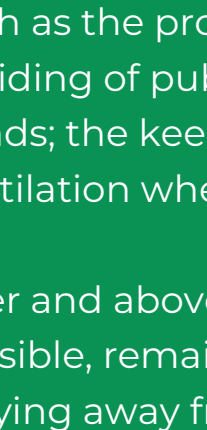
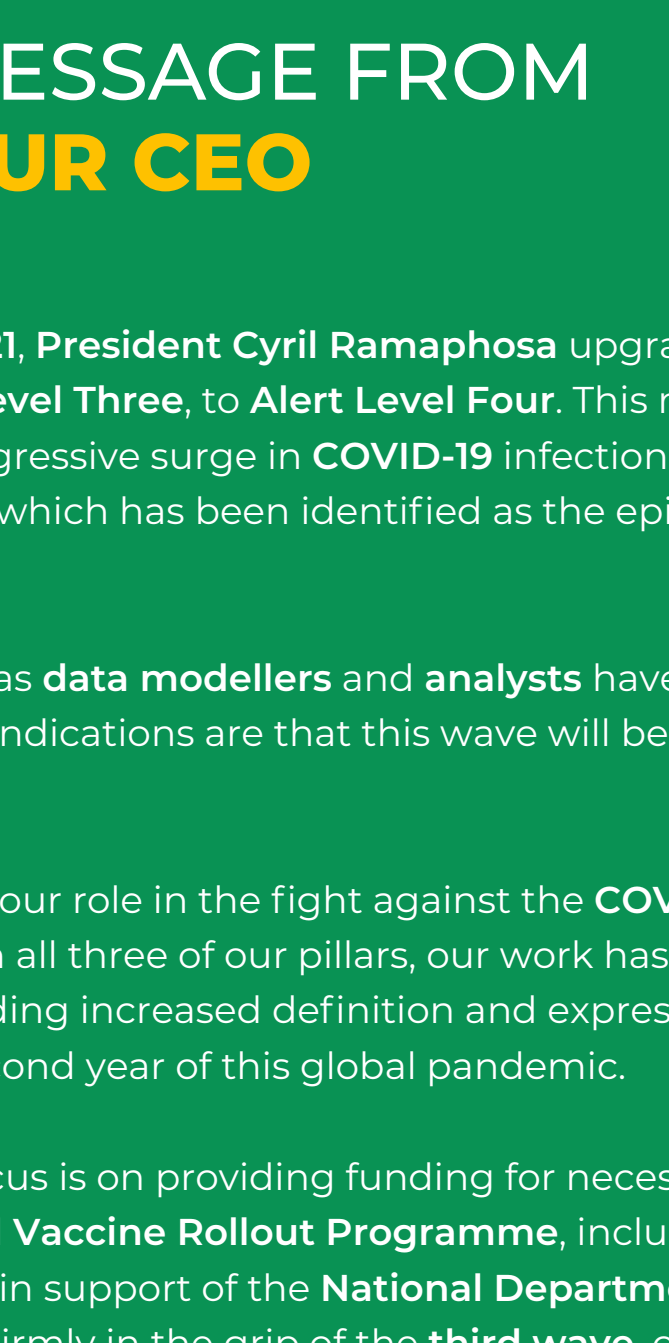


SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN June 2021



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

On the 27th of June 2021, President Cyril Ramaphosa upgraded the country's lockdown from **Alert Level Three**, to **Alert Level Four**. This move was necessitated by the aggressive surge in **COVID-19** infections – particularly in **Gauteng**, the province which has been identified as the epicentre of the **third wave**.

Health experts as well as **data modellers** and **analysts** have expressed serious concern, given that all indications are that this wave will be more devastating than the previous two.

At the **Solidarity Fund**, our role in the fight against the **COVID-19** pandemic steams ahead. Through all three of our pillars, our work has been gaining momentum, and is finding increased defence of expression as the country battles through the second year of this global pandemic.

At this time, our key focus is on providing funding for necessary interventions in support of the **National Vaccine Rollout Programme**, including a number of **catalytic programmes** in support of the **National Department of Health's** efforts. With the country now firmly in the grip of the **third wave**, our **Behaviour Change Pillar** continues to echo the message of **EVDS registration**, to drive **vaccine literacy** as well as to entrench the all-important messaging of compliance to the non-pharmaceutical public health interventions that we should all adhere to, such as the proper wearing of masks each and every time one is in public; the avoiding of public and social gatherings; the frequent washing and sanitising of hands; the keeping of a safe social distance; as well as ensuring sufficient ventilation whenever one is commuting or in enclosed spaces with others.

Over and above the regulations of **Alert Level Four** – staying at home as much as possible, remains the best way that we can all stay safe and flatten the curve. Staying away from loved ones is most difficult, and we are all understandably fatigued from the many months of lockdown, but until we have reached population immunity through vaccination, the threat of these deadly waves will remain. So let's continue to keep ourselves and those around us safe, while making sure that we play our part by assisting those in our families and communities to register so they can get vaccinated. Those that are **50 years and older** will be able to register for their vaccinations on the **EVDS portal** from the **1st of July**, so it is important that we spread this message far and wide. Citizens can also call **0800 029 999** for any vaccination information, or if they are unable to make their scheduled vaccination appointments.

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A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



PLEGGED
R3,44* billion

RECEIVED
R3,39* billion

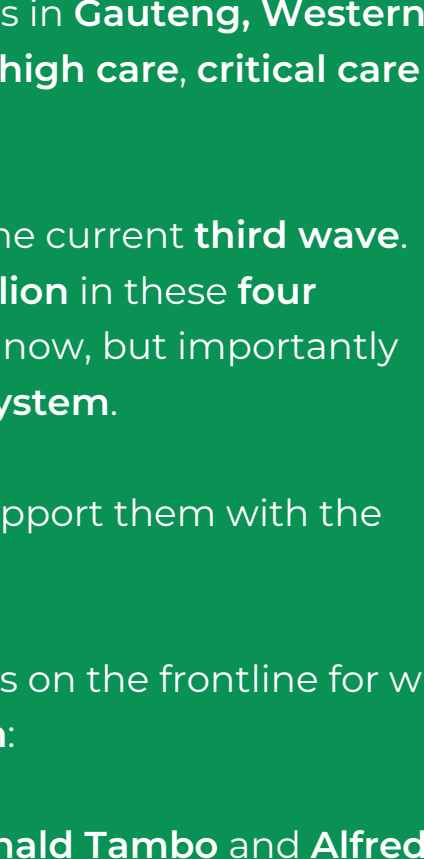
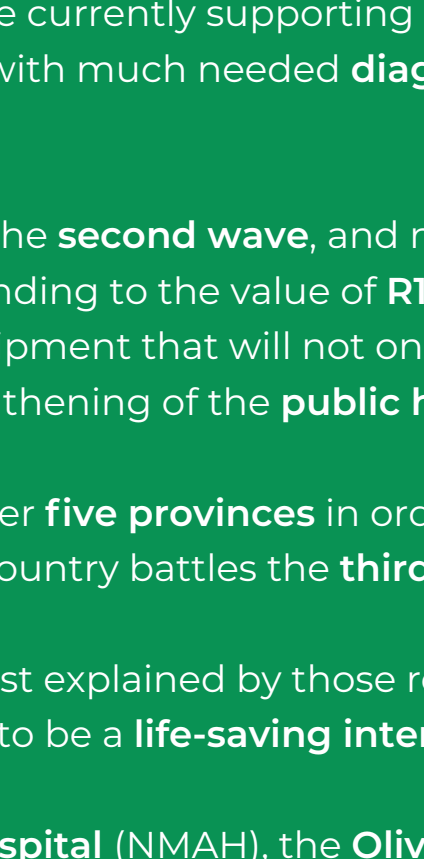
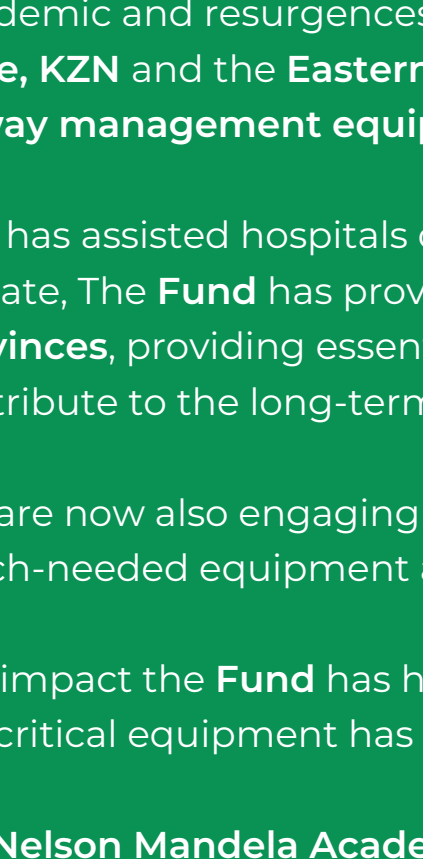
ALLOCATED
R3,37* billion

DISBURSED
R2,41* billion

Disbursed - R2,41* 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 25 June 2021

PROJECTS UNDERWAY



AT A GLANCE

Pillars	Allocated	Disbursed
Health	R2,681bn	R1,895bn
Humanitarian	R429m	R340m
Behavioural	R269m	R178m
Total	R3,375bn	R2,413bn



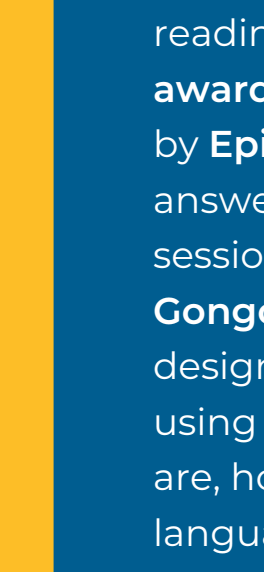
SOLIDARITY FUND ANNUAL INTEGRATED REPORT 2021

In **July** the **Solidarity Fund** will hold its **Q2 Update Briefing**, during which time we will make available and provide an overview of our **Annual Integrated Report**, and feedback on our operations, interventions and impact during the **last quarter**. Following the briefing, the **Integrated Annual Report** will be distributed and made available on the **Fund's** website. **South Africa**, like many other countries around the world, has had many of us set aside our differences as individuals, corporates, government and other stakeholders to come together to respond to the pandemic. Our **Integrated Annual Report** is the story of how, together, we are meeting the challenges and curveballs the pandemic throws at us, and are standing together in our hour of need.

This is our story.

We encourage each and every one of our **donors, stakeholders and social partners** to attend this briefing, in order to bear witness to what all our efforts and contributions have achieved.

Invitations with the date and time as well as the link to access the briefing will be sent via email in **July**.



UPDATE ON THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPORT TO PROVINCES

The **Solidarity Fund's COVID-19 Essential Equipment Project** continues to gain momentum to strengthen the capacity of our hospitals to adequately respond to the **COVID-19** pandemic and resurgences. We are currently supporting hospitals in **Gauteng, Western Cape, KZN** and the **Eastern Cape** with much needed **diagnostic, high care, critical care** and **airway management equipment**.

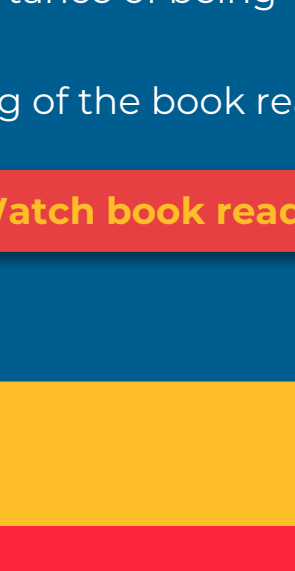
This has assisted hospitals during the **second wave**, and now in the current **third wave**. To date, The **Fund** has provided funding to the value of **R161.4 million** in these **four provinces**, providing essential equipment that will not only assist now, but importantly contribute to the long-term strengthening of the **public health system**.

We are now also engaging the other **five provinces** in order to support them with the much-needed equipment as the country battles the **third wave**.

The impact the **Fund** has had is best explained by those recipients on the frontline for whom the critical equipment has proven to be a **life-saving intervention**.

"As **Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital (NMAH)**, the **Oliver Reginald Tambo** and **Alfred Nzo Districts of the Eastern Cape**, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the equipment the **Fund** has purchased to support the **COVID-19** response. The impact has been clearly seen and appreciated." - **Dr Mrara**

"Our hospitals need ventilators for patients who are critically ill. Where some patients would crash and die while waiting for a bed or a ventilator to become available, now they have a fighting chance." - **Dr Fareed Abdullah, Steve Biko Academic Hospital**



SOLIDARITY FUND PARTNERS WITH NHTKL

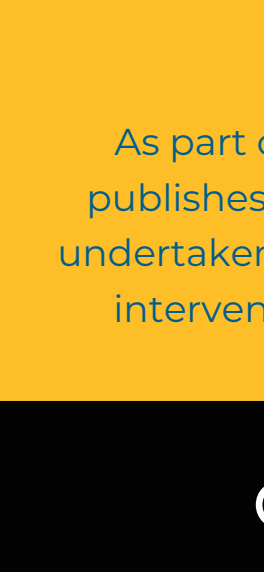
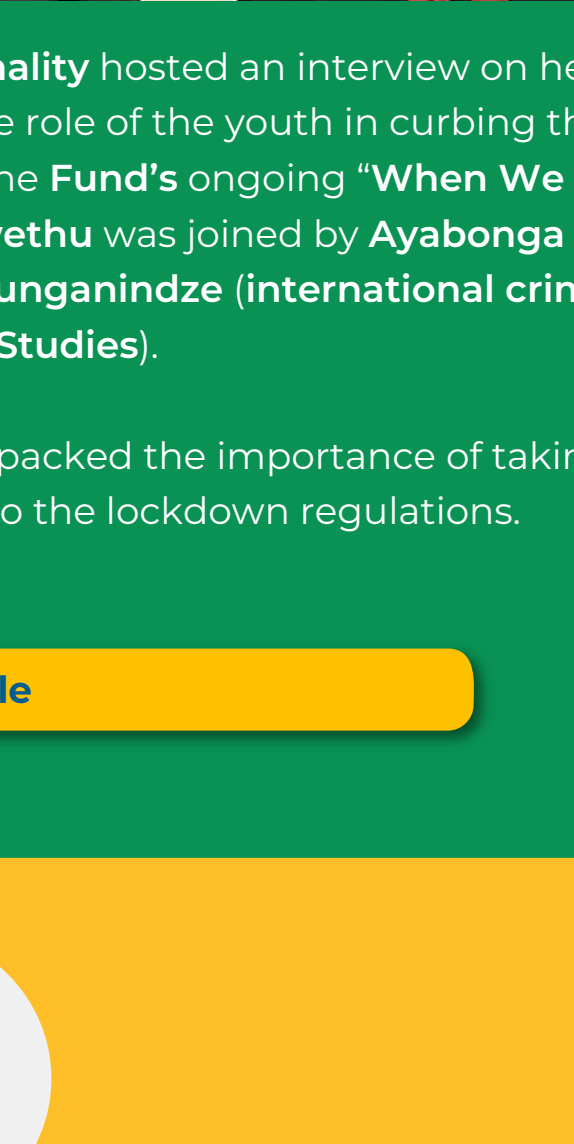
As part of the ongoing "When We Come Together" national communication campaign, the **Solidarity Fund** and the **National House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders (NHTKL)**, have entered into a partnership which has seen over **200 young people** in **five provinces - KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape, North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga** – embark on a rural-focused door-to-door campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to engage with community members about maintaining preventative behaviours, while also assisting with registering people **60 years and older** on the **EVDS portal**.

The **foot soldiers** have already visited and engaged with just over **21 000 households**, and to date have facilitated nearly **6 000 registrations**. The partnership is aimed at addressing the concerns of people in respect of the vaccine, the rollout itself, and to encourage a greater uptake of the opportunity to be vaccinated.

The **foot soldiers** have been welcomed within the communities, and the campaign is set to be completed at the **end of June 2021**.

For more on the partnership please click here:

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VACCINE LITERACY AND CORE PREVENTATIVE BEHAVIOURS WEBINAR

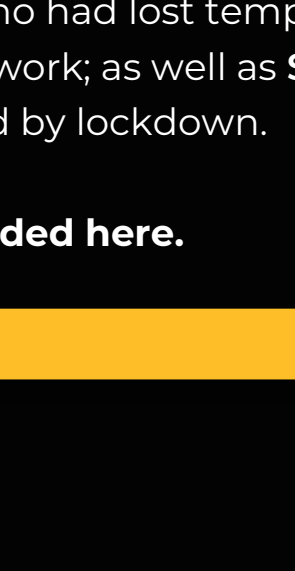
On the **23rd of June 2021**, the **Solidarity Fund** hosted a much-needed and highly informative webinar on the topic of "Vaccine Literacy and Core Preventative Behaviours". The webinar was facilitated by **award-winning journalist, Redi Thabi**, who was in conversation with **Dr. Sangxa Rozani** – an independent medical expert, **Dr. Saul Johnson** – an Epidemiologist and advisor at the **Solidarity Fund**, as well as **Dr. Boitumelo Semete Makokotlela** - Chief Executive Officer of **SAHPRA**.



Mr. Simphiwe Gada, who serves as the **Gauteng Chairperson** at **DENOSA**, was scheduled to be part of the panel, but was unable to log into due to technical difficulties.

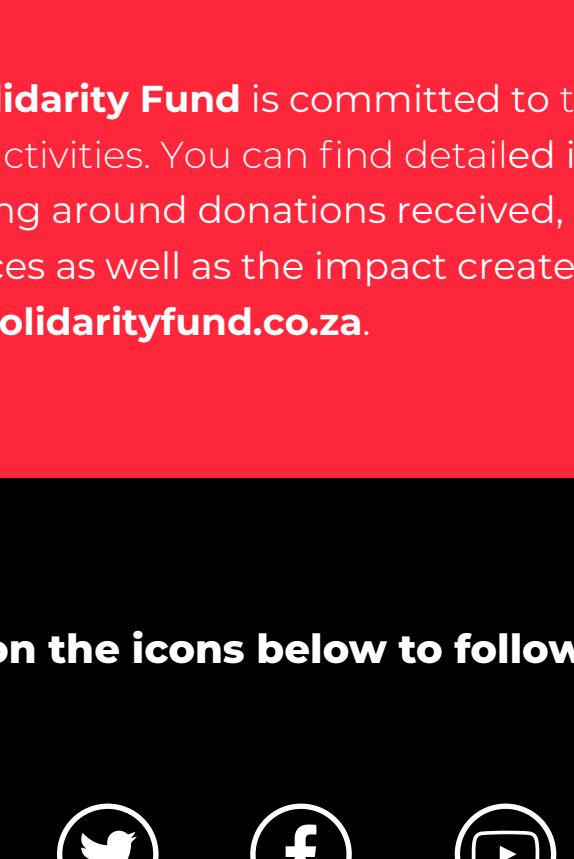
The webinar received extensive media coverage, and was live-streamed on **South Africa's** largest website and news service, **News24**. A recording of the webinar is available on the **Fund's YouTube channel**, and can be accessed here:

[View webinar](#)



'ALL ABOUT VACCINES' VIRTUAL BOOK READING FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN WITH POET AND AUTHOR, LEBOHANG MASANGO

On the **24th of June 2021**, the **Solidarity Fund** hosted a virtual book reading for parents and young children in partnership with **award-winning author and poet Lebohang Masango**. She was joined by **Epidemiologist Dr. Nokukhanya Msimi**, who was on hand to answer any questions related to **viruses and vaccines**. During the session, **Lebohang** read extracts from acclaimed author **Bridget Gongol's** children's book titled "All about Vaccines". The book is designed to educate children and parents alike about vaccines by using fun cartoon dinosaur illustrations, and explains what vaccines are, how they work, and their importance in easy-to-understand language.



To aid further exploration and understanding of vaccines for older children and adults, the book also contains more detailed explanations of vaccines, a glossary of terms, and a list of information resources.

The purpose of the **Fund** hosting this webinar was to educate young children about vaccines, while also addressing core preventative behaviours and the importance of being "champions of change".

You can watch a recording of the book reading here:

[Watch book reading](#)



VACCINATION IS OUR BEST HOPE AGAINST THE PANDEMIC REITERATES DR GUGU NGUBANE

Our very own **Dr. Gugu Ngubane**, who serves as the **Fund's Health Pillar Co-Lead**, has been busy making headlines and talking about the importance of vaccination as our best hope against the **COVID-19** pandemic. Science tells us that mass vaccination against **COVID-19** offers the best hope of protection against serious illness, hospitalisation and death.

A recent thought-leadership piece by **Dr. Ngubane** was featured in a number of online and print news outlets. You can read the article via the link below.

Read **Dr Ngubane's** article by following this link:

[Read article](#)



DIALOGUE ON HOW THE YOUTH CAN CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



Olwethu Leshabane, a **TV and social media personality** hosted an interview on her platform "The Sit Down with Olwe2Lesh" about the role of the youth in curbing the spread of **COVID-19**. This interview formed part of the **Fund's** ongoing "When We Come Together" national communication campaign. **Olwethu** was joined by **Ayabonga Cawe** (**Columnist, TV and Radio presenter**) and **Ottilia Mungandze** (**international criminal law expert and strategist for the Institute for Security Studies**).

In this thought-provoking conversation, the trio unpacked the importance of taking ownership within our communities, and adhering to the lockdown regulations. You can watch the interview here:

[Read article](#)



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. **Three** new reports relating to our **Humanitarian and Health Pillar** interventions have been uploaded to our website since our **May bulletin**.

GBV 1: COMMUNICATIONS AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Cases of **gender-based violence (GBV)** skyrocketed across **South Africa** when the country went into lockdown due to rising **COVID-19** infections. As a result, the **Solidarity Fund** launched a national awareness campaign – among its other interventions – to cast a spotlight on, and help to combat, the scourge of **GBV**.

The full report can be downloaded here.

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SUPPORT OF THE FOOD VOUCHER RELIEF PROGRAMME

The **Food Voucher Relief Programme** sought to disburse **cash vouchers** to beneficiaries most greatly affected by **South Africa's COVID-19** lockdown. These included **expecting mothers, artists and people working in sports** who had lost incomes; **unemployed youth** who had lost temporary employment; **migrants** who were reliant on temporary work; as well as **South Africans** in rural areas, who had also been adversely affected by lockdown.

The full report can be downloaded here.

<https://bit.ly/3iYSQft>

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

When the **Solidarity Fund** was formed in **late March 2020**, **South Africa** faced a severe shortage of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** as a result of supply-chain constraints. **PPE** is critical for ensuring the protection of **frontline and healthcare workers**, both in hospitals and in community care settings. Experiences in other countries showed that a **PPE** shortage meant **healthcare and frontline workers** paid a heavy price in terms of **infection, illness and fatality**.

The full report can be downloaded here.

<https://bit.ly/2TW8WMI>

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