



COVID-19 Relief for Vuvulane, Report
07. May 2020 – 25. July 2020



1. Food Support

As a continuation to our first Covid-19 report (COVID-19 Relief for Vuvulane, Report 07. May 2020 – 15. June 2020), we have been able to continue with key community relief initiatives. Our biweekly (Monday and Thursday) hot lunches, for children, have continued without fail. We have seen the number of those coming for meals declining to about 115 per day from a maximum of 190 per day. We take it as a good sign, meaning that families are starting to be in a better position than they were during the early days of Covid-19. We will continue serving the meals up until children return to school, where they have access to school lunches. The fact that we received much needed food supplies, for the soup kitchen, from Boxer Superstore, Buy & Save Powertrade and other individual donors (Please see the non-monetary donation list) we will be able to confidently offer meals for at least 3 more months (August 2020 – October 2020) . Protein intake, such as chicken/beef, and fruits will still need financing as those have not been donated.

Offering food support for families has continued to be a priority, allowing families some assurance that their immediate food needs will be met. We were able to meet our target of reaching out to every family that is most in need, in Vuvulane. The focus, as expressed in our previous report, is the informal settlements of Mgidza, Section 19, Mambawini, Khomba, Macethuka and VIF.



UNDP Visit to Vuvulane

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Eswatini's Resident Representative, Rose Ssebatindira, having been in conversation with VOVCOF, to determine the type of relief intervention that they could offer, she and her team made an official visit to Vuvulane on the 9 July 2020. VOVCOF's founders, Councilor Pastor Paul Msweli & Mrs. Phumzile Msweli, together with the traditional and political leadership of Vuvulane accompanied the UNDP team. They toured the areas of Mgidza and Section 19. Rose then committed a donation to the value of SZL 239,947.00 which was to be distributed as follows; 300 Food Hampers (SZL 155,247.00), Seedlings (SZL

33,216.00), Fencing (SZL 51,484.00). On 15 July 2020, UNDP’s 153 food hampers were fully distributed to all the neediest families except for those in the Mgidza community as they were to benefit from the 70 food hampers from the Solidarity Eswatini online crowd funding donation. The remaining 147 food hampers will be distributed towards the end of August 2020.

The Solidarity Eswatini online crowd funding, which tallied SZL 189,994.98 (minus bank charges) was deposited into VOVCOF’s account. As Solidarity Eswatini currently consists of a coalition of four focus areas 1. Vuvulane (VOVCOF), 2. Ezulwini/Lobamba (Yebo Action), 3. Mbabane (Waterford Kamhlaba Community Service & Mbabane Urban Garden) and 4. Pine Valley/Mbuluzi (Community volunteers), the money was then used to buy family food hampers and home garden seedlings. The ratio that was used is 35% VOVCOF, 30% Yebo Action, and 17.5% to both Mbabane and Pine Valley. In our quest to support the Vuvulane farmers, all the vegetables that were a part of the Solidarity Eswatini food hampers were bought from the Vuvulane farmers, two female and one male, at a total spend of SZL 12,470.00.



Ms. Thandi Ngwenya’s farm

2. Donations Overview

Meals served, to date – 2,801

Family food hampers distributed in Vuvulane, to date - 334 (Approx. SZL500.00 each).

	Monetary Donation (SZL)	Note
1	189,994.98	Solidarity Eswatini - Online Crowd Funding (minus bank fees)
2	69,737.46	Direct Deposit to VOVCOF
3	259,732.44	TOTAL RECEIVED

	Expenditure (SZL)	
1	247,784.31	
	Current Balance (SZL)	
1	11,948.13	

Please note, line by line monetary donor names are only available, on request, to auditors as most of our donors prefer anonymity. The expenditure's line by line info is available, on request, to donors and auditors.

	Non-Monetary Donations		Type of Donation
1	Lowveld Signs	01.05.2020	30kg Rice, Soup Powder, 5kg Beans
2	Anonymous	11.05.2020	10kg Potatoes, 10kg carrots, 10kg beetroot, 60 sanitary pad packs
3	Days for Girls Eswatini	11.05.2020	16 Sanitary pad packs, 100 face masks
4	Lubombo Care Response Unit	12.05.2020	Covid-19 teaching information
5	Mphile Vilakati	21.05.2020	10kg Beetroots, 10kg Butternuts, 2x Lamps, 6 reusable sanitary pads
6	National Disaster Management Agency	26.05.2020	5L Hand Soap
7	Boxer Supermarket, Simunye	30.05.2020	Food and Hygiene products valued at E1,012.65
8	Batter Bakes	17.06.2020	150 Face Masks
9	Business Eswatini	17.06.2020	100 Face Masks
10	Batter Bakes	17.06.2020	100 Face Masks
11	Lowveld Signs	18.06.2020	30kg Rice, Soup Powder, 5kg Beans
12	Business Eswatini	29.06.2020	150 Blankets, 10L Hand Sanitizer
13	The Art of Life	02.07.2020	600 fruit desserts, clothes
14	Musa Mathonsi	03.07.2020	20L bucket of tomatoes, 2 cabbages
15	Lowveld Signs	08.07.2020	40kg Maize Meal, 5kg Beans, 3 Soup Powder Packets
16	UNDP	09.07.2020	300 Food Hampers (E155,247), Seedlings (E33,216), Fencing & Veg. Gardening Capacitation (E51,484)
17	Kathy Lui	09.07.2020	50kg Maize Meal, 7.5kg Apples, 5kg Brown Sugar, 20kg Beans
18	Yebo Action	10.07.2020	Sweets, Chocolate, Basket Ball
18	Boxer Supermarket, Tshaneni	15.07.2020	25 Food Hampers for soup kitchen (E5,000)
19	Boxer Supermarket, Simunye	16.07.2020	21 Food Hampers (E4,800)
20	Anonymous	18.07.2020	4 Instant Porridge, 7 Cans of Baked Beans, 2 Cans of Kidney Beans, 2 Cans of Chopped Tomatoes, 500g Sugar Beans, 2 x 500g Soup Powder, 9 x 20g Soup Powder, Curry Powder, Stock Cubes, 750ml Cooking Oil, 850g Mayonnaise, 900g Mixed Fruit Jam, 500g Macaroni, 10kg Maize Meal, 2 x 10kg Rice, 10kg Sugar
21	Lowveld Signs	18.07.2020	18 Social Distancing Stickers
22	Siphesihle	18.07.2020	10kg Maize Meal, 10kg Potatoes, 10kg Onions, 5 x Bread, 2 x Cabbages

23	Buy n Save Supermarket	20.07.2020	20kg Provite porridge, 100kg Maize Meal, 48L Cooking Oil, 40kg Sugar Beans, 20kg Salt
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3. Sustainability Interventions

From August 2020 onwards we will be focusing on our community sustainability interventions. The family home veg gardens (subsistence farming) will be a key focus, with a hope to have gardens fully setup throughout the most vulnerable areas of Vuvulane. As it is a segment that has already secured some funding, we believe it will be fully established by end of September, hopefully with first harvests in October, for those that will be planting in early August.

We have currently engaged a website developer, Mzwakithi Shongwe, as we believe it is now the time to have a more anchored web presence that can be the one destination that offers full access to all current and past activities. Having had the largest fund raising drive, since our inception in 2012, it also became apparent that our donors would prefer an ease of access to our activities, on top of our Facebook page which has been a good source for sharing and archiving our activities, and simpler ways of making online donations. The projection is that by the end of August or early September 2020, www.vovcof.org will be live.

We are also hoping that September 2020 will be a time when we welcome an intern from USA's Dartmouth College's Dickey Centre for International Understanding, for a period of 8-10 weeks. He/she would be working remotely within the US. The intern's role will be focused on bringing international awareness to VOVCOF, fundraising and assisting with our research on establishing employment opportunities for the Vuvulane community. Unemployment is the greatest factor making the cycle of poverty hard to break here in Vuvulane. We have to make the establishment of small enterprises, which are community focused, a major part of our sustainability drive. Only when our community has some form of financial freedom can we be able to truly achieve our mission.

We are also hoping to engage the services of an auditor, within the coming months, so that we can continue to offer confidence, to all of our donors and partners, that we are an NPO that fulfills its mandates in an honest and transparent manner.

4. Conclusion

Thank you to all of you, our donors, friends and partners, for reaching out during this extreme time of need and walking the journey with us. We will continue to fulfill our mission and be held accountable and transparent throughout all of our activities.

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