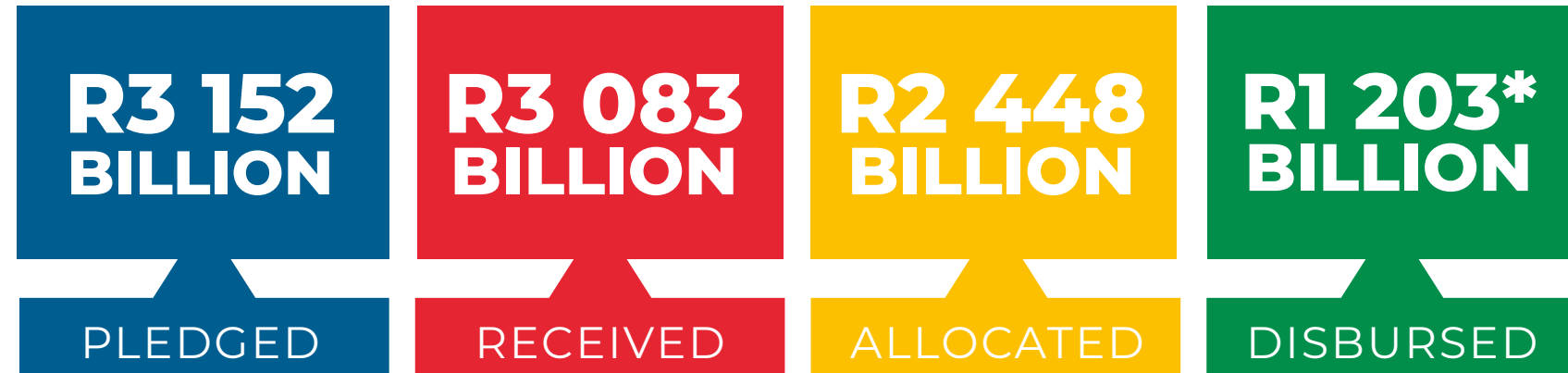


# SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2020



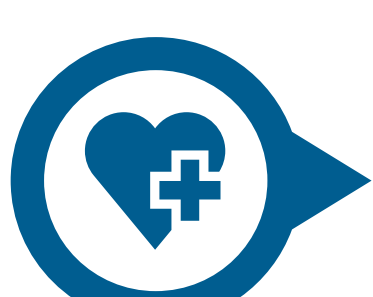
## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There can be no doubt that the last few months have been a busy time for all involved in the Fund. We have no intention of slowing down, however. At our ongoing donor roundtables, we get the chance to engage directly with donors – giving personal feedback on our interventions and projects, and hearing, first-hand, their thoughts on our projects. We are truly grateful for these conversations as it is that energy that we take back to our team of volunteers to inspire them to continue doing their great work. It's also an opportunity for us to use the feedback to finetune what we do. As always, we are grateful to all our donors who make this important work possible.



\*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

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY



HEALTH  
INTERVENTIONS  
**13 PROJECTS**



HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF EFFORTS  
**5 PROJECTS,  
11 SUB-PROJECTS**



BEHAVIOURAL  
CHANGE  
**5 PROJECTS,  
20 SUB-PROJECTS**

## AT A GLANCE

To date, the **Solidarity Fund** has **approved R1.980** towards health interventions, **R411m** towards humanitarian relief efforts and **R56m** towards education and awareness programmes.

### HEALTH RESPONSE

- **R905m** for PPE to community and healthcare workers: ±47,5 million units of PPE ordered, of which ±27 million units of PPE have been delivered across all 9 provinces.
- **R384m** for ventilators, including the local manufacture of up to 20 000 CPAP ventilators.
- **R363m** allocated for the procurement of test kits and to increase testing capacity through the use of university academic laboratories.
- **R405m** to support the procurement of essential equipment needed in hospitals and field hospitals located in the hot-spot provinces of Gauteng, Western Cape and Eastern Cape.

### THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- **Supported 280 000 families** with food parcels.
- **Provided PPE and medical services** support to 133 shelters and care centres assisting women and children affected by Gender Based Violence.
- **Committed a further R100m to food vouchers** for 135 000 beneficiaries.
- **Committed R100m to farming input vouchers** for 47 000 rural households and subsistence farmers, a majority of which will be women.

### OUR BEHAVIOURAL CAMPAIGN

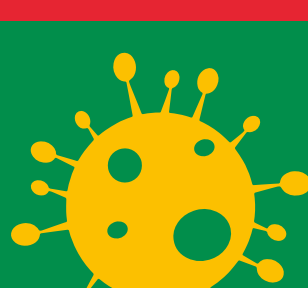
- **Reached** at least **28 million citizens** across various platforms.
- **Distributed educational material** to ±1 million SACC members.
- **Sikhaba Radio education programme** promoted good practice in all 11 official languages.
- **Millions of viewers** watched the Solidarity Cup on 18 July.

## THOUGHT FOR FOOD FOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME ENTERS PHASE 2



With Phase 1 of the **Food Relief Programme** successfully completed, Phase 2 is about to commence with **R100m being earmarked for digital vouchers (R700 per household)** to support **135 000 additional households**. Phase 2 also includes the distribution of **farming input vouchers** for household/subsistence farmers in rural areas across SA. These farmers, predominantly women, play a critical role in household food security and have been hard hit by the restrictions of the lockdown. **R100m has been earmarked** to support their ongoing ability to produce food and support their families.

## LOCAL IS LEKKER LOCALLY PRODUCED VENTILATORS AID EARLY COVID-19 TREATMENT.



With the worldwide impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, local and global medical institutions have struggled to find and supply the necessary equipment to treat COVID-19 patients, and ventilators have been high on their list of critical equipment. To meet the inevitable demand, our Government set up the **National Ventilation Project** with the aim of rapidly facilitating local manufacturing of thousands of non-invasive ventilators. The Solidarity Fund worked closely with the Project and **earmarked R250 million for the local production of 20 000 CPAP ventilators**.

These non-invasive ventilators are crucial to the early treatment of COVID-19 preventing unnecessary intubation and ICU stays. **Local manufacture** not only **speeds up the rate** at which they are deployed, but dramatically **reduces the cost** – from over **R30 000 per unit to between R12 000 and R13 000**. The first instalment of **850 ventilators** have already been dispatched, with the rest to follow.



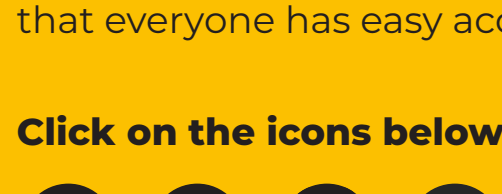
## TRADITIONAL LEADERS HELP EDUCATE ABOUT COVID-19.

**Traditional leaders are invaluable** when it comes to our work on the ground. Their respected position in their communities makes them **ideal partners** to spread correct information about the health protocols and behaviours required to cope with the virus to far reaching communities. Part of our job is to ensure that they have the tools to do this. To this end, the **Solidarity Fund granted R3.3m towards this project** – to offer loud-hailing equipment to be used by the Traditional Leaders for communication with the communities.

## 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, we will start publishing detailed reports on our website from the middle of September. We are also committed to growing and improving our social media presence to ensure that everyone has easy access to accurate, relevant information.

**Click on the icons below to follow us on Social Media.**



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](http://www.solidarityfund.co.za)**

