

KEY MESSAGES

Solidarity Fund 2022 Integrated Annual Report and Update Briefing

20 September 2022

CURRENT - DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Through the support of over 300 000 donors – individuals and enterprises – the Fund has:
(NOTE: Figures as at 09 Sept 2022)

Since inception, **R3.47 billion in COVID relief funding** has been raised.

Of the funds, **R3,27 billion** has been disbursed to date as follows:

In the Health Response Pillar - **R2,35bn**

In the Humanitarian Pillar - **R431m; and**

In the Behavioural Change Pillar – **R496m**

The **Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund (HCRF)**, raised **R598m**, including R100m redirected within the Solidarity Fund. This amount has been fully disbursed.

The newly established **Solidarity Fund Floods Response** has raised **R45,3m as at the end of August 2022**. This includes **R14m** redirected from the COVID Relief Fund and **R5,5m** redirected from the HCRF. **To date R43,3m** has been allocated and **R42,7m** disbursed to date.

INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT OVERVIEW

IAR 2022 KEY STATS (End Feb 2022)

Total Raised to date – R4 Billion

Covid Response – R3.4bn

HCRF – R597

Total Disbursed to 28 Feb 2022 - 80%

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Covid Response – R2.8bn

HCRF – R400m

Health - R2bn

Humanitarian - R426m

Behaviour Change - R393m

HCRF – R400m

Partner Support:

400+ people worked for the fund in volunteer, secondment or pro bono capacity
50+ organisations have provided support pro bono or at discounted rates – advisory, financial management, fundraising and donor management, IT, Communications, Operations, Legal

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IMPACT – KEY INTERVENTIONS**

Strengthening the Health System

- R422m allocated to 403 hospitals and health facilities to procure essential equipment across all nine provinces
- 700+ COVID beds opened and 8 000+ nurse shifts supported at eight major hospitals across Gauteng
- Refurbishment and extensions supported for two major hospitals in Gauteng (Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital) and Eastern Cape (Cecilia Makiwane Hospital)

Supporting the national vaccination programme

- 1 million + vaccines administered through J&J Sisonke and national surge sites
- 168 vaccine outreach sites supported across all nine provinces administering 707 176 vaccinations
- R69m allocated to technical assistance to the NDoH to strengthen health services in the vaccine rollout
- R9.8m funding donated to support transport and logistics for 5.6m donated Pfizer vaccines and 6m 23G needles
- 417 nurses and technical staff added to national, provincial, and district health departments to bolster capacity

Supporting vital research for the pandemic response

- Supported a national COVID-19 antibody seroprevalence survey - the first to provide national estimates of the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in South Africa
- Supported a wastewater COVID-19 surveillance and research early warning system

Providing humanitarian relief

- R94m worth of R2000 farming input vouchers provided to 47 173 households, 68% of which were redeemed by women
- 235 803 individuals benefitting with food security and sustained livelihoods
- 332 CBOs and 11 NPOs provided with grants to strengthen the GBV response
- 586 173 beneficiaries reached with information, advice, and direct services to help them with the effects of GBV

- 157 112 food parcels delivered to those KZN and Gauteng affected by the July 2021 civil unrest
- 6 827 beneficiaries received cash vouchers to survive while rebuilding after the civil unrest

Creating demand and promoting vaccination uptake

- 73.7m reached through several campaigns on radio, TV and digital channels with COVID-19 and vaccination messaging
- 604 000 clicks to official vaccination website from social media promotions
- 950 community mobilisers working in all nine provinces achieved 670 000 direct engagements on average per month to encourage, support, and convert citizens to get vaccinated

HCRF

Food Relief

- Supported the procurement and distribution of 157 112 food parcels, providing food relief to ± 678 310 vulnerable individuals and reaching 196 traditional councils

Humanitarian Relief

- Providing cash vouchers to 6 827 informal traders and employees left unemployed and stranded after the unrest, to pay for essential products such as food, hygiene products, and utilities.

Business Recovery Support

- 254 SMMEs and 11 Pharmacies reached with business recovery and 8,343 jobs saved

Civil Society Support (Implemented Post Feb 2022)

- 39 civil society organizations working in Food Security, HealthCare, Peace Building, Economic Recovery and NPO Support in communities that were severely affected by the unrest

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Governance and Accountability.

Right from the very beginning, the importance of robust governance and accountability was clear. People were trusting us with, not only their money, but their hopes to make a difference in the pandemic. The Fund was established to be completely independent while working closely with government, the private sector and civil society to implement its programmes. We are committed to robust governance and complete transparency to ensure that we use the resources we've been entrusted with in the best way possible to alleviate the effects of the pandemic on all South Africans, especially the most vulnerable.

The Fund is governed by an independent and highly respected Board of Directors, and led

by an experienced and skilled executive management team (EXCO), with the CEO, Tandi Nzimande, at the helm.

Our operational governance support also extends to our supporting partners who provided their services pro bono. They bring an additional layer of governance by questioning and examining everything, together with an internal and external audit that also strengthens the control environment of the Fund.

A Fund for the South African people.

The Solidarity Fund works to support the national effort, additive to Government action by creating, executing and supporting community programmes. It is South Africa's fund, designed to assist the people of this country during this time of crisis. It aims to unite South Africans – whether from government, civil society or business – in one unified effort to control and respond to the pandemic and allow the country to start rebuilding.

Partners in solidarity.

The Fund's greatest strength lies in its partner-driven model. It uses integrated stakeholders to execute its vision – all of whom are passionate and committed to helping South Africans overcome this crisis. The Fund co-ordinates, navigates and directs relationships for the greater good, leveraging the right partnerships for the job. Whether it is legal assistance, accounting, logistics, community organisations, marketing, Government, NGO's, etc, our partners have been the heart and soul of our success, offering their services selflessly, and working together driven by the genuine desire to make a difference – no ego, no politics, no expectation of reward or recognition. It has truly reflected solidarity in action.

Administration Costs – FY 2022.

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Administration costs comprise mainly of salary costs. The Solidarity Fund was set up as a resource-efficient entity with no salaries or overhead costs. This was a key design principle of the Fund from inception until Sep 2021. However, due to the Fund's life having been extended from the initially estimated period of a year to now over 2 years, volunteers and donations have weaned off, making it necessary for the Fund to carry its own administration costs.

These costs are covered by interest earned on bank funds and no amounts received as donations have been utilised to fund these costs.

- Composition of admin costs

The Fund incurred payroll expenditure in relation to employee services which were no longer provided on a non-exchange/ pro bono basis. These were recognised as the services were rendered. In the financial year ended 28 February 2022, staffing and Company Secretarial Fees amounted to R6,8m

The Fund does not have a physical office for staff and therefore there are no rental or lease related expenses. Employees bear their own phone and data costs.

There are no costs in relation to external audit, internal audit, legal, tax and other advisory services as these were provided on a pro bono basis.

Evolving to meet the changing demands of the pandemic.

We believe that the Fund has now run its course. It was established as a rapid response mechanism to augment the health system, and support South Africans in desperate need from the impact of the pandemic. After more than two years, we believe we have achieved this. The pandemic is at the stage where it no longer needs to be treated as an emergency, and the country is in a better position to cope with it. We have mobilised rapidly to assist with the flood response in KwaZulu-Natal, but beyond this will scale down the Fund with the hope that we will not be needed again at such a scale, but be available to respond rapidly if it is.

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