



South Africa

Covid-19 Response Report

March 2020 – September 2020



Greetings from “Team Uthando” in Cape Town. As we emerge from a very wet, cold and isolated winter in South Africa, this report reflects upon the truly tough, inspiring and resilient community development projects and activists that mobilised to feed and support their communities during the covid-19 crisis and the role played by Uthando.

It is very difficult to keep this report brief as we try to explain what each programme does, the scale of their impact on their respective communities and the role that Uthando played to support them. The community projects are located right across the city from Masiphumelele in the deep south to Macassar on the very eastern boundary of the city.

THANK YOU to our very kind, generous and thoughtful donors & benefactors from South Africa and all around the world for assisting Uthando to support a very broad range of community development initiatives throughout the City of Cape Town during the covid-19 crisis, and the consequent severe lockdown of the country.

THANK YOU to the tough, courageous, tenacious and dedicated community activists and development programmes for working tirelessly to provide food, support and assistance to their respective communities, especially during level 5 lockdown when the economy was closed down

almost overnight and many South Africans lost the ability to earn an income. Marginalised and destitute communities were harshly impacted as government assistance programmes were poorly and slowly implemented due to beaurocracy and corruption. Millions of South Africans who were living on the poverty line before covid-19, suddenly had to rely on government programmes, food kitchens and civil society organisations for life-saving support.

With the closure of schools during lockdown, children in disadvantaged communities who relied on school feeding scheme programmes suddenly lost access to their one meal a day.

As the crisis unfolded in South Africa, Uthando's immediate response was to identify the reliable, reputable and impactful community development programmes that would swing into action to feed and support their communities throughout the City of Cape Town. Thankfully Uthando already had the long term relationships with so many community projects and the infrastructure in place to transition from "Tourism" to "Development".

Uthando then promoted these organisations and their efforts through newsletters and an extremely active social media campaign to generate income and support for their initiatives. Daily, Uthando highlighted to donors exactly to whom and where their money was going.

In addition, we were extremely cognisant and concerned about the many people and organisations which relied on the monthly income from Uthando as a result of the tours that we run; for example the locals choirs, artists, musicians, micro farmers and the seniors organisations to mention a few.

Rather than rely on support to survive, many of these community partners infact converted their spaces into soup and food kitchens providing nutritious meals daily to their respective communities. Food kitchens don't just need money for food, money is needed for transportation of food, data and airtime to communicate with donors and members, gas or electricity, proper cooking utensils and pots, and of course stipends for people running the programmes who themselves lost their income. There is a huge amount of logistical work that goes into running a feeding scheme.

It was a truly terrifying time, trying to comprehend how people would survive this crisis without income, food and basic necessities. The speed at which the crisis unfolded and the uncertainty as to the impact of the virus itself (especially on township communities) added to the deeply distressing emotional state in which we all found ourselves.

Besides the virus and the severe economic impact, some of the programmes supported by Uthando had to step up their efforts to combat the dramatic increase in Gender Based Violence (GBV) against women and children during the lockdown period.

A big focus for Uthando has always been to support community gardens and organisations promoting regenerative / organic farming operations. As the covid-19 crisis unfolded in March, Uthando immediately provided funding to a variety of micro farming operations to plant massive amounts of vegetables so that during the cold winter months as many people as possible would have access to fresh organic vegetables. This investment was extremely successful with the gardens supported by Uthando thriving and providing considerable support to their communities.

Uthando works with and supports 3 seniors organisations totalling around 160 elderly people. These seniors are the most at-risk to the corona virus as most of them have underlying medical problems like diabetes, cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases. More concerning, many of them live in multi-generational homes making social distancing and isolation almost impossible. We were very concerned about seniors and tried as far as possible to support them by supplementing their meagre government pensions, knowing that in many cases this small pension infact supports the entire family.

In addition to supporting emergency feeding schemes and urban micro farms, Uthando ensured that the ongoing requirements of partner organisations were met such as paying the insurance and ADT Security armed response on the Early Childhood Development buildings and other buildings owned by the various organisations.

Economists recently released a review of the economic situation in South Africa, and indeed the South African economy contracted by an absolutely staggering annualised 51% since the start of the covid-19

crisis. The South African economy was already in a dire state before the pandemic struck, but unemployment, homelessness, hunger and increased gender based violence have certainly been significant consequences of the corona virus.

The Uthando Team has worked long hours under difficult and challenging circumstances right through the covid-19 crisis to generate income and support for the community development initiatives. We reflected the work on social media daily to show our donors where there money was and is going.

THANK YOU again to our generous donors and benefactors, Uthando distributed the following amounts to our community development partners over the last few months :

March 2020	R264 926.98
April 2020	R1 037 986.58
May 2020	R928 341.61
June 2020	R386 525.00
July 2020	R258 551.70
August 2020	R182 009.23
September 2020	R149 207.74
Total	R3 207 891.11

The severe level lockdown 5 was during April and May. The figures above reflect the urgency with which Uthando was reacting to the crisis and also reflects that donors were particularly aware of the acute situation unfolding in South Africa with their remarkably generous donations.

We are really extremely proud to be associated and supportive of these truly amazing community development programmes and the people driving them. Each one playing a very significant role in supporting their respective communities. Especially during this truly horrendous time.

The crisis in South Africa is far from over and Uthando will continue to mobilise what resources it can in the months ahead to assist the broad range of community initiatives.

We are counting the days until we can resume the tours, generate our own income through the tours and present the community initiatives to the world once again.

Please remember when perusing through the list of projects in this report that in some instances Uthando is merely only a part of the fundraising and support to them, whilst in others Uthando is the primary source of income and support.

NOW MORE THAN EVER THE WORLD NEEDS AN ABUNDANCE
OF “LOVE” or “UTHANDO” TO CREATE THE BRAND NEW
WORLD THAT WE NEED.

With our Love & Deep Gratitude

James Fernie, Xolani Maseko and on behalf of all our community partners

During the covid-19 crisis the Uthando vehicle transformed from transporting clients to transporting food to communities in need. Uthando had the necessary permits to be driving on the roads during that crazy and bizarre time when the roads were devoid of any cars.



Community and Social Entrepreneur Projects:

- Afri-Creative Hub
- Abalimi Bezekhaya “Farmers of Home”
- Alcardo Andrews Foundation
- Beauty for Ashes
- Brave Rock Girl
- Cart Horse Protection Association
- Christel House School
- Dance For All
- Ekhaya Ekasi “Home in the Hood” Centre
- Eziko Cooking School
- Ghetto Gardener, Ludwe Qamata
- Girls Matter
- Golden Flowers Museum & Tours
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- Hanover Park Cricket Club
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- Makukhanye ‘let there be light” Art Room
- Major Voices Choir
- Masibulele Educare Centre
- Masiphumelele Creative Hub
- Mdzananda Animal Clinic
- Moya WeKhaya ‘spirit of home” Garden
- Neighbourhood Old Age Homes (NOAH)
- Nonceba Family Counselling Centre
- Philisa Abafazi Bethu “heal our women”
- SEED / Schools Environmental Education and Development
- Sinovuyo ‘we are happy” Seniors
- Siyathandwa “we are loved” Seniors
- Siyazama “we are trying” Community Allotment Garden Association
- The Amy Foundation
- Thokozani Together
- The Big Issue
- The Pebbles Project
- Zama Dance School
- Zizamele Educare Centre

Afri-Creative Hub

Local Artisis (Khayelitsha township)

Started and run by local artist Nwabisa Nkonanyana, a fine arts graduate.

Afri-Creative Hub is an art centre assisting emerging artists achieve their dreams and empower them with knowledge and artistic skills. Nwabisa also runs an after-school art programme for children aged 6 – 16 years of age.

Uthando has collaborated on many projects with Nwabisa over recent years.

Besides supporting Nwabisa and her art centre, Uthando provided support to two local artists and their families who suddenly lost their income, namely Juma Art Tours and Xolani Dike, both of whom have worked extensively with Uthando over the years.



Abalimi Bezekhaya “Farmers of Home”

Urban micro farming (Cape Town Area)

Support 2000 home and community gardens with average of 5 people per household
11 full time staff most of them live in townships.

Run two garden centres in townships providing training, guidance and gardening infrastructure support to the broader community.

Abalimi has done over 30 manure runs reaching 650 home gardeners and 30 community gardens and distributed 150 000 seedlings to these gardens. Impacting thousands of people.

6 brand new community gardens established in township communities providing all the basic infrastructure, compost, manure, seedlings and support.



Alcardo Andrews Foundation

Development work in high gang area (Hanover Park)

Established in 2015 to honour all the young men who lost their lives to gang violence. They support Moms for Justice who lost their sons, mentor young man in the fatherhood programme and run various feeding scheme initiatives in Hanover Park.

Serve 600 meals per day at lunchtime.

Sustain 300 – 400 families of which 25% are seniors, 40% single headed households, 15% frail and disabled and 20% to families at-risk.

Food parcels to 1200 people during lockdown.

Stipends for 2 permanent staff and 10 volunteers.

www.alcardoandrewsfoundation.com



The hot food initiative started by Kensington Place under the leadership of Chris Weir in May 2020, selected Hanover Park as their beneficiary. From the middle of May to date the Kensington Place Hotel team have cooked over 51 000 hot and nutritious meals which have been distributed by “Aunty Avril” and her team at the Alcardo Andrews Foundation throughout the community of Hanover Park.



James Fernie accompanying the team in Hanover Park with the distribution of the meals made Kensington Place



Chris Weir and the Kensington Place team cooked over 51 000 meals for Hanover Park



Meaningful and sincere relationships with community development partners were strengthened during covid 19 crisis. James Fernie with “Aunty Avril” founder of Alcardo Andrews Foundation

Beauty for Ashes

Prisoner Rehabilitation Programme (Cape Town)

Work with female offenders both while in prison and after their release.
Run a halfway house project offering successful reintegration of female offenders back into society.
Uthando contributed to running costs of the halfway house in Observatory.



Brave Rock Girl

Girl Empowerment in underserved and high gang area (Manenberg)

Two weeks prior to the South African lockdown, BRAVE began providing support to 65 girls who take part in their weekly leadership workshops and holiday camps. For fourteen weeks, BRAVE delivered weekly Care Packages that supported over 500 people, which included toiletries, feminine products, cleaning supplies, school stationery, and fresh and canned vegetables, staples and meat. They also immediately pivoted their workshops to be remote, providing weekly workshops via whatsapp, phone calls, and zoom calls. The BRAVE Senior Leaders, based at their Hub contacted girls each week to determine their needs and ensure they were providing the care and support that was needed. Their Community Outreach Manager, Veronica Adams, was instrumental in this process, collecting and distributing the weekly Care packages, providing data to girls and their families so that they could participate in the workshops, and checking in at each girls' home on a regular basis to ensure their emotional state.

From June 2020, BRAVE began working with their Junior Girl Council (two girls from each of our four BRAVE Junior Girl groups) on Staying BRAVE: Sharing stories of girls during COVID. Each week, the Junior Girls had whatsapp calls with the BRAVE Senior Leaders, and together they created a collection of stories about what it has been like to be a teenage girl during these challenging times, ensuring that these girls' voices are amplified. The BRAVE Senior Leaders also worked together to redesign their BRAVE curriculum, co-creating materials to support and inspire these girls. In August, for Women's Month, they led an online discussion on what it is like to be a young Black girl right now, hosted by our board member, Zolani Mahola. They also worked with the Junior Girls and film makers to create a short film entitled Staying BRAVE to create a time capsule of life for girls in the Cape Flats during the Covid 19 pandemic, highlighting their strength and resilience and amplifying their voices.

Uthando's weekly support accounted for 50% of BRAVE's Covid 19 assistance in Manenberg.

www.brave-girl.org



Cart Horse Protection Association

Animal Protection (Cape Town Area)

The carthorse community comprises 2500 people on Cape Flats, carthorse owners, drivers

During lockdown level 5 (from 24 March – end April) the organisation distributed 1 586 bales of oat hay to 93 owners who collectively own 352 horses. The total donations received to date from Uthando assisted the organisation in covering 58.4% of the assistance and support they provided during lockdown.

Karin Paschen wrote : *“The assistance we offered made sure that no horse went hungry during Lockdown and that the little money the cart horse owners had could be used on feeding their families. Thank you Uthando for being such a big part of our Cart Horse Family.”*

www.carthorse.org.za



Christel House School

South Africa (Cape Town)

100% funded education to children (more than 700 children) who come from homes with maximum income of R1500.00 (approx. \$88.00) per month. The school identified the most at-risk families and set a target to assist those families with direct financial support so that they could survive the crisis.

Uthando assisted the school by providing direct funding to 240 families (around 1500 people) during the Covid 19 emergency. These families required food, electricity, data for the children to access educational materials etc.

www.sa.christelhouse.org



Dance For All

Youth Development through dance (Western Cape Province)

Only one of the Dance for All studios have opened and catering for 40 of their students.

Uthando has contributed towards the transportation costs of the students so that they may attend the classes offered at Dance for All.

www.danceforall.co.za



Ekhaya Ekasi “Home in the Hood” Centre

Women Empowerment / Skills Development (Khayelitsha Township)

Skills development and empowerment project for women.

Ekhaya Ekasi started working on distributing food parcels to 30 elderly and child-headed households when the lockdown started. The hot food and soup kitchen was established with the objective of providing warm cooked meals to the greater community of Makhaza in Khayelitsha.

10 staff and volunteers are serving a variety of hot meals on Wednesdays and Fridays to over 300 people of different ages daily. The centre has also distributed food parcels to a total of 171 beneficiaries and supplied face masks, hand sanitizers and sanitary pads to over 500 community members.



Eziko Cooking School

Skills Development (Langa Township)

Cooking School in Langa training young people to become chefs (24 students currently).

Uthando supports the centre to cover costs such as gas, electricity and food for the student chefs to prepare for the weekly feeding scheme at the Langa Cheshire Home for Physically Disabled where they are providing nutritious food to 35 residents of the home per week.

www.ezikorestaurant.co.za



Ghetto Gardener, Ludwe Qamata

urban micro farming movement (Khayelitsha Township)

Uthando provided the funding for seedlings, compost, manure and other basics for a huge number of vegetables to be planted at the Sinovuyo Seniors Centre in order to provide fresh vegetables to the seniors during the winter months and peak of the covid 19 crisis.

Weekly stipend provided to micro farmer Ludwe Qamata who is running and managing the urban micro farm at the Sinovuyo Seniors Centre, which is providing fresh organic vegetables which are either collected or delivered to the 40 seniors who are part of the seniors club.



Girls Matter

provide support, guidance & training to girls in high gang area –
(Hanover Park)

Provide support, guidance and training to 15 teenage girls (some with young children) who have dropped out of school and live in dire poverty in high gang areas.

Some of these girls live in homes with up to 8 other people.

Girls Matter thus providing support and assistance to around 127 people during lockdown.

Uthando contributed to food parcels, toiletries, sanitary pads and psychological support to the girls and their families.

www.girlsmatter.org.za



Golden Flowers Museum & Tours Township Entrepreneur (Khayelitsha Township)

Mr Golden Flowers is world known for making flowers from recycled tins.

Uthando has provided support to this 11 member family who lost their income as a result of the collapse of the tourism industry. Uthando is a passionate supporter of entrepreneurs and “Mr Golden Flowers” is a pioneer in township entrepreneurship, but with the collapse of tourism this family lost absolutely all of their income. In the spirit of entrepreneurship Uthando made weekly purchases of the famous flowers made from tin cans to give as tokens of gratitude to Uthando donors and benefactors.



Greater Commission United

Youth Development through sport & education in high gang area
(Heideveld)

Uthando supported the GCU team under the leadership of Mario Van Niekerk with the provision of 600 family food parcels (more than 3000 people), 5000 bowls of hot soup and 1000 masks to children in the community.





Hanover Park Cricket Club

Youth Development through sport in high gang area (Hanover Park)

The cricket club mobilised during lockdown to support their most at risk families and communities connected to the cricket club. The club distributed food hampers to 85 at-risk families on their database impacting around 510 people per week (average of 6 people per family). A total of 780 food hampers distributed thus far impacting 4680 people. The club also served hot soups and meals to the community with around 4000 people receiving hot meals and 5400 were served more than 900 litres of soup.

www.hanoverparkcc.co.za



Home from Home

home based care for abused, vulnerable children (Western Cape)

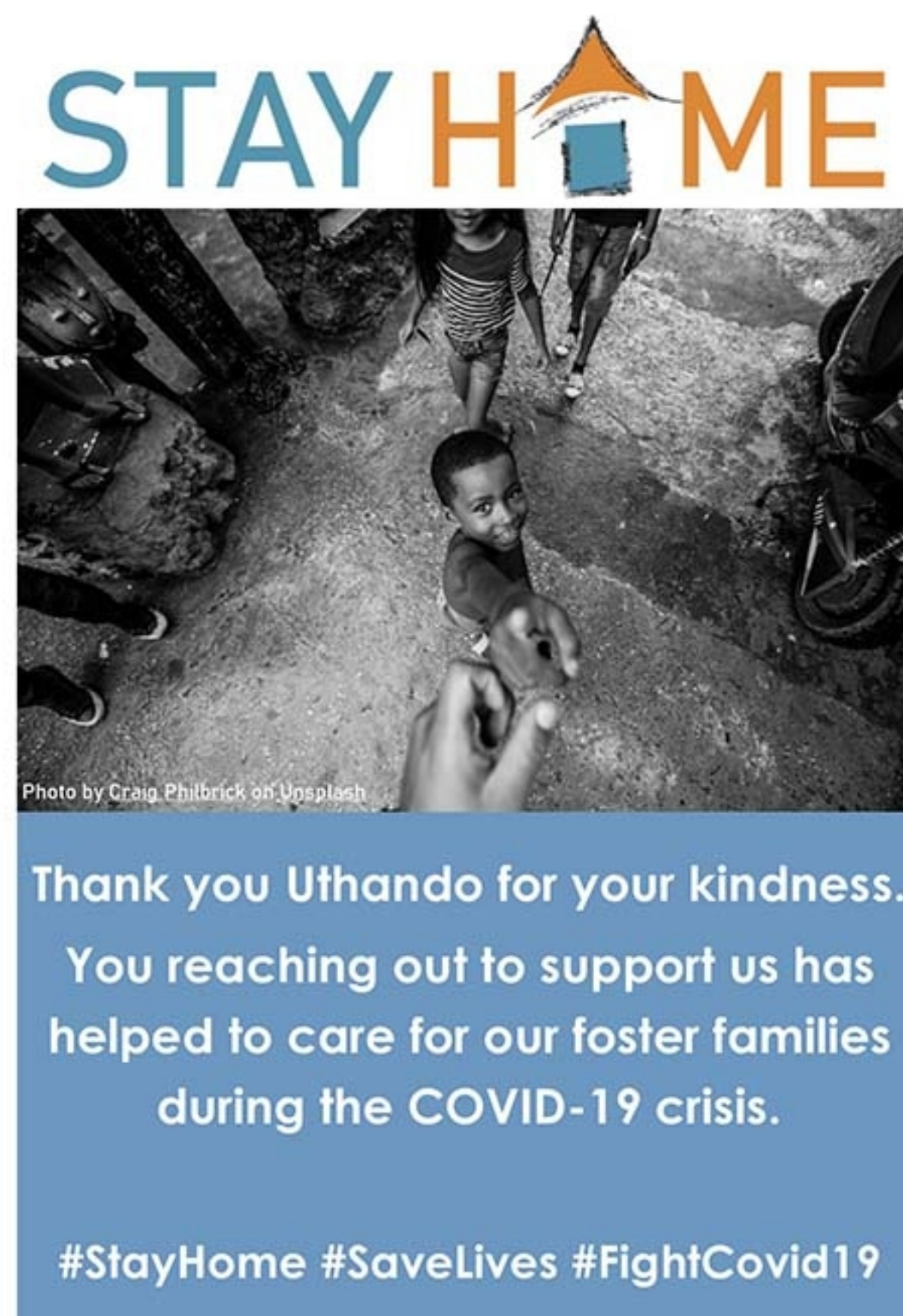
Since 2005, Home from Home (HFH) has opened its doors to orphaned, abused, neglected and vulnerable children in need of shelter and a warm, loving family environment. The organisation has assisted hundreds of children to live happy and healthy lives through its 36 foster homes (with 6 children per home) set up in the Western Cape, including four in the Eden Karoo region.

The HfH model of care also includes other nurturing components, such as therapeutic interventions, basic education, grant assistance, transitional support, and reunification, where it is possible to reunite children with their biological parents.

Uthando is part of the donor base that contributed to providing all the foster families with the necessary PPE equipment to protect and prevent infection. These included nearly 500 face masks, 38 thermometers, over 200 face shields, over 100 litres of sanitizer and 73 protective ponchos. In addition, HFH was able to provide their 36 foster homes with additional groceries and food vouchers during lockdown and the 27 families from our Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in Khayelitsha, which Uthando funds on a monthly basis. Additional groceries and electricity has been provided to these families monthly during lock down.

HFH also provided each of the foster homes with a computer set up and data. This incredible opportunity allows for the children to access educational material online and social workers can engage foster mothers via Zoom for their meetings while practicing social distancing.

www.homefromhome.org.za



Hout Bay Music Project

Youth Development through Music (Hout Bay)

“A huge thank you to Uthando for the donation which allowed the HBMP to deliver 27 long life food parcels to 27 HBMP families yesterday impacting at least 162 people. Uthando has been incredibly supportive of feeding initiatives in this time of dire need during the pandemic. We are so grateful for the support of James Fernie and Uthando.

Yesterday, two of our older students, packed and delivered food parcels to HBMP families, many of whom are really struggling at month end. Many may not work or have lost jobs and hunger is rife. A huge thank you to Uthando for the donation to our feeding initiative. Everyone was so grateful for your help.”

www.houtbaymusic.org



Ikhaya “Home” Garden

urban micro farming (Khayelitsha Township)

During the COVID 19 period Ikhaya Garden under the leadership of Xolisa Bangani distributed food parcels, seedlings and compost to assist 500 vulnerable households and families, having between 4 - 10 people per household (impacting thousands of people). The garden provided a weekly supply of spinach bunches to over 1500 community members.

The garden has been running extra-mural activities for the children especially in the community to create awareness about the virus and what safety measures to take, and keep them engaged during a time when they could not attend school.

Xolisa helped in establishing 50 home gardens and providing seeds, seedlings, manure and agricultural resources to these homes during lockdown and supplied 100 hand sanitizers to the community of Site C.

www.ikhayagarden.wixsite.com/ikhayagarden



Isibane se Afrika “the light of Afrika”

Choir (Khayelitsha Township)

This 36 person choir lost their income overnight.

Isibane started their food kitchen before the national lockdown as they provided food to the community every Saturday. When the lockdown was announced they provided meals 3 times a week in 3 different areas.

They serve food on these days to +-150 people in Makhaza, +-280 in Site B and +-300 in Bosasa (Mfuleni) with a variety of hot meals. The choir distributed food parcels distributed to 170 families and R480 gift vouchers given to 10 most vulnerable families in Makhaza.

As a choir is no longer singing due to the pandemic, about 10 choir members participate and run the soup kitchen and each receives a stipend for their efforts.



Isiseko Educare

Early Childhood Development Centre (Mfuleni)

The Early Childhood Development Centres were closed during lockdown.

Uthando supported Isiseko Educare during this time by paying the annual insurance on the building.



James House

Child Protection and Youth Centre (Hout Bay)

So many households lost all income due to covid19. James House beneficiaries like many others were left hopeless not knowing where the next meal would come from. James House providing over 4000 food parcels (4000 families) to the underprivileged households during the covid 19 crisis to date.

www.jameshouse.org.za



Khayelitsha Art School & Rehabilitation Centre (KASI RC)

Township Theatre (Khayelitsha Township)

Kasi RC started their soup/feeding scheme kitchen on the 27th of March 2020 after the theatrical operations were closed down. The conversion of the theatre to a kitchen provided the students of the theatre and community of eKanini in Khayelitsha with a meal and food parcels to the most vulnerable.

The theatre distributed 6000 bags of oranges, masks, sanitizers, sanitary pads and bought electricity for more than 300 houses / shacks and also help build a new shack for a community member. Kasi RC also offered online and home-schooling support to children that had no access to such resources.

Since the beginning of lockdown, Kasi RC has served food to 350 people daily with hot cooked meals.

More than 4000 food parcels were distributed to families which contained the basic foods to sustain a family per week. In total Kasi RC has served more than 10 000 people in the community of Khayelitsha.

Kasi RC comprises of 3 permanent staff members, with 14 volunteers and mentees, 6 community members helping out and 104 registered students. The centre plans to re-open the theatre and start providing classes, workshops and theatre shows under the COVID-19 rules and regulations, provide after school support programs for the community.



Khumbulani Centre

Early Childhood Development Centre ECD (Khayelitsha Township)

The ECD was closed during until 1 September.

Through the relationship with Corona Care, Uthando distributed hand sanitizers to Khumbulani Centre.

www.khumbulani.com



Kronendal Music Academy

Youth Development through music (Hout Bay)

Uthando was a main contributor to KMA being able to continue providing their 110 pupils and their families with ongoing Covid19 support including food parcels, hygiene and care packs. Very importantly, KMA have also been able to continue with critically important educational support for their young people, ranging from music lessons, weekly mentoring from their teachers, to psycho-social support and debriefing during this unprecedented chaotic time KMA.

Director Dwyn wrote, “KMA remains forever grateful to James Fernie and his UTHANDO team for their continue belief in our good work – but also to the many supporters of THEIR good work which can make it possible. Thank you.”

www.kmahoutbay.org



Little CJ's

Early Childhood Development Centre ECD (Blue Downs)

The ECD was closed during lockdown.

Little CJ's transformed their centre into a soup kitchen so to provide hot meals to the children attending the care centre. With many people having lost their income, the day-care supported and provided many families with weekly food supplies.

The centre served between 85 to 110 children and adults two times a week with variety of hot meals and soups.



Luleki Sizwe

LGBTI Community (Cape Town Area)

Since the beginning of the lockdown due to COVID-19 things have been extremely tough for the LGBTI community as the rate of crime associated with Gender Based Violence (GBV) increased substantially. Like many projects working in the communities, Luleki Sizwe had to include food provision (food / soup kitchen) as a relief response to those who lost their jobs, those with no social assistance and LBT women being evicted from their residences as they could no longer pay rent.

Luleki Sizwe serves 7 different informal settlement communities in Philippi, Nyanga and Khayelitsha providing and feeding about 80 people per area twice a week with chicken & vegetable soup and bread. The organisation distributed 25 food parcels to LBT women to help mitigate the effects of the pandemic and as part of their daily activities they raise awareness around COVID-19 regulations and inform people on measures to follow when experiencing GBV.

www.luleki-sizwe.com



Macassar Pottery

Social Entrepreneur (Macassar)

The founder of Macassar Pottery, Johan de Meyer wrote the following :

“What makes the donations Proudly Macassar Pottery received from Uthando SA so special, is agility with which it is handled. James controls the process enough to ensure accountability, but leaves enough scope for us to respond to needs on the ground in a helpful manner. In our case, we were able to work with ladies in our community who have a longstanding presence in providing food relief. Thanks to UthandoSA we were put in a position to strengthen the hands of grassroots community workers who were already active in the community, but lacked the resources to do it better.

We identified 5 different groups and made donations that went towards either food parcels, or cooked meals. In many cases cooked meals were a better investment, as the community workers could buy in bulk, while beneficiaries saved on electricity to cook for themselves. This definitely stretched the available resources.

All in all, we were able to provide about 6000 meals in our community thanks to Uthando South Africa.”

www.macassarpottery.com/



Makukhanye ‘let there be light” Art Room

Township Theatre (Khayelitsha Township)

Makukhanye Art Room established a soup kitchen to provide nutritional meals to the community of Site B. Feeding over 300 people three times a week totalling to more than 15000 people since March with hot meals. The theatre supplied 550 families (impacting 3300 people) with food parcels packed with essentials foods and necessities.



Major Voices Choir

Khayelitsha

This 10 male member choir is an integral part of many of the Uthando Tour experiences. The choir could no longer perform for the Uthando guests, or in festivals and events, shows and thus lost their income overnight.

Uthando supported all choir members so that they are able to buy food every week for their families and also use the money for transport to participate in community volunteering services and feeding schemes such as the Ekhaya Ekasi and Isibane Se Afrika soup kitchens helping to cook and serve the community and assisting Ghetto Gardener Ludwe at the Sinovuyo Seniors Centre garden, helping with cleaning, weeding, soil preparation and planting vegetables.



Major Voices Choir members with Ghetto Gardener Ludwe Qamata working in the Sinovuyo Seniors Garden

Masibulele Educare Centre

Early Childhood Development Centre (Khayelitsha)

Uthando ensured that the security on the building was maintained and provided support to the principal and teachers at the school.



Masiphumelele Creative Hub

Youth Development (Masiphumelele Township)

Masiphumelele Creative Hub was founded in 2017 by Yandiswa Mazwane. The organisation works to provide a safe, supportive and educational environment where community members can use the power of creativity and art to overcome their daily challenges. Through their focus on sport, art and after-school care classes, they encourage the participation of Masiphumelele youth in preserving and nourishing their own resources.

Feeding 1080 people per day.

During the covid- 19 crisis the organisation manages 8 feeding stations of which each station has been feeding more than 150 children per day, thus a total of 1080 children fed each day.

very morning 8 mamas (strong women) will go to Ukanyo Primary School kitchen to prepare for 4 different stations. Station 5 is located at project Ubuntu next to the new taxi rank 2 women prepare for children in that area. Station 6 Myeza road has a team of 4 women cooking in that area which caters for the Masi flats as well. Station 7 is prepared by 2 women at the wetland area C section. Station 8 is for the seniors where two women, Mamlambo and Thabisa are preparing for senior citizens.

In addition to the feeding schemes and after lockdown 5, Masi creative hub has continued to have clubs outings with light lunch and snack for 90 young people aged of 12 to 25 years are the beneficiaries of our clubs. The hub has 28 dignity girls under guidance of Liso Madikane, doing life skills through Art. This has been highlight to their home as it improves behaviour, confidence and self-esteem.

www.masicreativehub.org



Mdzananda Animal Clinic

Animal Protection (Khayelitsha Township)

The Mdzananda Animal Clinic experienced a difficult time from the start of lockdown. In the initial levels of lockdown they experienced increased expenses and also loss of income. The clinic also had an armed robbery, were burgled and their drivers were held up. Apart from these difficulties, their hospital and theatre were just as full as they were before lockdown, but the clinic could only run on half a team due to lockdown restrictions. As the lockdown restrictions eased the clinic experienced we

experienced a large influx of homeless dogs which filled their shelter to capacity.

Message from the clinic “Thank you Uthando, you significantly helped us to care for the pets in our hospital, theatre and stray unit and support the staff at the clinic during this extremely tough time. We wish to thank Uthando and all their supporters for helping the pets of Khayelitsha”

www.mdzananda.co.za



Moya WeKhaya ‘spirit of home” Garden

urban micro farm (Khayelitsha Township)

Moya Garden has 11 members whose families rely on vegetables from the garden. The garden supported 10 families with food parcels containing essential foods and requirements. These families were chosen as they were the most vulnerable and unemployed in the area around the garden.

Money from Uthando purchased 20 tons of manure and truck-load of wood chips, purchased 6 new wheelbarrows, tools and vegetable measuring scale. Repaired and serviced the borehole, gates and irrigation system. Variety of seedlings were purchased for planting to ensure that the community had fresh organic vegetables during the winter months.

Produce from the garden is sold to restaurants around the city, direct purchases by community members from the farmers and surplus is donated weekly to elderly people and child-headed households. Each member of Moya garden also receives weekly supply of vegetables to take home.



Neighbourhood Old Age Homes (NOAH)

care for elderly (Khayelitsha Township)

Uthando received the following note from NOAH on Uthando assistance :

“Let me first thank you for all the unwavering support Uthando has been giving to NOAH elderly. Without your contribution NOAH would have not been able to provide much needed essentials to 75 NOAH Khayelitsha elderly : Food parcels, hygiene products, electricity and emotional support through telephonic conversations..

Food parcels: our elderly were able to feed their children and grand children during this time of Covid-19. Also they have been able to share with their family members who do not live with them, as well as neighbours. This has been especially important as the lockdown affected many people who lost their jobs, forcing them to remain at home.

If I may quote a few of our members who shared with Sinah (Khayelitsha Centre Manager):

- Mam Vena and Mam Jonginyanga shared similar: I just pack groceries in my carboard and it looks so nice and full- I wish I could have visitors that can come to my house so I can always open my carboards so they can see that I am not lacking food in my house.
- Mam Mhlabeni and mam Kaleni also shared similar: We are so grateful for the support we are constantly receiving: We are able to share with neighbours who have nothing. We feel that we are also contributing and giving back to the community. This has taken us back to the olden days where we used to be able go to our neighbour with the empty container and ask for sugar, mealie meal without feeling ashamed and with no fear. “

www.noah.org.za



The Care Packages ready to be delivered to the seniors

Nonceba Family Counselling Centre

Centre for Abused women and Children (Khayelitsha Township)

As the lockdown restrictions eased and gender based violence increased the centre became very busy. Centre Manager sent the following note to Uthando;

“I would like to thank Uthando SA for the support they gave us during this difficult time to help combat the devastating impact of gender based violence and abuse of children in Khayelitsha, and hoping for a very long and lasting relationship between us. “

Msokoli Zilani, Centre Manager

www.nonceba.org



Philisa Abafazi Bethu “heal our women” (Women and Childrens Project) (Lavender Hill)

During level 5 lockdown Philisa was feeding 4000 people per day. As the lockdown has eased this has come down to 2500 people per day.

The Uthando funding was used to support Women headed households and supported victims of Domestic Violence that is taken up in the emergency safe house run by Philsa Abafazi. The Safe House is a 12 bed facility which during lockdown was full to capacity.

Uthando funding was used to support 645 Single Women who are survivors of Gender Based Violence

(GBV) who are living in the informal settlements around Lavender Hill. The money ensured that since the start of the covid crisis the women with their daughters had essential foods stuffs, sanitary towels, sanitizer, washing powder and other basic toiletries.

Uthando funds are contributed towards the feeding scheme kitchen where Philisa fed the following women and their children in the following informal settlements. 200 Non South African Women in the Overcome Informal Settlement, 150 Women from the Village Heights informal settlement, 50 from the Hillview informal settlement, 200 from Capricorn.

www.philisaabafazi.org



SEED / Schools Environmental Education and Development (Mitchells Plain)

SEED operates from Rockland Primary School in Mitchells Plain and has been working on resilience training for 20 years. Their ethics and design methodology is based in Permaculture and their training offering, Seeding Futures, is growing a “green army” with the skills and commitment to transform our cities and settlements towards resilience and regeneration.

Leigh Brown from SEED sent the following report :

“Through kind support from Uthando we have been able to focus on local food security in Mitchells Plain. We are currently supporting three feeding schemes with weekly harvest of high nutrition vegetables and rocket stove-bakes bread. SEED has put 220m2 of garden under intense food production producing high quality organic vegetables.

Uthando South Africa’s generous support has meant that SEED has been able to employ a lead gardener, Elias, and an assistant gardener, Kudzi, who have intensified and added a new section to our bountiful market garden at Rocklands Primary School.

This garden has been supplying fresh veg weekly to 2 local feeding schemes, the Rocklands Primary School Feeding Scheme and The Igdienshirathal Mustakiem Islamic Training and Development Centre Feeding Scheme, together these schemes impact around 600 people a week. This amounts to around 125kg to date.

Uthando South Africa’s support has made it possible for our bakers Fatima and Marli to bake 1850 delicious naan breads to date, these also contribute to the feeding schemes.

Through Uthando’s support we have also been able to procure all the necessary COVID hygiene resources allowing us to continue operation safely.

Thank you, Uthando South Africa!"

www.seed.org.za



Sinovuyo ‘we are happy” Seniors care for elderly (Khayelitsha Township)

Seniors during lockdown have been and continue to be the most at risk to the coronavirus, they have underlying medical problems like diabetes, cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases. Sinovuyo centre closed its doors to their seniors and such had a negative impact on their well-being, as they couldn’t interact with each other, socialise and do their daily activities.

The centre initiated a support program to distribute food parcels and gift vouchers to each member of the club so as to supplement their old age grant of R1780 per month. With the help of Ludwe Qamata and Ghetto Gardeners the seniors have been receiving weekly vegetable boxes from their garden containing spinach, beetroot, lettuce and spring onions.



The seniors sorting through the vegetables for delivery to all the seniors at their homes

Siyathandwa “we are loved” Seniors

(Khayelitsha Township)

Uthando provided funding to supplement the meagre monthly pension of the 40 seniors who belong to the seniors club.

Siyazama “we are trying” Community Allotment Garden Association

(Khayelitsha Township)

Siyazama "we are trying" (SCAGA) organic community garden is a 10 000 square metre garden producing organic vegetables. 6 micro-farmers plant and produce variety of seasonal vegetables.

During the pandemic Siyazama members have been hard at work planting and producing vegetables that were distributed weekly to 30 families living in extreme poverty. In addition, 50 community members received seedlings, manure and training support to start their household gardens and were chosen because they had showed interest in starting their own gardens.

Uthando funding supported all of these initiatives in addition to providing the 6 micro farmers with monthly stipends. Uthando funding was also used to repair fix the two boreholes watering the entire garden, bought a grass cutting machine and a vegetable weighing scale and masks for the members and community at large.



The Amy Foundation

Youth and Skills Development (Cape Town Area)

Impact 1000 youth between ages of 5 and 35

42 and 13 contract staff members most of them from townships facilitators for various programmes

Received from the foundation : *“Through our partnership with Uthando SA and with their support and assistance, we continue making a difference where it is needed, in the townships of Gugulethu and Bonteheuwel. Daily we see the need grow in these disadvantaged areas and the hopeful is becoming hopeless. The feeding schemes that we operate four times per week has grown from feeding 350 community members per day to almost 600 per day now. With your donation, we have been able to feed close to 2500 people. We serve meals that are filling, balanced and nutritious and could not do so without your donation. Together we have worked to change lives and in some cases helped to save lives! Thank you for being part of the movement of change.”*

www.amyfoundation.co.za



Thokozani Together

Early Childhood Development Centre ECD (Khayelitsha Township)

Started a soup kitchen to help feed the community of Town Two in Khayelitsha. Since mid-March to date have fed over 10 000 people of which 80% are children three times a week. 85 food parcels have been delivered to families in need. Provided and distributed 200 masks and 400 soap bars to the community.

Thokozani will re-open the educare to provide early childhood development to children aged between 3months to 6 years, open the library resources to the community and open the after-school and homework club and music program to students. The kitchen soup will remain open and serving the community food for the rest of the year.

www.thokozanitogether.com



The Big Issue

combatting unemployment (Cape Town Area)

Uthando has provided weekly grants to the 120 vendors who sell The Big Issue around Cape Town. Especially during the lockdown level 5 the vendors were unable to generate any income at all and relied on donations to sustain their families. 120 vendors with average of 6 dependants – 840 people

www.thebigissue.org.za

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South Africa

The Big Issue salutes Uthando (Love) South Africa's spirit of solidarity and for responding to the call of the people for assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to Uthando's support of the The Big Issue Vendor Lockdown Relief Fund, we were able to provide 120 Big Issue vendors with R100 per week to supplement their income while their on-street customers were staying indoors, following lockdown regulations.

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The Pebbles Project

Cape Winelands

Sophia Warner from Pebbles sent the following note :

“The Pebbles Project is currently supporting 630 children in our ECD (Early Childhood Development) centres in the Cape Winelands, Citrusdal and Hermanus. Pebbles provides training for staff, onsite support teachers, educational equipment and resources, meals and health and social services.

Since the end of March 2020 and during the lockdown period, we have continued to pay salaries of all of our ECD practitioners as well as maintaining contact with them over WhatsApp to keep them motivated and supported throughout a very difficult period.

The majority of our ECD centres have now re-opened, but with limited numbers to allow for social distancing, and many new health protocols to follow. All children have received their own individual stationery and resource box to limit sharing and prevent the spread of the virus.

Our ECD support teachers have recently been able to recommence weekly visits to our centres to offer training and guidance on the ‘new normal’. Monthly training sessions will continue to be conducted over zoom until we can safely gather all of the practitioners in one venue for group training.

Money from Uthando went towards supporting the ECD support teachers who have worked tirelessly over the past 5 months to ensure our ECD children have received education packs at home, complete with age-appropriate worksheets and activities to keep the children up to date with the amended ECD curriculum, and supporting the health care facility at Pebbles.

Thank you from all of us at Pebbles for your contributions over the past 11 years, we so value your

www.pebblesproject.co.za

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Thank you for enabling Pebbles to keep
our essential health care facility open
for
farming communities during Covid-19

Every R120 pays for
much needed health services for one child
or adult

Zama Dance School

Youth Development through dance (Gugulethu Township)

After lockdown Uthando has contributed to the Saturday dance programme providing dance and support to the 100 children attending Zama Dance School.

www.zamadance.co.za



Zizamele Educare Centre

Early Childhood Development Centre (Khayelitsha Township)

Uthando provided funding to cover monthly security on the building, pay the annual insurance on the building and support the principal and teachers at the pre-school.



**“IF YOU CAN’T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE,
THEN FEED JUST ONE”**

MOTHER TERESA, 1910



THANKS TO THE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD, UTHANDO IS ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO TRULY INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ACTIVISTS WHO ARE FEEDING & SUPPORTING MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE MOTHER CITY, AND HELPING TO PROTECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM THE SCOURGE OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH OR IN XHOSA “ENKOSI KAKHULU”