with us for some time and all of us, locally and globally, will have to learn how to live safely with it. For this reason, we will be continuing with our current Citizens in Solidarity Campaign from next week while we refresh our Behaviour Change campaign, scheduled to launch just before we go into the festive season.

R3.15*
BILLION

PLEGGED

R3.12*
BILLION

RECEIVED

R2.45*
BILLION

ALLOCATED

R1.33**
BILLION

DISBURSED

PROJECTS UNDERWAY



HEALTH
INTERVENTIONS
13 ACTIVE PROJECTS
1 COMPLETED



HUMANITARIAN
RELIEF EFFORTS
4 ACTIVE PROJECTS
1 COMPLETED



BEHAVIOURAL
CHANGE
4 ACTIVE PROJECTS
ONE IN THE PIPELINE
2 COMPLETED

AT A GLANCE

To date, the Solidarity Fund has **approved R1.980bn** towards **health interventions**, **R412m** towards **humanitarian relief efforts** and **R61m** towards **behavioural change programmes**.

HEALTH RESPONSE

- **1.2m Reagent** and extraction kits to enable testing
- **106 000 Tests** provided by increasing testing capacity
- **R45m** to assist with the Seroprevalence study
- **41m Units of PPE** procured. ±38 million units have landed in SA and continue to be distributed
- **52 000 Critical healthcare equipment** for hotspot provinces
- **20 000 Non-invasive ventilators** manufactured that has activated local manufacturing capacity (6 918 distributed across the country)
- **200 Ventilators** purchased internationally have arrived to be distributed
- **1.1m Units of PPE** procured for medical students

THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- **Supported 280 000** families with food parcels
- **47 000 Household/subsistence farmers** to receive farming input vouchers in rural areas – 66% of which will be women
- **135 000 Households** targeted to receive food vouchers
- **133 Shelters** and care centres provided with PPE and critical medical services to assist women and children affected by GBV
- **R75m approved** for 2nd GBV intervention

OUR BEHAVIOURAL CAMPAIGN

- **33.9m Adults** reached through the Solidarity and behavioural campaign
- **Over 100 000** unique users are using the return-to-work website
- **882 Traditional leaders** are using loudhailers donated by the Fund to spread messages around keeping safe



LOOKING BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Yesterday, our **Deputy Chairman, Adrian Enthoven** kicked off our new podcast series titled "Citizens in Solidarity" when he sat down with Andile Khumalo to talk about his involvement with the Fund. "Citizens in Solidarity" is a monthly Solidarity Fund podcast featuring real stories coming out of the Fund. While the Fund is empowered by the donations that come in, it's inspired by the real lives and stories that we impact – this series looks beyond the numbers and shows the human side of the work that we do.

The series plays an important role in demonstrating our commitment to transparency and providing honest and accurate information about the Fund. In the first episode, Adrian unpacks how and why he got involved in the Solidarity Fund; his hopes for the Fund going forward, as well as discusses the **lessons, achievements and challenges experienced** within the last 6 months. The series will be featured on our social media pages as well as on our website.



TACKLING SOUTH AFRICA'S PANDEMIC THROUGH THE POWER OF INFORMATION

South Africa has a very well-documented **problem with violence**. While violence is widespread and affects all levels of society; women, children and people with disabilities, as well as the elderly, are identified as groups that are most vulnerable. Tragically, the COVID-19 global pandemic has exacerbated the problem, with GBV-related cases skyrocketing, and those most affected – women and children – lacking the information and resources to access the assistance they so desperately needed.

Having observed the gap that existed in this area, the Solidarity Fund identified GBV as one of the areas that needed urgent intervention. Already, the Fund has **disbursed R17 million in PPE**, support and aid to organisations that assist the victims of Gender-Based Violence, and a **further R75 million** has been allocated for the 2nd phase of this intervention. The Fund will also be undertaking a communications campaign aimed at catalysing behavioural change and social activism to defeat the scourge of Gender-Based Violence. The campaign, coordinated pro bono by **Black Circle Communications**, will begin rolling out mid-October.



GETTING TO KNOW US

In line with our ongoing mission to keep South Africa informed about the work the Fund is doing, we have **initiated Meet & Greet sessions** between media outlets and our top executives. Every month we proactively approach a different media house to sit down with a Fund representative for 30 minutes, allowing the media to drive the agenda of the discussion. Last week, during the first of these sessions, our Deputy Chairman, Adrian Enthoven met with GroundUp. GroundUp is an independent news agency that reports human rights news from across South Africa. To read that interview, click **here**.



SAVING LIVES THROUGH OUR BEHAVIOUR

The **Behaviour Campaign**, which is part of the overall communication campaign of the Fund, invites all South Africans to become Citizens in Solidarity. Our message is simple – just a few easy changes in your behaviour can save lives. **"Wash your hands to protect your neighbours, wear a mask to protect your friends, keep a safe distance to protect your family and just be kind."** Continuing to promote these behaviours is as important now as in the peak. As society opens up, it is important to remain cautious to prevent a second wave.

A quick catch-up:

During the first phase of the campaign the Solidarity Fund has engaged with and established partnerships and programmes with the following sectors:

- **37 000 spaza shops** across the country are to receive banners and posters promoting COVID-19 prevention measures.
- In both the Eastern Cape and Gauteng we continue to **focus on compliance to prevention protocols** at funerals and burial sites.
- We are in our **6th week of 'Phepha uFunde'** targeting school management and government bodies on keeping schools as safe as possible. **Listen in at 09h00 on Saturdays on Radio 2000.**
- We will be **deploying 700 neighbourhood agents in October** in the Eastern Cape, to bring attention to continuing with safety measures in busy areas within communities, such as taxi ranks and shopping malls.

STAYING IN THE LOOP

Keeping our stakeholders, donors and the public informed is crucial to ensure trust and confidence in the Fund. With that in mind, reports of projects that have closed off are now starting to become more readily available and published to our website. Recently uploaded reports include:

Solidarity Fund Health Response Report | Testing Efforts Interim Report

Solidarity Fund Health Response Report | National Ventilator Production Interim Report

Solidarity Fund Health Response Report | PPE for frontline Community Care Workers

Solidarity Fund Humanitarian Response | The Food Voucher Relief Programme Interim Report

The Creation and the Impact of the Citizens in Solidarity Campaign

Reports can be viewed and downloaded by **clicking here**.

Keep an eye out on our website for regular updates on the Reports tab.

The Solidarity Fund is committed to transparency around all of our activities. You can find detailed information and reporting around donations received, how we allocate resources as well as the impact created, by visiting **www.solidarityfund.co.za**

