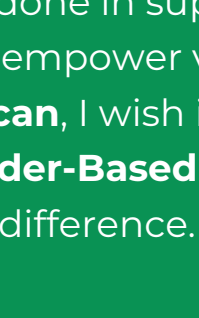


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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Women's month has come to an end. As with every year, I spent some time reflecting on the role of women in society, the inequalities that we are still fighting every day, and the **Gender-Based Violence** that continues to ravage our country. As the **CEO** of the **Solidarity Fund**, I am very proud of the work the **Fund** has done in supporting organisations that work tirelessly to aid, protect, support and empower victims of **Gender-Based Violence**. As a woman, and a **South African**, I wish it was a job that we never had to do. The fight against **Gender-Based Violence** must never stop. Together, I do believe we can make a real difference.

During the **last month**, the **Fund** has been working tirelessly on our continued role in the **National Vaccine Rollout Programme**, with particular attention to the **Vaccine Outreach Sites** in order to take vaccines to the people. In addition, we have been planning and implementing interventions under the new **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund**, set up in response to the civil unrest that tore through **KZN** and parts of **Gauteng** at the **end of July**. Speed in this is essential as the need is urgent and significant. Thanks to hard work from the team and our partners, the **Relief Fund** has already started making an impact in communities affected by the unrest. I, for one, am grateful yet unsurprised by the incredible support that we have seen for this new fund.

Tandi Nzimande

COVID RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



PLEGGED
R3,45* billion

RECEIVED
R3,45* billion

DISBURSED
R2,51* billion

* Accurate as at 25 August 2021

PROJECTS UNDERWAY



Health Interventions:

22 Projects



Humanitarian Relief Efforts:

9 Projects
(11 sub-projects)



Behavioural Change:

12 Projects
(26 sub-projects)



AT A GLANCE

Pillars	Disbursed
Health	R1,950bn
Humanitarian	R354m
Behavioural	R207m
Total	R2,511bn

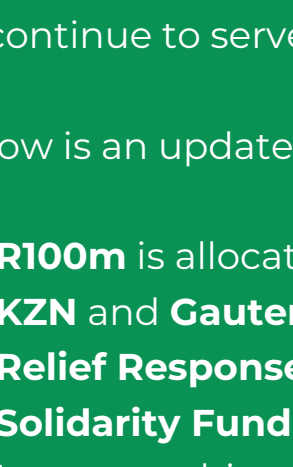
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund** is set up as an entity separate from the **Solidarity Fund COVID response**, with a separate bank account and its own set of numbers.

Pledged: **R673m**

Received: **R556m**

*Accurate as at 25 August 2021



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND TAKES OFF

In the true spirit of rapid response, the **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund (HCRF)** has kicked off and begun its important work. As we know, **South Africa** has been rocked by the unrest and looting that swept over **Kwa-Zulu Natal** and **Gauteng** near the **end of July**. But while the unrest may be currently under control, the people affected by the damage to businesses, supply chains and access to chronic medicine are still feeling the effects.

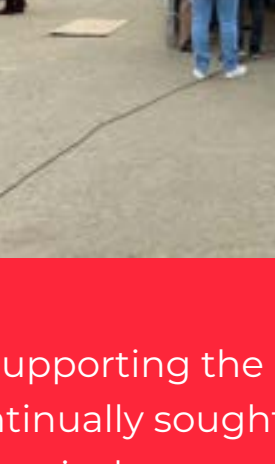
An essential part of all interventions undertaken by the **Fund** and, therefore, by this new crisis fund, is rigorous adherence to governance procedure and thorough planning. Despite this, we have moved quickly to address urgent needs.

The **first phase** of this intervention involves the funding of approximately **168,000 food parcels** in rural areas. We have partnered with the **National and Provincial Departments of Social Development (KZN and Gauteng)** as well as the **KZN Provincial House of Traditional Leaders** to identify beneficiaries and to procure, package and deliver the food parcels. Alongside the food parcel programme, the **HCRF** is working with the **National Department of Health** to support its existing **Chronic Medicine distribution programmes (CCMDD)** that provide medication to **400,000 patients** through a network of **Pick-up Points (PuP)**. The **Relief Fund** is providing an additional **27 containerised** and staffed **PuPs** to continue to serve patients.

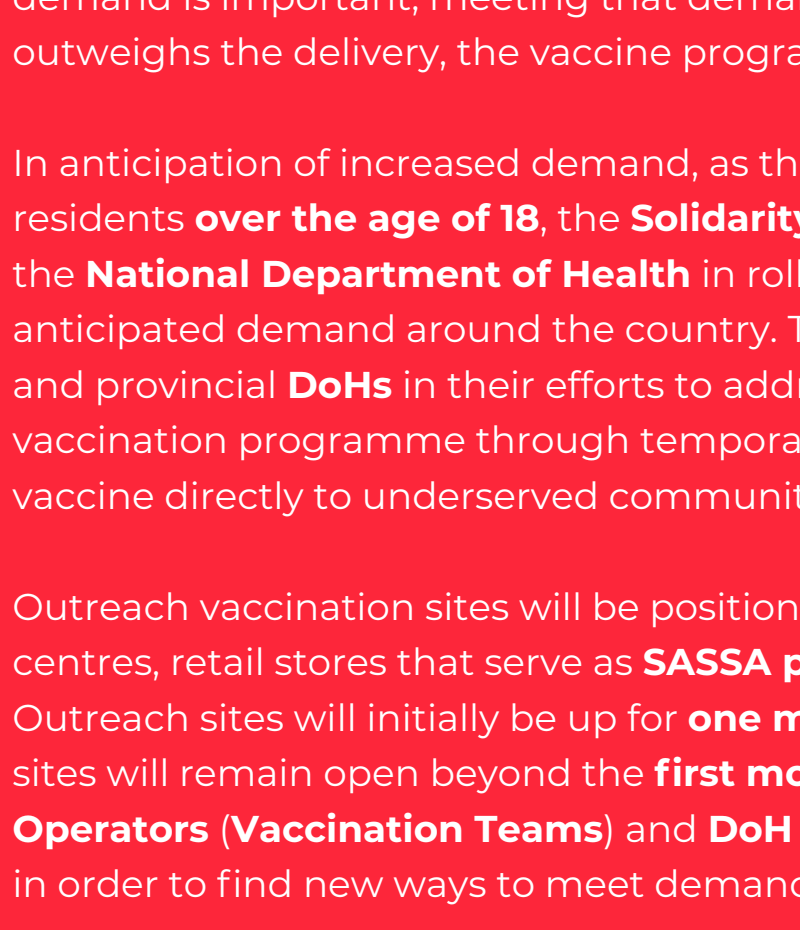
Below is an update of our progress so far:

- **R100m** is allocated for the procurement, packaging and distribution of **food parcels** in **KZN** and **Gauteng** in support of the **Department of Social Development (DSD) Food Relief Response**. The **Department** will utilise the commitment of **R100 million** from the **Solidarity Fund** as follows: **R60 million** for **KZN** and **R40 million** for **GP**.
- In partnership with **DSD** and their **Provincial Implementing Agents (PIA)**, we aim to distribute food parcels to **142 857 targeted households** by **1st of October 2021**.
- **Food parcel distribution** commenced on the **16th of August 2021** in **KZN** at **uMgungundlovu district** at a rate of **2 500 food parcels** per day and with a **total of 15 000** delivered as at the **26th of August**.
- An additional **R20m** has been allocated to provide food relief in rural **KZN** where relief has been limited to date. In partnership with the **Provincial House of Traditional Leaders** the fund will distribute **21 450 food parcels** to **196 Traditional Councils** in **KZN**. Each parcel will feed a family of four for a month. Deliveries of the food parcels commenced on the **24th of August**.
- The **CCMDD** intervention has been allocated **R4m**.

To support the funding of the interventions, **R100m** has been redirected, with approval from the major donors, from the **Fund's COVID** response funds. Additionally, the **HCRF** has received **R400m** from the **National Treasury**. Together with funds raised through **Solidarity Fund** fund-raising activities, total donations received to date for the **HCRF** amount to **R556m**.



ENABLING VACCINE ACCESS THROUGH SURGE CAPACITY OUTREACH SITES



In supporting the **National Vaccine Roll-out programme**, the **Solidarity Fund** has continually sought to meet new requirements for assistance. The **Fund** has worked extensively to create awareness and demand through **two large scale integrated communication campaigns**, one concluded and one pending. But, while creating demand is important, meeting that demand is also crucial. When the demand outweighs the delivery, the vaccine programme is compromised.

In anticipation of increased demand, as the vaccination programme has opened up to all residents **over the age of 18**, the **Solidarity Fund** approved funding of **R300m** to support the **National Department of Health** in rolling out additional vaccination sites to meet anticipated demand around the country. The sites are aimed at supporting the **NDoh** and provincial **DoHs** in their efforts to address issues of access and equity in the vaccination programme through temporary and mobile outreach sites that bring the vaccine directly to underserved communities.

Outreach vaccination sites will be positioned in high footfall areas such as shopping centres, retail stores that serve as **SASSA pay points**, taxi ranks, and community centres. Outreach sites will initially be up for **one month**, targeting **200 jobs a day**. Successful sites will remain open beyond the **first month** and the **Fund** – along with its **Clinical Operators (Vaccination Teams)** and **DoH partners** - will continue to innovate together in order to find new ways to meet demand.

In **early July**, the **Fund** ran a **pilot project** at **10 prioritised SASSA pay points** across **7 districts** in **4 provinces (Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Western Cape, Free State)**. The project aimed to accelerate the vaccination of the uninsured by establishing **Pop-up Vaccination Services** at **SASSA pay points** in districts with low vaccination rates. The pilot was a resounding success and the **Fund** will now scale and extend the vaccine outreach programme nationally, dealing directly with the provinces in order to ensure a seamless and effective rollout.



INTEGRATED DEMAND CREATION COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN AIMS TO INCREASE VACCINE UPTAKE

Last month, we announced the the **Fund's** upcoming, large-scale integrated communication campaign aimed at maintaining high vaccine acceptance levels, encouraging vaccine uptake urgency and addressing vaccine inertia and hesitancy. To be rolled out in partnership with the **National Department of Health** and in partnership with community partners represented in the **National Communication Partnership (NCP)**, the campaign has a budget of **R100m** for an integrated media campaign, **R30m** for community mobilisers and door-to-door activations and **R14m** for extending community partnerships and will use multiple channels to reach all **South Africans** wherever they may be in our country over a **five month period** starting in **September** and ending in **January 2022**. The fully integrated **media campaign** will encompass **television, radio, outdoor, PR, Social Media** and **Social Influencers**. Activations around the country have proven very successful in getting our message across and this campaign will make good use of them - targeting rural and peri-urban and township engagements with over **1,000 on-the-ground community mobilisers**.

PR and **Activations** will ensure the messaging reaches far and wide as the **campaign** works in close partnership with the **NDoh, NHTL, SANTACO, SACC** and **Retail Industry**. The **campaign** will be launched, in a phased manner, from **September** and will creatively position the vaccine as a beacon of tangible hope, and call on **South Africans** to get vaccinated today so we can start to truly rebuild our economy and get back to living.



WOMEN'S MONTH SERIES A LOOK AT OUR GBV2 FUNDING RECIPIENTS

As shared in the **July newsletter**, this **women's month**, the **Solidarity Fund** highlighted the plight of women with a focus on the **Gender-Based Violence sector**, as the scourge of **GBV** is an inhibitor of achieving 'an Equal Future'.

This was done through a number of videos profiling a selected number of **GBV funding recipients** and focused on the impact being delivered to address the plight of **South African women** from our current **GBV intervention**. To meet a few of these outstanding organisations, click below.

[please click here](#)



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. These are an essential part of demonstrating transparency and impact. The fund is currently in the process of finalising **additional reports** for projects that have closed out. To view **reports** on currently completed projects, please visit:

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