



COVID - 19 REPORT



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FROM SUPPORT TO SURVIVAL

Covid -19 has caused the world to stand still. For some this meant life slowing down and reconnecting with family. For others, it has caused financial strain and worry and for many it has caused absolute destitution.

Many of the VUSA beneficiaries were vulnerable prior to lock-down and relied on a hot daily meal provided by the VUSA programme. Covid stripped many 'low income' families to 'no income' families and as lockdown continued so did the need to feed. Despite taking a 50% salary reduction, VUSA coaches rose to the challenge implementing safety measures to ensure that children are fed and remained safe. Coaches put their own and their families safety on the line to ensure that no child went to bed hungry. Thanks to two of our partner ECD Centres (Nomonde and Dalekhanyo) we are able to feed at two separate locations, meaning children did not have to travel as far or queue for as long to receive a meal.

Thanks to corporate South Africa, farmers and civil society, we have been able to provide meals for between 300 and 400 children each day. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Lunchbox Fund, 140 food parcels filled with essential goodies, were distributed to families where the greatest need was identified.

Whilst the more privileged schools are gradually reopening (after months of online learning), Langa schools are not in a position to safely do so and were unable to provide academic support during lockdown. In partnership with Bishops Diocesan College, Outliers and Sisanda FunDaytion, VUSA has distributed hardcopy academic revision workbooks and recreational worksheets to support learners through this time.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair"

Charles Dickens



UBUNTU - (I AM BECAUSE WE ARE)

→ FEEDING



- Thanks to everyone who supported the #BigImpactChallenge we were able to raise over R50,000.

- Stooges, staff and generous parents of **Bishops** assisted with food storage, collection and meal preparation.
- Incredible families donated money as well as hundreds of litres of soup, sandwiches, eggs, biscuits, donuts and dry ingredients each day. **The Picnic Company**, **Shoprite**, **Woolworths** and **Knead**, donated products.
- Farmers donated truckloads of citrus fruit, apples and pears. Thank you to the Dacey Buchanan, Graaff, Kilpin', and Dom families.
- **Origin** staff donated product and staff volunteered their time to cook pots of food and sweet treats for the children.
- Andre Viljoen of **Woodstock Brewery** transformed his brewery into a soup kitchen and provided 150l of soup each day. VUSA coaches assisted with preparation of this. Thanks to generous donors, we were able supplemented this with sandwiches eggs, pasta, rice samp and beans.
- Generous financial contributions were received from the **Mapula Trust**, **TLC Flooring**, the Bishops Parent Association and **Acceleration**.



→ ACADEMIC SUPPORT



- VUSA Director, Brendan Fogarty in collaboration with **Black Bamboo Design** designed a beautiful Maths game for the children .

- Outliers distributed 180 Maths and English workbooks for Foundation Phase and Intermediate phase learners.
- Sisanda Fundaytion supplied worksheets of fun activities including a few mental health exercises to support children through this stressful time.
- Thanks to Bishops Diocesan College Staff, worksheets were collated to support learners from Gr 3 - 7.

→ HEALTH & SAFETY



- **Sygnia Asset Management** donated 300 masks for VUSA children.
- VUSA purchased 200 masks in addition to this.

- **DerMagic** and Tertia Verlosa generously donated hand sanitiser .
- With Cape Towns rainy season approaching, **Banjopro** was able to quickly source 300 ponchos to keep the children dry whilst waiting for food.



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MEALS SERVED



500

ACADEMIC & RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITY PACKS DISTRIBUTED



500

MASKS ISSUED



300

RAIN PONCHOS PROVIDED





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