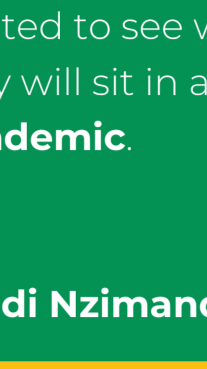


# SOLIDARITY FUND STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN October 2022



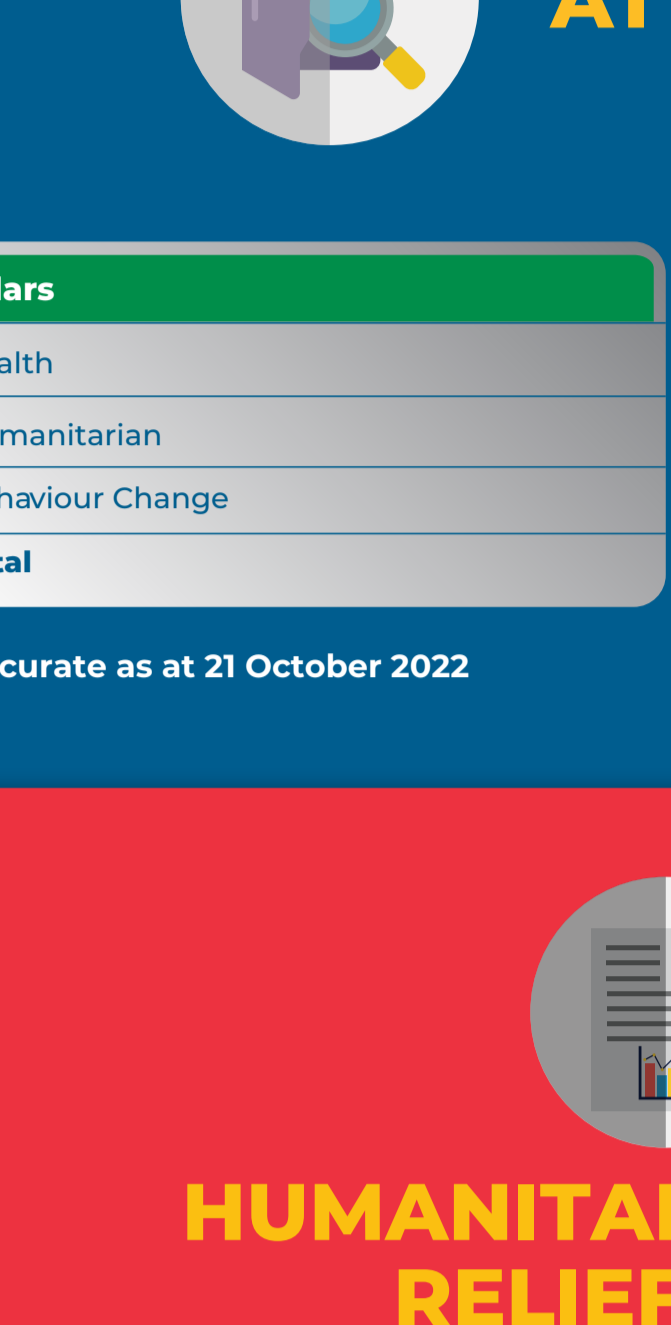
## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As we near the completion of our **scaling down process**, I can't help but reflect that I only have a few more moments like this to address you all in this forum. The **last few months**, as we **scale down**, have been quite a ride, but we are on track to meet our **December deadline**. Many of our staff and volunteers have left us now and have gone on to exciting new ventures. I am confident that they value their experience here at the **Fund** as much as I do, and I wish them the best of luck and success. More of our interventions and programmes have also been completed. We have published a number of **additional reports** and I urge you to access them in order to view the impact delivered by our programmes.

Aside from **scaling down**, we have also been working on an institutional archive for the **Fund** – a **collective memory** – where we will document the achievements and learnings of the last few years. One way we are doing this is through the commissioning of a documentary on our combined efforts, our impact and the people who made it all happen. This will be released in **December** and I am excited to see what the response will be to it. If the users are anything like me, they will sit in awe of the accomplishments of **South Africa's response to the pandemic**.

Tandi Nzimande

## COVID RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



- PLEGGED**  
R3,48\* billion
- RECEIVED**  
R3,48\* billion
- DISBURSED**  
R3,33\* billion

\* Accurate as at 21 October 2022

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY

**Health Interventions:**  
33 Projects

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

**Behavioural Change:**  
15 Projects  
(26 sub-projects)

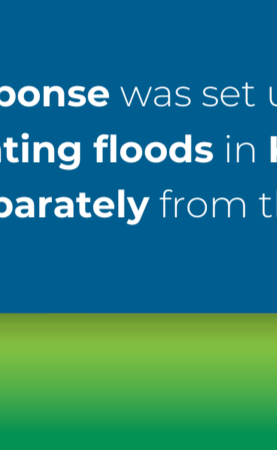


## AT A GLANCE

Pillars
Health
Humanitarian
Behaviour Change
<b>Total</b>

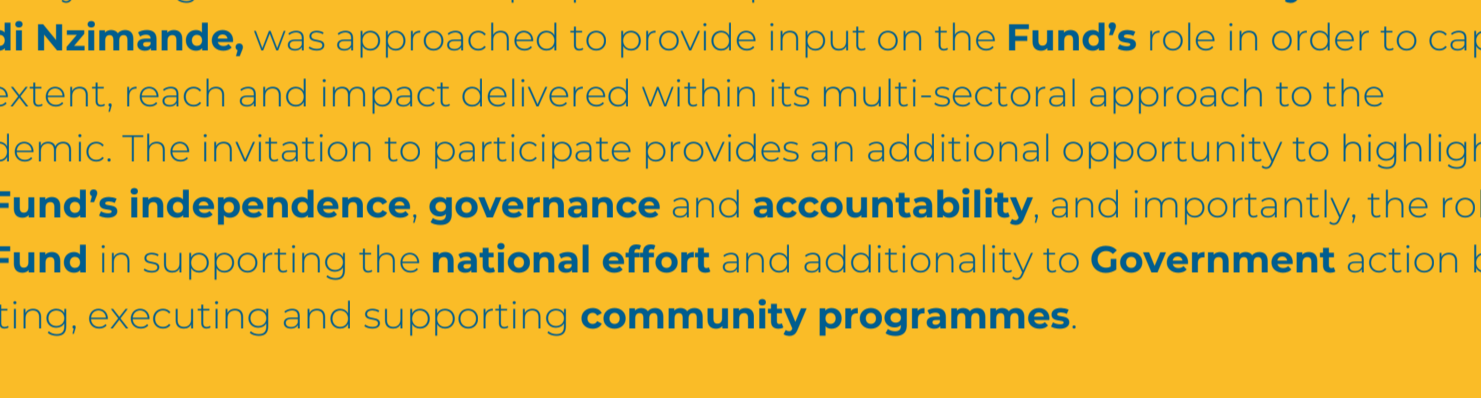
Disbursed
R2,4bn
R466m
R494m
<b>R3,33bn</b>

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## HUMANITARIAN CRISIS RELIEF FUND A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

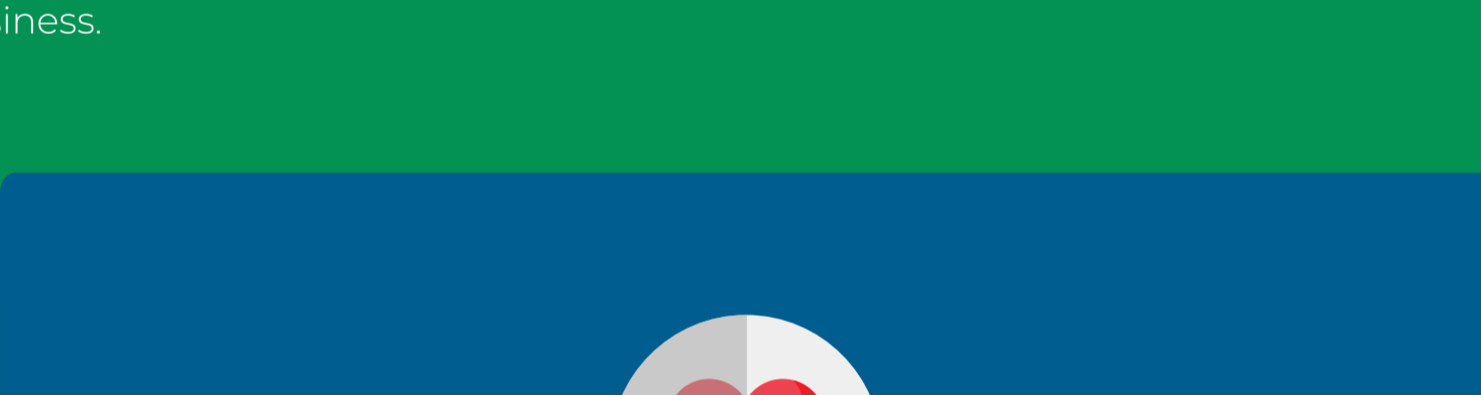
The **HCRF** was established in response to the **July 2021 unrest and looting** that **impacted Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal**. It was set up to assist affected **SMME's and communities with support** related to **business and economic recovery, food security, peace building and health care**. The **HCRF** has a **separate bank account** as it was set up with a mandate **distinct** from the **COVID** mandate.



\* Accurate as at 21 October 2022

## SOLIDARITY FUND FLOODS RESPONSE A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The **Solidarity Fund Floods Response** was set up to respond to the **humanitarian crisis** resulting from the **devastating floods in KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape in 2022**. All **funds are managed separately** from the **COVID response** mandate.



\* Accurate as at 21 October 2022

\*Total disbursed lower than previously reported due to return of funds from completed projects.



## THE SOLIDARITY FUND CONTRIBUTES TO THE SOUTH AFRICA COVID-19 COUNTRY REPORT

The **Solidarity Fund** has been invited to contribute to the **second edition** of **South Africa COVID-19 Country Report**. This report is produced by the **Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME)** in **partnership with the Government Technical Advisory Centre and the National Research Foundation**, and provides a storyline and a broad understanding of how **South Africa** managed the **COVID-19 outbreak** and the **negative socio-economic impacts**. The intent is to learn from our collective experiences and improve responses going forward.

The **first edition** of the **Report** was published in **June 2021** and focuses on the time period of the **first and second COVID-19 waves in South Africa**. The **second edition** is currently being researched and prepared for publication in **2023**. **Solidarity Fund CEO Tandi Nzimande**, was approached to provide input on the **Fund's** role in order to capture the extent, reach and impact delivered within its multi-sectoral approach to the pandemic. The invitation to participate provides an additional opportunity to highlight the **Fund's independence, governance and accountability**, and importantly, the role of the **Fund** in supporting the **national effort** and additionally to **Government** action by creating, executing and supporting **community programmes**.

Click here to **download** the

**South Africa COVID-19 Country Report: First Edition June 2021**

[https://www.gtac.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SA-COVID-19-Report\\_Final\\_Online.pdf](https://www.gtac.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SA-COVID-19-Report_Final_Online.pdf)



## WONGAKAZI MAJOLA, EXECUTIVE HEAD HCRF AND REPORTING INVITED TO SPEAK AT 66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IPM CONVENTION & EXHIBITION



The **Fund's Wongakazi Majola** was invited to participate in the **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute of People Management (IPM) Convention and Exhibition** which took place in the **North-West province on 17-18 October**. The theme of the event was **'Beyond Digital'** and presentations covered a wide range of themes from employee well-being to mobile talent and more. **Wongakazi** addressed attendees on the **theme of Youth Unemployment Through the Creation of Micro Enterprises**.

While there is a great need for government and society to work to address the multiple factors and forces shaping young people's access to the job market in **South Africa**, the presentation focused on how many

young people are unable to wait for change and are creating their own opportunities. This is taking the form of cooperatives and cottage industries.

It is a long-held belief that, in order to **start a business**, you need to have **capital**. Through examples found within the **Solidarity Fund** initiatives, as well as through the **government's COVID-19 grant, Wongakazi** demonstrated that this is not the case. The **Fund's Farming Inputs Voucher programme** provides several examples of this. The programme was designed as a **crisis food relief response** to alleviate the devastating impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic on small-scale and subsistence farmers**. Many utilised the vouchers to go beyond providing just for their family's immediate needs, and created thriving businesses. A beneficiary started a chicken business with an initial purchase of a small brood of chickens. Another beneficiary farmer in the **Free State** sells 'take-away' meals from her home and uses the produce from her garden to supply her business.



## SOLIDARITY FUND FLOODS RESPONSE CLOSES OUT

The floods that devastated **KwaZulu Natal** and the **Eastern Cape** in **April** this year, **destroyed schools and buildings**, damaged **infrastructure** and left many without **food, shelter, or fresh water**. Despite our **scaling down process**, the **Fund** committed to responding to this **catastrophe**. The **Solidarity Fund Floods Response** was set up to respond to the resulting **humanitarian crisis** and assisted **NGOs** that were already working on the ground to deliver relief and assistance.

The **Fund** has been fully disbursed with an **impact report** scheduled to be published in **November**.

The **R43,3 million** disbursed to date has been allocated as follows:

- Food and essential products support** **R13,2 million**
- Integrated shelter support** **R26,9 million**
- Psychosocial support** **R3,2 million**

Upon closeout of the programme, the **Fund's** impact in the focus areas reflects as follows:

**FOOD AND ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS SUPPORT**

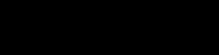
- **323 830** meals, **4 754** food parcels, **4120** hygiene packs and **2027** wash kits and blankets have been delivered

**INTEGRATED SHELTER SUPPORT**

- **30** fully installed and operational boreholes handed over to beneficiaries.
- Provision and installation in KZN of **350** tents, **1334** Mattresses and **177** toilets, as well as **103** water tanks fully installed at various KZN sites. This provides **350** families with temporary shelter and access to water, mattresses and toilets.
- **10** schools and **50** homes have been repaired.
- Distribution of appliances and furniture to **44** homes.
- Building material vouchers valued at **R30,000** and cash vouchers valued at **R10,000** for transportation and labour provided to **300** beneficiaries in the Eastern Cape.
- Building Material Vouchers Redemption Rate – **91%**
- Cash Voucher Redemption Rate – **88.5%**

**PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT**

- A total of **2,794** beneficiaries, including children, have been provided with counselling.

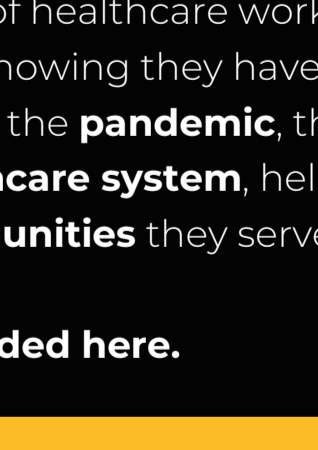


## SOLIDARITY FUND DOCUMENTARY AIMS TO RECORD, REMEMBER AND LEARN

As the **Fund** approaches the **end** of our **scaling down process**, it has become clear that the work, learnings and achievements of the last few years need to be documented to capture the **Fund's** **incredible** and **remarkable journey**. Along the way there have been many milestones and a number of challenges. We need to tell the story of how the country came together and acted in unison, in solidarity, to fight and respond rapidly to the pandemic – not just so that we can remember but so that we can recognise those who contributed and build on this accumulated knowledge and experience.

In order to do this, the **Fund** has commissioned a documentary to tell the honest, inspiring story of the work we have done, the lives we have impacted and the people that made it happen. In a relatively short timeframe, the **Fund** has **disbursed R4 billion** across its **pillars**, while adhering to the highest standards of governance, accountability and transparency. This documentary will show the hard work and the determination that is required to achieve this.

The **documentary** will be **released** at the **end of November** and is just one way that we are preserving the work and learnings of the **Solidarity Fund** during an unprecedented time in the modern history of the world.



## 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. A number of new reports relating to our projects have been uploaded to our website.

### ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT PROJECT IMPACT REPORT

Strengthening the national health system is a priority for the **Fund**. Shortages of **essential medical equipment**, particularly in rural communities, affects the care and treatment of **COVID-19 patients**. This project was crucial in providing essential and **life-saving medical equipment to healthcare facilities** in need. The project also impacted positively on the lives of healthcare workers by making their jobs easier and giving them the confidence of knowing they have the tools to support their patients. Over the **long term** and **beyond the pandemic**, the project has helped to build **resilience** into the **public healthcare system**, helping facilities across the country to provide better care to the **communities** they serve during **COVID**.

The full report can be downloaded here.

<https://bit.ly/3SGi3d2>

### VACCINE DEMAND CREATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS IMPACT REPORT

From the moment **vaccines** became available in our country, the **Fund** focused on supporting the **government's roll-out programme** through enabling accessibility and generating demand for the **COVID-19 vaccine**. This **second chapter** in the **Fund's** goal to generate demand followed on from the **previous campaign** and focused on **improving uptake of vaccinations**, maintaining high levels of vaccine acceptance. As with the **previous campaign**, this campaign launched amidst **unprecedented levels of misinformation**. Despite this, great inroads were made and **we significantly contributed to vaccination uptake**.

The full report can be downloaded here.

<https://bit.ly/3SHg2Ny>

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS - VACCINE DEMAND CREATION CAMPAIGNS (CCF, COVID COMMS AND SACC) IMPACT REPORT

There can be little doubt that community dialogue brings more engagement and vigour to the conversation of why the **vaccine is important**. Utilising the influence and trust that **faith groups** have acquired in **communities, engagement meetings** and **community engagement dialogues** proved to be a powerful community entry tool to build trust and garner support. Our **on-the-ground interventions** were a **seed** that **inspired** those we engaged with to **spread correct vaccine information** to their network and answer hesitant individuals. Through these efforts, **thousands of individuals**, including **secondary** and **tertiary** information recipients were **inspired to vaccinate**.

The full report can be downloaded here.

<https://bit.ly/3U6lnhz>

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