





exhibited from Day 1.

Running in parallel with the downscaling process is, of course, the day-to-day operation of the **Fund**. Many of our initiatives are now nearing their conclusion. The **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund** has shared, later in the newsletter, a recent update of the incredible impact they are making on small businesses and employees that were affected by the July 2021 civil unrest. Our extended Vaccination Demand Creation Campaign has come to an end, and an updated impact report will be available soon. The Charlotte Maxeke Hospital phase 1 refurbishment project of Block 1 has also concluded, with the reopening of the

and with integrity. As always, however, the **Solidarity Fund** team is showing up

and displaying the commitment, expertise and experience that they have

Accident and Emergency Unit having taken place on the 9th of May. There is a wonderful video that accompanies the article below and I encourage you to watch it. While many initiatives are ending, our Floods Relief initiative is just taking off. There is more detail on the progress there below. As we prepare for downscaling, we are acutely aware of the impact that this will

have on our valued staff and their families. For this reason, we have partnered with ICAS (Independent Counselling and Advisor Services) to offer a wellness session aimed at offering motivation and training during these challenging times. We could not have done anything without our staff and I struggle to fully express my gratitude for their insight, passion and compassion. **Tandi Nzimande**

COVID RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

R3,13* billion





AT A GLANCE

R3,13bn

PLEDGED

RECEIVED

R3,47* billion

R3,47* billion



Behavioural

Change:

15 Projects

(26 sub-projects)

R597m (Includes R100m SF Transfer)

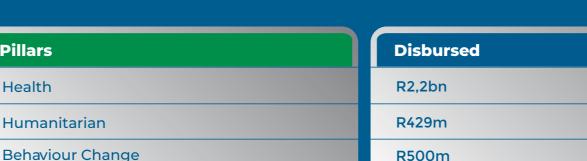
R598m

Pillars

Health

Total

* Accurate as at 20 May 2022





HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

RELIEF FUND

*Accurate as at 20 May 2022

Received:

Disbursed:

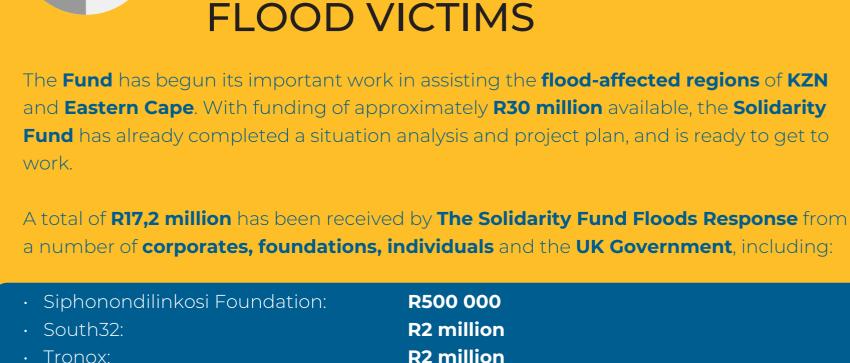
· UK Government:

· Yellowwoods Social Investments:

· Wiphold:

efforts.

housing.



WORK IN PROGRESS TO

KZN AND EASTERN CAPE

R9.9 million

R500 000

R1 million

In addition to the funds received to date, pledges of support amounting to ~R13,5 million

have been received, including R8 million from BP Southern Africa and approximately

R5,5 million from the Human Crisis Relief Fund. In planning, allocating and disbursing

providing critical activities and services related to the KZN and Eastern Cape flood relief

funds, the Fund will work with select organisations and partners that are already

Food Relief: Support to organisations providing meals to people living in temporary

Priority funding activities will be allocated as follows:

all funds expected to be disbursed by mid-June 2022.

PROVIDE IMPACTFUL AID TO

and supplies needed to ensure flood survivors have a safe living environment. Psychosocial services: Support to organisations providing psychosocial services to communities and individuals affected by the floods. Approximately 82% of total projected funding is to be allocated to interventions in KZN

and 18% to the Eastern Cape. The first disbursement will take place on the 1st June, with

CHARLOTTE MAXEKE HOSPITAL

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY

UNIT OFFICIALLY REOPENS ITS

Integrated Shelter Solutions: Support to organisations providing material, equipment

Media and invited guests arriving for the

reopening of the CMJAH A&E Unit

Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH) reopened the doors to its Accident and Emergency Unit on Monday, 9th of May 2022 during an event held at the hospital. As you may recall, the hospital suffered **extensive damage** due to a **fire** in **April 2021**. This severely impacted the Gauteng Province COVID-19 health response and put additional

COVID-19 wave, driven by the **Delta variant**. The **Solidarity Fund** was approached to

assist in facilitating the refurbishment, enabling the rapid reopening of the hospital. An

amount of **R68 million** was approved for the refurbishment of **Block One**, which contains

all trauma and emergency admissions departments on Level 6 that was prioritized as

At the **Solidarity Fund**, the success of our interventions is dependent on the strength and

integrity of the **partnerships** we have fostered. This is no less the case in this intervention.

The **Fund** worked closely with all partners to ensure the timeous and successful conclusion

phase one of the project before the rest of the block is completed.

After more than a year of hard work and unexpected challenges, the **Charlotte Maxeke**

stress on surrounding hospitals which were already struggling under the strain of the third

The newly reopened A&E Unit at the CMJAH

Media and invited guests on a tour of

the reopened CMJAH A&E Unit

of the refurbishment, in line with the highest possible standards. This included the National and Gauteng Provincial Departments of Health, the Gauteng Office of the Premier and Department of Infrastructure Development, as well as our strategic partners **SPIRE**, as project management agent, on-site engineers **Zutari**, and primary contractor W3O.



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amongst us, bringing in their voices from recently published local research, while offering sage, practical solutions for the future and emphasising the importance of global and national leadership cooperation, inclusive of communities, enabling innovation and strengthening solidarity.

more than 137 jobs. The Cash Voucher programme, aimed at supporting employees from businesses within damaged malls across **KZN** and **Gauteng**, as well as informal traders that were operating within the mall environments, has reached 19 406 individuals, providing each with a cash remittance of R3 000 for a total value of some R60 million. An impressive total of 97% (R58 218 000) of the vouchers issued were redeemed, delivering much needed and far-reaching support to the impacted communities.

> underway with dozens taking place per week across the country. A number of online education videos have been developed and Covid Comms are in the process of developing their next series of **COVID Diaries** with **community members** providing compelling stories aimed at encouraging vaccine uptake.

SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (SACC)

IMPACT REPORT

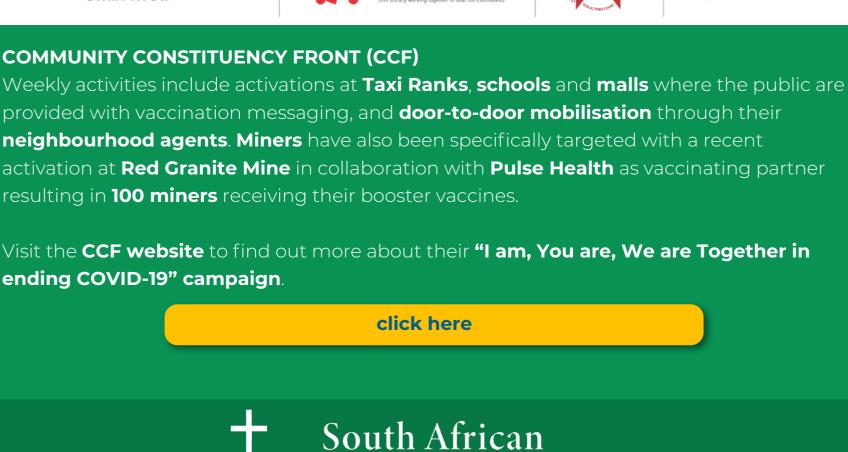
As part of our responsibility to the **public** and **our stakeholders**, the **Fund** publishes

reports on a regular basis with **updates** on **projects** and **initiatives** undertaken.

These are an essential part of demonstrating transparency and impact.

presentation at the 2-day virtual Texas Biomed Global Health Symposium, hosted in Texas, United States by the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. The program brought together a wide range of thought leaders in global health, business, government, research and philanthropy with the purpose of envisioning a new, forward-thinking, proactive approach to averting future infectious disease threats and their effects on society. Thereby improving global health for the most vulnerable populations. The theme focused on Leadership, Innovation and Community, and encouraged collaborative learning and **networking** in order to break down silos and galvanise leaders across sectors to tackle our greatest public health threats. Dr Ngubane's talk was concentrated on the topic of "who the most vulnerable in pandemics are." She shared lessons on how SA responded in solidarity through the Fund to ensure that services and interventions to alleviate the impact of the pandemic reached the most beleaguered. **Dr Ngubane** made the point that a catastrophe of the magnitude of this pandemic will leave everyone vulnerable but highlighted the fact that the strategic pillars of the fund – Health Response, Humanitarian Pillar, Behaviour Change and Communications Campaign and the Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund – were established specifically to buffer the most vulnerable and offer support to those who needed it most. The **Doctor** also went on to highlight the specific challenges of the most vulnerable

THE HCRF AND NEF **PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO** REAP REWARDS FOR SMALL **BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES** The civil unrest that swept across parts of Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng in July last year continues to make an impact on businesses and traders in the area who are still struggling to get back on their feet. Thankfully, the **Fund's partnership** with the **National Economic**



Council of Churches

Covid Comms vaccination education workshops are

The informative and engaging video content can be

click here

viewed on the Covid Comms website.

Recent weekly activities include hosting "Faith meets Science" dialogues in Gauteng and

Kwa-Zulu Natal provinces, as well as curated social media content posted on the various

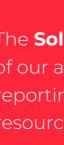
publicising the dialogues to reach the wider community members. The **SACC** hold regular

interfaith communications channels including WhatsApp, and local radio content

gatherings lead by faith leaders, with various dialogues and ongoing Faith Group

COVID COMMS

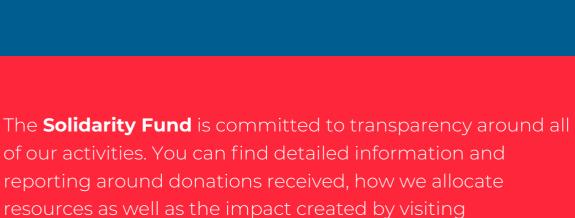






Discussions.

NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME **CONTACT CENTRE**



Fund (NEF), continues to bear fruit and is going a long way in helping affected small businesses re-establish trade, save jobs and support local supply lines. In the last few months, significant milestones have been achieved. To date, the **Fund** has saved more than **4 974 jobs** via its **R273 million** grant funding, cutting across various sectors in both KZN and Gauteng provinces. Within the **R273m** grant funding, **R20m** was earmarked for pharmacies and other entities in medical support services and, through this, the **Fund's** interventions supported **19 businesses**, saving **COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONTINUE TO CREATE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING NATIONWIDE**

TEXAS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE Visit the Texas Biomedical Research Institute's website for more information on this premiere, independent research institute; click here

On the 29th of April, the Fund's Executive Head of Health Dr Gugu Ngubane delivered a

Our **Community Partners** are so busy quietly and efficiently getting on with their job that we often forget to highlight the important successes that they are achieving on a daily basis. The work in educating the public and breaking down the barriers to vaccination has been an invaluable success provided by the **Fund's Community Partners**. It has proven to be a key factor in our multi-sectoral approach to our vaccine demand creation **campaign**. Below please see a brief update on the activities of our partners. I am, You are, We are Community Together in ending COVID-19

ON REPORTS

contribution in supporting the delivery of **33,3 million vaccinations** across **South** Africa. The Solidarity Fund established a comprehensive, adequately enabled, and well-coordinated contact centre to assist in spreading timely, accurate information about vaccination. The full report can be downloaded here. https://bit.ly/3MOhqMc

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