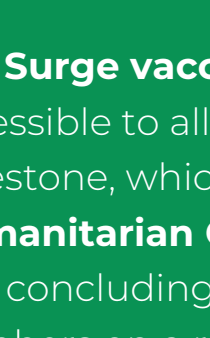
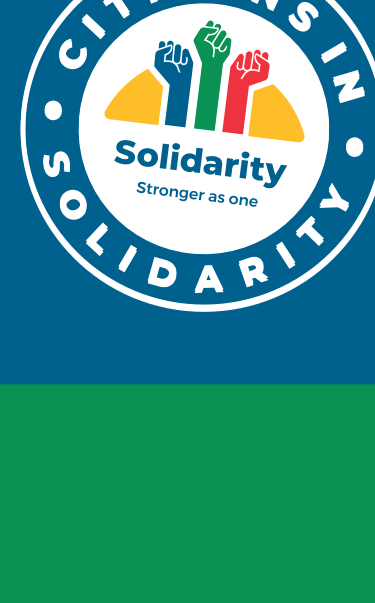


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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

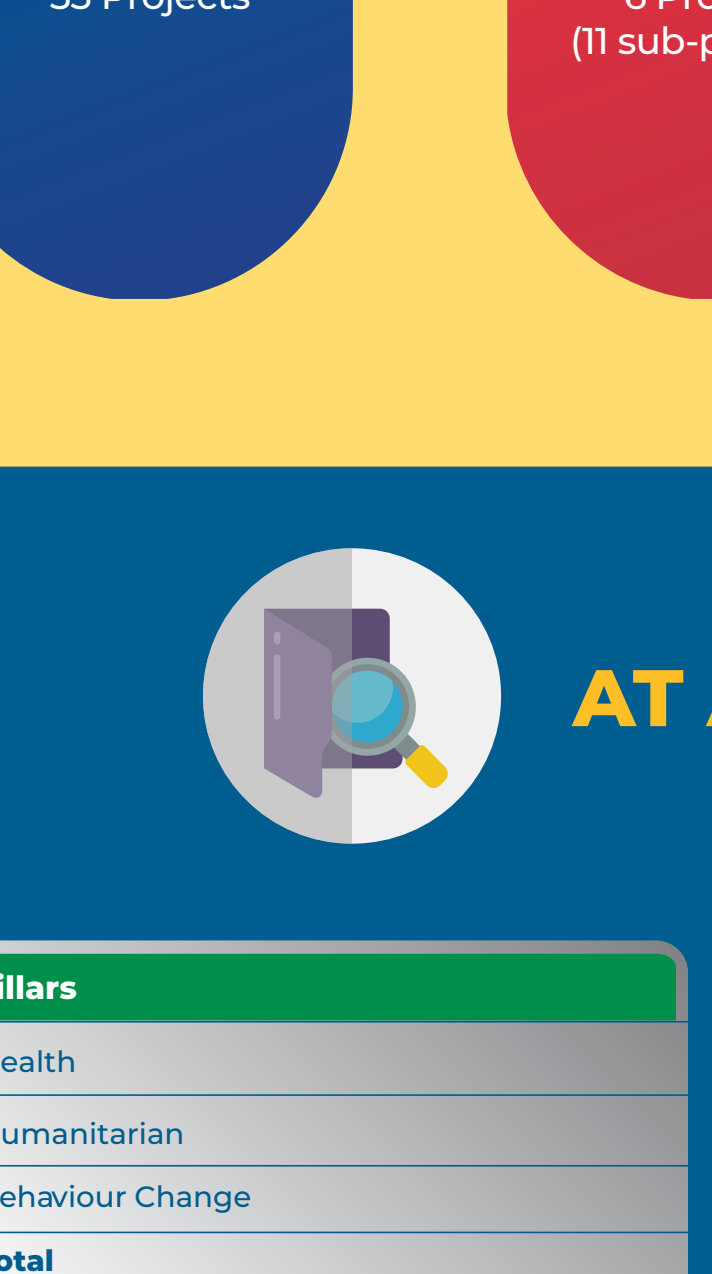
When the **Fund** announced, on the **17th of March 2022**, that it would be downscaling its operations until such time that it was required to remobilise again, we never expected for that time to come so quickly. The floods that have swept over **Kwa-Zulu Natal**, and parts of the **Eastern Cape** have left catastrophe in their wake, the only responsible course of action for the **Fund** is to support **government's** call to remobilise and provide urgent **humanitarian aid** where required.

This decision does not undermine the current work that is taking place to scale down the **Solidarity Fund's COVID response**. That work is underway, and all projects and programmes will be wound up by the end of **September**, as planned.

Our **Surge vaccination outreach sites** are continuing to make vaccines accessible to all across the country. They have recently reached an impressive milestone, which we will talk more about later. The partnership between the **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund** and **National Empowerment Fund (NEF)** is also concluding its work and it was gratifying to meet the faces behind the numbers on a recent site visit to affected businesses.

Tandri Nzimande

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



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PROJECTS UNDERWAY



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AT A GLANCE

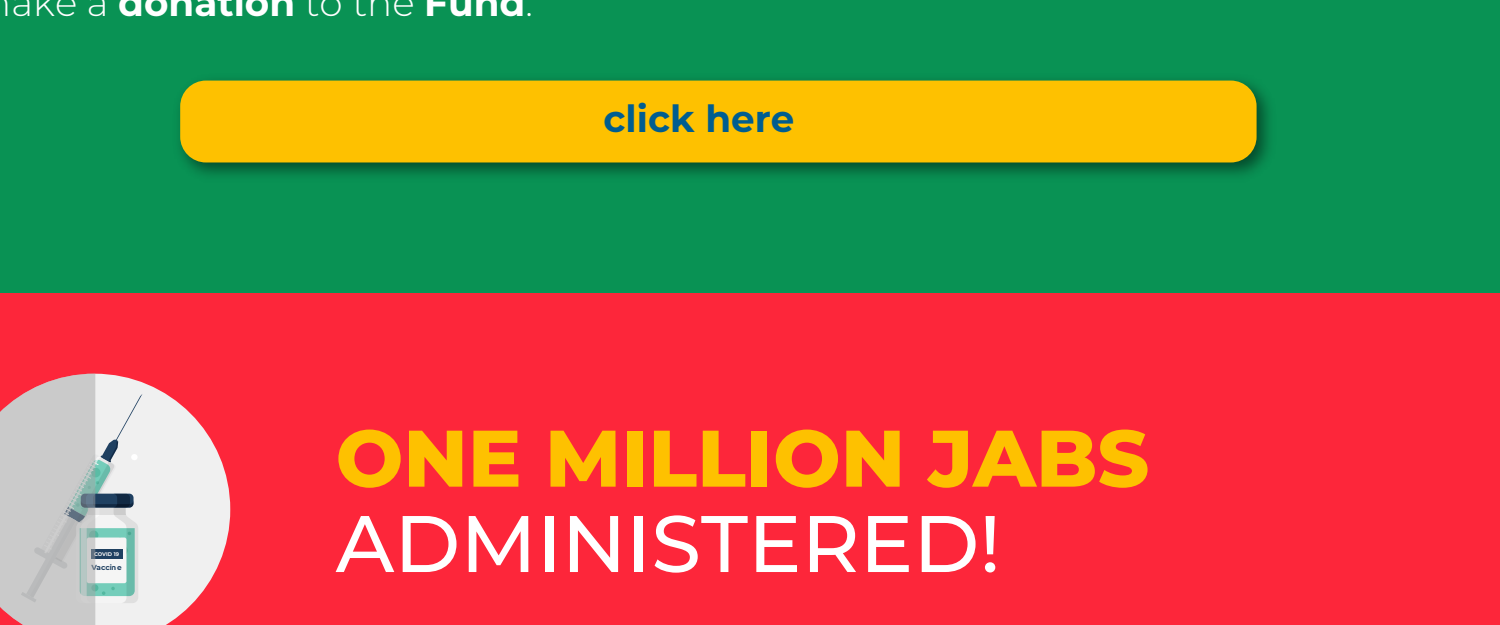
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Health
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Disbursed
R2,1bn
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R3,1bn

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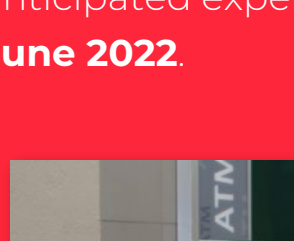
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The **HCRF** was established in response to the **July 2021 unrest and looting** that impacted **Gauteng** and **KwaZulu-Natal**. It was set up to assist affected **SMME's** and **communities** with support related to **business and economic recovery, food security, peace building and health care**. The **HCRF** 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**.



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SOLIDARITY FUND READIES ITSELF TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO KZN AND EASTERN CAPE



The moment the **Solidarity Fund** resolved to support and augment the **National Government response** to the recent floods in **KwaZulu-Natal** and the **Eastern Cape**, the planning began. Conscious that the resultant devastating after effects on both **infrastructure** and **broader society**, required an urgent response, the **Fund** has wasted no time in putting the structures in place to assist these **two provinces**.

The **Solidarity Fund Floods Response** has been established and a dedicated **bank account**, separate from the **COVID response account**, was opened on the **19th of April**, following the **President's announcement**. The **Fund** is currently in the process of completing a situation analysis, which will be defined by a scoping exercise. Once these are complete, projects and budgets will be delineated related to the urgent **humanitarian needs**. The intention is to focus on **food, water and sanitation, emergency health care services, shelter** and other **support services** that may be required. The final decisions on our focus areas and the projects that we ultimately undertake will be determined by the amount of funding we receive.

To date, a total of **R540 000** in donations has been received. In terms of corporate response, the **Fund** is in discussions with various donors about pledges totalling between **R30m** to **R50m**. Once these pledges convert into donations the **Fund** will be in a position to commence its work to provide impactful and urgent humanitarian aid to the affected regions.

To make a **donation** to the **Fund**:

[click here](#)



ONE MILLION JOBS ADMINISTERED!

The **Solidarity Fund-backed surge capacity outreach vaccination sites programme** has achieved its **1 Millionth Job milestone**. The **millionth job** occurred on the **7th of April 2022**.

Even before the first vaccine vial landed on our shores, the **Solidarity Fund** made it a priority to support the **National Vaccination Roll-out Programme**. The **Fund** contributed to **South Africa's** acceptance into the **COVAX programme**, supported the **Sisonke trial** which saw the first healthcare workers receiving vaccines ahead of the **delta variant** driven **third wave** and has supported numerous interventions and demand creation campaigns since.

A major consideration for the rapid **roll-out of vaccinations** across our vast country has always been accessibility, especially to the most vulnerable. To mitigate this challenge, the **Fund**, in **partnership** with the **National Department of Health** instigated the **surge capacity outreach vaccination sites programme** with the intention of making the vaccine easily available and taken to where people are, and reaching those living in outlying and rural areas.

Currently the programme has cumulatively activated **280 sites** across all **9 provinces**. It has administered **1,028,565 vaccinations** as of the **18th of April 2022** which have been delivered by **18 Clinical Operators** contracted by the **Solidarity Fund**. This has been achieved at the anticipated expenditure of **R130 million**. The programme will continue until the **end of June 2022**.



Solidarity Fund Community Mobilisers interacting with a member of the public at the Sasolburg Plaza outreach site.



Solidarity Fund outreach site situated at the Sasolburg Plaza.



THE STORIES BEHIND THE SUCCESS – SITE VISIT TO SMALL BUSINESSES WHO BENEFITED FROM NEF PARTNERSHIP

When civil unrest swept across parts of **Kwa-Zulu Natal** and **Gauteng** in **July last year**, numerous parts of our society were adversely affected. **Businesses, big and small**, were damaged and **hundreds of SMME's**, the **heart of our economy**, faced disaster.

The **partnership** with the **National Economic Fund (NEF)** has seen **R308 million** set aside for a concessional **credit facility commitment** by the **NEF**, while the **Fund** has committed **R273 million** in grants for blending with **NEF funding**. Thus far, funding has been approved for **132 sites**, with a combined value of **R648 million** supporting **3 720 jobs**. The partnership has been able to achieve more than its initial commitment through leveraging its **partnership** with the **Department of Trade and Industry**.

On the **14th of April**, the **Fund**, together with the **NEF**, conducted a site visit in and around **Johannesburg**. The aim was to assess, evaluate and appreciate the impact of the interventions they have made to propel recovery of the affected businesses.

During the site visit, our **CEO, Tandri Nzimande** addressed the **media, partners and beneficiaries**, recapping the initiative's undertaking – including the **hybrid loan and grant scheme** and the **NEF Cash Vouchers**, aimed at helping **employees of businesses** that have been unable to trade with **R3 000 vouchers**.

She assured everyone that each intervention has been the result of extensive research aimed at identifying **gaps and opportunities** for impactful interventions, ensuring that the funds were allocated and used in the most efficient manner possible.

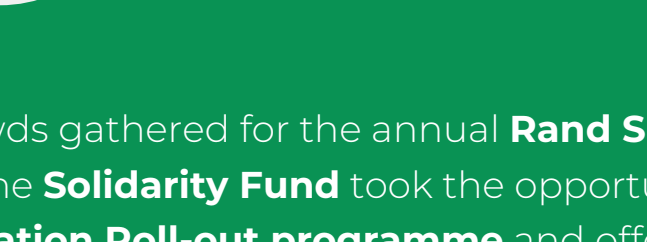
"The relationship that the Solidarity Fund's Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund has with the **NEF** is one of **understanding trust and cooperation**. It has demonstrated, once again, the strength we have when we step forward in solidarity. I am gratified to witness the impact our joint interventions have had on the businesses and communities affected by the **July Unrest**." She concluded.



Solidarity Fund Chair Gloria Serobe addresses invited guests and media prior to the site visits.



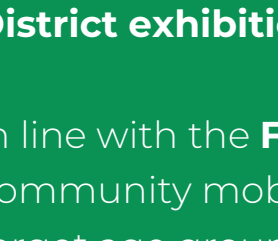
Tandri Nzimande, CEO of the Solidarity Fund provides background on the Solidarity Fund and NEF partnership.



Site visit to Dobsonville Spar. (L-R) Mziwabantu Dayimani (NEF General Counsel), Tandri Nzimande (Solidarity Fund CEO), Gloria Serobe (Solidarity Fund Chair) and Vijay Ramluckan (owner of Spar Dobsonville).



NEF and Solidarity Fund Delegation visit to Dobsonville Mall.



THE RAND SHOW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VACCINATION DRIVE

As crowds gathered for the annual **Rand Show**, which ran from the **15th to the 18th of April**, the **Solidarity Fund** took the opportunity to further support the **National Vaccination Roll-out programme** and offer **on-site vaccinations** for those who wanted.

A team of **ten Solidarity Fund community mobilisers** assisted with mobilising and directing visitors of the **Show** towards the **three pop-up vaccinations sites** that were deployed and sourced by the **National Department of Health** as well as **Gauteng Health District**.

Solidarity Fund branding, including gazebos and banners, was set up at the pop-up sites. **Two** of the sites were positioned adjacent to the **two main and public entrances** that had the **highest footfall** for the duration of the show. The **third vaccination site** was situated within the **Indoor Expo Centre venue**, alongside the **Gauteng Health District exhibition space**.

In line with the **Fund's communication strategy** of targeting younger **South Africans**, community mobilisers handed out **#KeReady t-shirts** as additional incentives to the target age group.

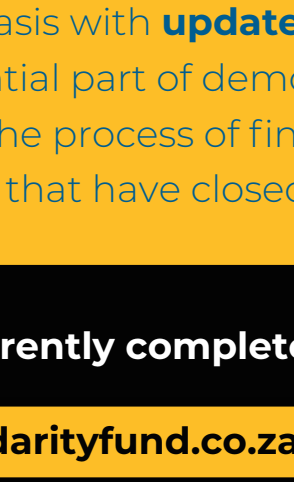
Over the period, a total of **332 vaccinations** were administered predominantly to visitors in the **30-39 age group**, with **Booster vaccinations** the most in demand. One of the highlights of the activation at the show was the attendance of **Gauteng Premier David Makura** who received his booster vaccination at the vaccination site.



Solidarity Fund Community Mobiliser interacting with a Rand Show Visitor.



Vaccination being administered at one of the three outreach sites at the show.



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:

<https://solidarityfund.co.za/reports/>

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.

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