

SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN Special Edition - April 2022



STANDING UNITED WITH SA THE FUND STEPS IN TO RESPOND TO DEVASTATING FLOODS

The recent flooding that has devastated **Kwa-Zulu Natal** and the **Eastern Cape** has taken a catastrophic toll on the infrastructure, schools, homes and lives of those affected. On **Monday** night, **President Ramaphosa** addressed the nation and confirmed that there are **443 dead** in **KZN** and a reported death in **EC**, **48 people missing** or unaccounted for in **KZN** and nearly **4 000 homes** have been lost with an estimated **40 000 people** displaced by the floods. **Infrastructure** and **buildings** have also been swept away.

President Ramaphosa also announced that the **government** had approached the **Solidarity Fund** and requested support.

At an urgent **Solidarity Board meeting** held on the **16th of April**, the **Solidarity Fund** resolved to support and augment the **National Government response** to the recent floods in **KwaZulu-Natal** and the **Eastern Cape**, and the resultant devastating after effects on both **infrastructure** and **broader society** in these areas and further afield.

To action this decision, the **Solidarity Fund Floods Response pillar** has been established which will **ringfence** the **floods response activities** and will **operate separately** from the **COVID-19 fund**. The **National Treasury** will make an initial amount of funding available to the **Fund** so that it is in a position to assist in implementing and augmenting certain of government's support measures. A **bank account, separate** from the **COVID response account**, has been set up to receive **donations**.



The **Fund** will focus its efforts in the **Kwazulu-Natal** and **Eastern Cape** provinces and on the need for immediate **humanitarian response** - focusing on **food, water** and **shelter interventions** and **programmes**.

Responding to this disaster falls well within the **Fund's second phase** of operation. In **March**, the **Solidarity Fund** board passed a resolution that the **Fund** would begin downscaling its operations. It was anticipated that it could be **remobilised rapidly** and effectively should another overwhelming **national crisis** occur. Although it was not anticipated that this eventuality would arise so soon, such a decision provided for exactly the circumstance that has arisen. The **Solidarity Fund** is well placed to assume this role.

The **Fund** also has the experience required in coordinating and **leveraging partners** to maximum effect. It will work closely with government, business and civil society, as it has under the **COVID-19 response** and **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund** mandates, to respond to the **National State of Disaster** and deliver an urgent, **impactful response**.



As **South Africans** we have all witnessed the **tragedy** unfolding in the **two provinces** with pain and despair. It is **our hope** that the **assistance** administered will have an immediate **impact** and **lessen** the **suffering** that is being experienced.



DONATIONS

Donations towards the **Solidarity Fund Floods Response** can be made into the following bank account:

Account Name: SF Floods Response
Bank: Standard Bank Business Current Account
Account number: 070064474

To read the full **media statement**:

[click here](#)

The **Solidarity Fund's website** has been **updated** to include a **Floods Response page** and can be accessed at:

<https://solidarityfund.co.za/solidarity-fund-floods-response/>

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