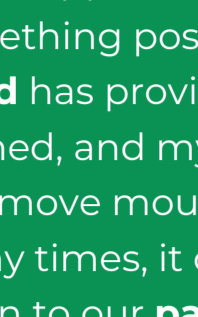
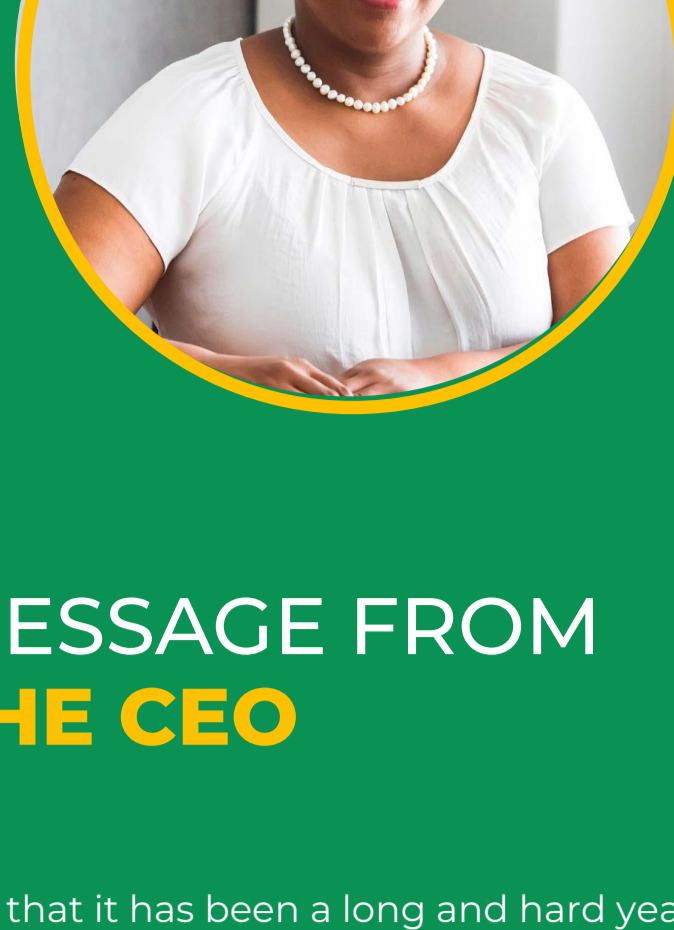
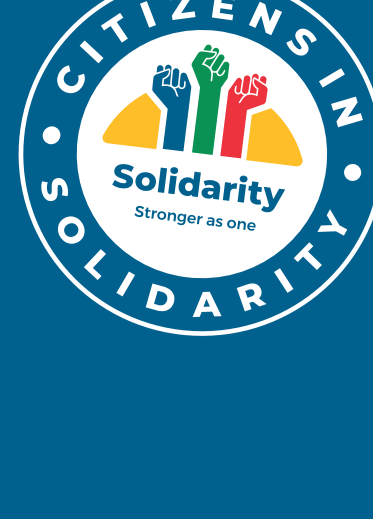


# SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDERS BULLETIN December 2021



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

There can be no doubt that it has been a long and hard year for most. **The impact of COVID** continues, affecting lives and livelihoods of all **South Africans**. As we approach the end of the year, I know that many will struggle to find something positive to hope for. For me, personally, my work with the **Solidarity Fund** has provided me with my beacon of hope. It has been just over a year since I joined, and my tenure so far has proven to me that courage and determination can move mountains. Although I have used this platform to thank my team many times, it can never be enough. I would like to express my gratitude once again to our **partners, donors, and volunteers**, for your immense support, spirit, and strength during a year full of hard work, challenges, and successes. You have helped make a difference to the lives and livelihoods of many **South Africans** and should be proud of our collective achievements.

With the **4th wave** taking hold in **South Africa**, the work of the **Solidarity Fund** must and will continue into the new year. Our work this year has primarily focused on advocating for and enabling the national **vaccination roll-out programme** and this won't change. As tempting as it may be to let your guard down and try and forget this virus for a short period over these holidays, I urge everyone to not let **COVID** fatigue affect their adherence to the important basic principles of mask-wearing, sanitising and social distancing. Most of all, I urge you to get vaccinated. **Omicron** has proven that the pandemic still has many more surprises in store for us. We must be vigilant and follow the science. As we move into the holiday season, the nature of our celebrations will no doubt continue to evolve as we start to normalise living with **COVID-19**. I wish you and your loved ones a **peaceful, joyous and safe** festive season.

Tandri Nzimande

## COVID RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



**PLEDGED**  
**R3,47\* billion**

**RECEIVED**  
**R3,45\* billion**

**DISBURSED**  
**R2,90\* billion**

\* Accurate as at 12 December 2021

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY

**Health Interventions:**  
33 Projects

**Humanitarian Relief Efforts:**  
6 Projects  
(11 sub-projects)

**Behavioural Change:**  
13 Projects  
(27 sub-projects)

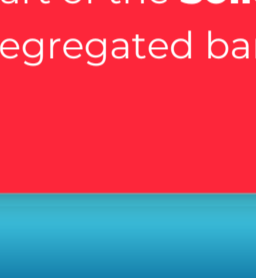


## AT A GLANCE

Pillars
Health
Humanitarian
Behavioural
<b>Total</b>

Disbursed
R2,103bn
R390m
R410m
<b>R2,90bn</b>

\* Accurate as at 12 December 2021



## HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The **HCRRF** runs as a distinct part of the **Solidarity Fund** and is in line with its **mandate**. It operates with a segregated bank account but, as a part of the **Solidarity Fund**.

**Pledged:** R672m

**Received:** R597m  
(Includes R100m SF Transfer)

**Disbursed:** R232m

\* Accurate as at 12 December 2021



## SOLIDARITY FUND TAKES WELL-DESERVED FESTIVE SEASON BREAK

The **Solidarity Fund** team will be taking a break over the holidays from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, and will return on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Should you need to contact us urgently over the holiday period, we can be reached as follows:

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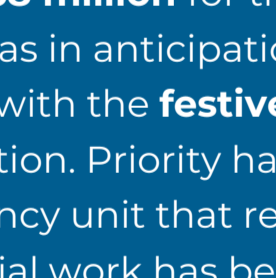
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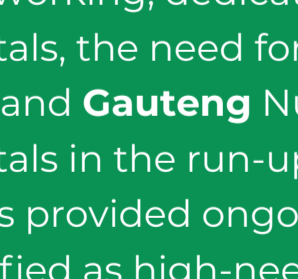
## HCRRF OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO INFORMAL TRADERS AND WORKERS

The effects of the civil unrest that took place in **Kwa-Zulu Natal** and **Gauteng** in **July** are still being felt today. While businesses and malls that were damaged or destroyed work to reopen, numerous **informal traders** and **employees** that depended on these for their jobs and livelihoods are struggling to survive. To assist vulnerable informal traders and workers, the **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund (HCRRF)** will provide a once-off **R3,000 Digital Cash Voucher** which can be used for food, hygiene products and essentials. **R62 million** has been allocated for this intervention that is expected to reach approximately **20 000 former employees** and **informal traders** in the two provinces.



## PROGRESS IS MADE ON CHARLOTTE MAXEKE HOSPITAL REFURBISHMENT

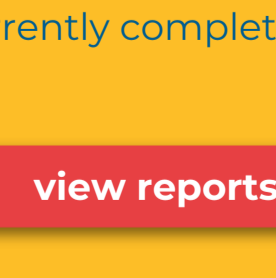
After the **Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH)** was extensively damaged by fire earlier this year, the **Fund** approved an amount of **R68 million** for the refurbishment of **Block One** of the hospital. This was in anticipation of the **fourth wave** which was projected to coincide with the **festive season**, and which has subsequently come to fruition. Priority has been given to **Level 6** of **Block 1**, the acute emergency unit that receives acutely sick **Covid** patients. To date, substantial work has been carried out and acceptance of patients is imminent with work on two-thirds of **Level 6** completed. The balance of **Level 6** is due for completion on or before the **28<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**. Phase two of the project consists of the refurbishment of the balance of **Block One** and is scheduled to be completed by the end of **June 2022**.



## PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED NURSING SUPPORT TO HOSPITALS UNDER STRAIN

Our country's nurses are the heart and soul of our **medical institutions**. They are hard-working, dedicated and indispensable. With the strain that **COVID-19** has put on our hospitals, the need for trained and experienced nurses is even more dire. The **Eastern Cape** and **Gauteng** Nurses projects were aimed at providing much needed support to hospitals in the run-up to the peak of the **3rd wave** and additional support post wave as nurses provided ongoing services in the **COVID** wards. **Eastern Cape** and **Gauteng** were identified as high-need areas with **R39 million** and **R16 million** in funding approved respectively. The projects have been a success with key hospitals being capacitated to handle the surge in patients. As the country enters the **4th wave**, the project's ongoing success has ensured that nurses are already in place and equipped to assist. To support this, an additional **R6.8 million** has been allocated and the **Gauteng** project has been extended till the **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021**.

To date the **Gauteng** nurses support has provided over **5 500 COVID nurse shifts** cover in **8 major hospitals** in the province (**Chris Hani Bara, Charlotte Maxeke, Kalafong, George Mukhari, Helen Joseph, Steve Biko, Tembisa** and **Tshwane District**). Expenditure to date is at **R11,3m** of **R16,69m**. A total of **137 nurses** have been placed to support the **ECDOH** vaccine outreach drive. These comprise **73 Professional Nurses** and **64 Enrolled Nurses**.



## 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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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).

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