



## THE SOUTHERN AFRICA TRUST COLLATED RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS FROM SADC REGION AND BEYOND





More burden of care is shifted towards women in households and communities.

- Women are leading the health response making up 70% of the healthcare workforce, also exposing them to the greatest risk of infection.
- Most small-scale food producers are women. There is increased potential risk of genderbased violence during this pandemic. However, very little is being done to address women empowerment.

Workforce leading the Covid-19
healthcare response

## **TRENDS**

- \* Stigmatisation, discrimination against foreign nationals as well as locals who are suspected of having Covid-19 virus prevalent, resulting in assault, abuse and service denial
- \* COVID-19 containment measures spur increases in perceptions of shortages to basic needs because of disruption to normal work leading to increased crime
- \* Beyond the health crisis, COVID 19 has set the world in a worse economic and social catastrophe than the 2008 global economic crisis particularly for vulnerable people
- \* Long-lasting effects from job losses and related fears particularly in the informal economies, leaving people with no means to sustain themselves now and beyond the pandemic
- \* Time to leapfrog into the fourth Industrial revolution with schools forced to close and adopt e-learning as a mode of education
- \* Covid-19 is disrupting supply chains across all industries and sectors disrupting economies and the social fabric of many countries

## THEMATIC SPREAD

The responses to the Covid-19 pandemic by civil society organisations is spread across the following thematic areas:

- African Philanthropy
- Civil Society Capability
- Human Development
- Migration & Social Protection
- Trade & Industrialisation
- Women & Youth









## ACTION TAKEN BY ORGANISATIONS

	ORGANISATION	ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ORGANISATION	THEMATIC AREAS	LOCATION	CONTACT
1	ACCORD	<ul> <li>Established a COVID-19 Task Team to look at the potential conflicts that will be generated by the virus and the measures to combat it, as well as conflicts that will ensue in the aftermath of the virus.</li> <li>Developing situation reports, analysis reports, and training materials for potential interveners.</li> <li>Training and developing conflict resolution practitioners and mediators across the African continent. Disseminating Weekly COVID-19 Situational Reports.</li> </ul>	Civil Society Capability	South Africa	Karishma Rajoo covid-19@accord.org.za
2	African Philanthropy Network	Convened African community philanthropy organisations, to share information on COVID-19 responses and mobilize joint action.	African Philanthropy	Tanzania	Stigmata Tenga stenga@africaphilanthropynetwork.org
3	Botswana Labour Migrants Association (BoLAMA)	BoLAMA issued a press release calling on the private sector to support the Government of Botswana's (GoB) response efforts to combat Covid-19. De Beer Group heeded the call and made donations	<ul><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li><li>Human Development</li></ul>	Botswana	Kitso Phiri kpxphiri@gmail.com
4	Centre for African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI)	<ul> <li>Tracking impact of COVID-19 on CSOs and philanthropy; and responses to COVID by philanthropy and CSOs. Information tracked will be used for a publication as well as webinar series which will reflect on responses to COVID 19 by philanthropy and corporates.</li> </ul>	African philanthropy	South Africa	Bhekinkosi Moyo bhekinkosi.moyo@wits.ac.za
5	Epic Africa	Running a survey to determine how COVID-19 is impacting African CSOs	Civil Society Capability	Senegal	
6	Gender Links	Implementing a rapid response fund to to support 'Mitigation of the Impact of COVID-19 on Women's Rights'	<ul><li>Women &amp; Youth</li><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li></ul>	South Africa	Sifiso Dube - Head: Policy and Movement Building <alliance@genderlinks.org.za></alliance@genderlinks.org.za>
7	Graca Machel Trust	<ul> <li>Has conducted webinar dialogues. First dialogue looked at the nuances that have emerged with the role of media in defining the narrative of Africans response to COVID 19. Another dialogu was with African Women in Agribusiness Network on the effects of COVID 19 on food system and agribusiness in the ESA region.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Human Develoment</li><li>Women &amp; Youth</li><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li></ul>	South Africa	Shungu Gwarinda ShunguG@ gracamacheltrust.org
8	Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS)	Steering virtual dialogues with youths across the region to get their perspectives on the impact of COVID-19. So far, two dialogues have been held with youths in the East and Southern Africa. Next will be Central, North and West Africa	<ul><li>Human Development</li><li>Women &amp; Youth</li><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li></ul>	South Africa	lan Mashingaidze imashingaidze@minds-africa.org







9	OSISA	<ul> <li>Disseminating credible information and awareness raising. Supporting and influencing access to testing and health care for all. Enhancing transparency and accountability in the management and utilisation of funding for the COVID-19 response. Engaging and collaborating with churches, community organisations, rural and traditional structures, United Nations entities, government departments, international organisations, nurses' and doctors' associations, local government departments, tech hubs, media agencies and media outlets</li> </ul>	Human Development	South Africa	Rumbidzai Masango RumbidzaiM@osisa.org
10	SADC Secretariat	<ul> <li>Member States have agreed to establish National Emergency Operations Centres to facilitate coordination of logistics and stockpiling for disasters at the national level.</li> <li>Regional face-to-face meetings and instead, utilizing modern technology such as Video conferences.</li> <li>Procurement Services for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies is being implemented.</li> <li>Daily updates on the status of COVID-19 in the region. Daily updates on COVID-19 in the region are shared on the SADC website on: https://www.sadc.int/issues/covid-19/to facilitate sharing of information and experiences.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trade &amp; Industrialisation</li> <li>Human Development</li> <li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li> </ul>	Botswana	Mubita Luwabelwa prinfo@sadc.int
11	SATUCC	<ul> <li>Promoting information, responsible public health practice and providing community support to the most vulnerable in our communities. Setting up a Migration Help Desk/Hotline and</li> <li>Paid sick leave is being made available in many countries for workers who are unwell or in prescribed or self-imposed quarantine.</li> </ul>	Trade &     Industrialisation	Botswana	Mavis Koogotsitse mavis.koogotsitse@satucc.org
12	Sonke Justice	<ul> <li>Launching a #SPEAKOUT campaign, aimed as raising awareness of gender-based violence. Domestic violence can be reported to toll-free Gender Based Violence Call Centre on 0800 428 428 or *120*7867#</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Women &amp; Youth</li><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li><li>Civil Society Capability</li></ul>	South Africa	Kayana Leung kayan@genderjustice.org.za
13	Southern Africa Liason Office	Convening regional advocacy strategy sessions	Civil Society Capability	South Africa	Joan Brickhill jbrickhill@gmail.com
14	Trust Africa	<ul> <li>TA has established a COVID-19 Africa Solidarity Fund. Proceeds will be used to support Emergency Response Units across the continent of Africa.</li> </ul>	African Philanthropy	Senegal	sall@trustafrica.org
15	ZELA	Gathered information from more than 200 ZELA affiliated community monitors, media reports and public statements by Government officials and corporates for COVID assessment	<ul><li>Human Development</li><li>Migration &amp; Social Protection</li></ul>	Zimbabwe	Mutuso Dhliwayo mutusod@zela.org
16	Community Development Foundation, Western Cape	<ul> <li>The Foundation plays an active role in messaging and providing support with regards to referral procedures. They made more than 20 small community grants via the Special Fund launched in response to Covid-19.</li> </ul>	African Philanthropy	South Africa	Beulah Fredericks
17	West Coast Social Development Foundation	Their partner organisations in different towns are busy with relief work, ranging from providing cooked meals via soup kitchens, and general assistance.	Human Development	South Africa	Andries Blankenberg







18	Initiative for Community Advancement	The organization started a Soup Kitchen in the community specifically in response to the lockdown.	Human Development	South Africa	Jeremy Maarman
19	Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYOF-SADC)	<ul> <li>Raising awareness via social media and utilizing the use of Social media to share correct information.</li> </ul>	Women & Youth	SADC Countries	Misheck Gondo sayof.sadc@gmail.com
20	Phalombe Youth Arms Organization	<ul> <li>Currently working hand in hand with the district health office on issues of SRHR and Youth Friendly Health Services. Making efforts to work with Youth Champions to sensitize the community on COVID-19 as well as Family Planning methods.</li> </ul>	Women & Youth	Malawi	Joseph Before
21	Harambee	<ul> <li>Working with partners to provide young people with daily information that is trusted and accurate.</li> <li>Also runs a COVID-19 Corner where a group of fact-checkers gather, verify, and share daily information.</li> <li>Provided input into the country's plans for economic stimulus and youth empowerment in these uncertain times - so that young people can #work4work as the economy recovers.</li> </ul>	Women & Youth     Poverty, Inequality and Unmployment	South Africa	adela@harambee.co.za Yonela@harambee.co.za
22	YALI RLC ALUMNI	Working with Mandela Washington Fellowship to ensure differently abled young people are not left behind in the fight against Covid.	Women & Youth	Zambia	
23	International Youth Parliament	The issue of mental health has been one of their key focus areas and have been hosting live dialogues on mental health.	<ul><li>Leadership</li><li>Sustainable    Development Goals</li><li>Human Development</li></ul>	Global	Dr. Paula Fellingham Paula@ProsperityandPeace.org
24	Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF)	<ul> <li>Working with partners and providing small grants for them to be able to execute their work.</li> <li>Have since partnered with groups in 12 counties across Kenya.</li> <li>Deliver assistance to the needlest groups in the rural communities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>African Philanthropy</li> <li>Sustainable Development Goals</li> <li>Civil Society Capability</li> </ul>	Kenya	Janet Mawiyoo info@kcdf.or.ke
25	Eswatini Youth	<ul> <li>The youth of eSwatini have volunteered to help those affected by Covid-19 directly or indirectly by reaching out to families who needed electricity because they no longer had a source of income and need the little they have to buy food during the lockdown</li> <li>Also, to encourage handwashing they started paying water bills for those who had their meters closed down due to non-payment</li> </ul>	Women & Youth	Eswatini	Nomathemba Dube dubenoty@gmail.com
26	National Association of Youth Organisations (NAYO)	Disseminating useful COVID information on social media	YWomen & Youth	Zimbabwe	info@nayoafrica.org







27	Doctors without Boarders (MSF)	<ul> <li>Set up the COVID-19 Crisis Fund to:</li> <li>to provide health awareness messages to communities around the world</li> <li>Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for their safety and for the safety of patients</li> <li>Participate in the national responses led by the WHO</li> <li>Provide medical training needed to deal with COVID 19</li> </ul>	Human Development	South Africa	office-joburg@joburg.msf.org
28	AFRIKA AWAKE	<ul> <li>Utilising Facebook to raise donations to buy hand sanitiser to distribute among car guards and the homeless community in Johannesburg.</li> <li>partnered with Angel Network and Gift of the Givers to help propel the initiative to the next level, reaching more people across South Africa.</li> </ul>	Migration & Social     Protection	South Africa	bianca@afrikaawake.org
29	Gift of the Givers	<ul> <li>Set up a campaign that supports those on the frontlines for instance doctors, nurses and other medical staff. They have partnered with Vula Mobile – SA's network of over 11,000 health professionals – to help identify areas in need of support.</li> <li>Purchasing of equipment and supplies for medical facilities in South Africa: manual and automated ventilation equipment; intubation equipment; safety equipment for medical staff and medical supplies</li> </ul>	Migration & Social Protection	South Africa	info@giftofthegivers.org
30	Unicef South Africa	<ul> <li>Through the Little Hands Matter campaign, Unicef SA hopes to build 10 handwashing stations in these settlements to safeguard the hygiene and health of children and their families.</li> </ul>	Human Development	South Africa	pretoria@unicef.org
31	Feed SA	<ul> <li>Created a Covid-19 Action Plan to help those hit hardest by the virus.</li> <li>Buying of Bulk packs containing: non-perishable foods, personal hygiene / sanitary items, cleaning materials and household essentials</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Human Development</li><li>Food Security</li></ul>	South Africa	Romi romi@feedsa.co.za
32	Ntsikayezwe Development Foundation	<ul> <li>Ntsikayezwe Development Foundation is running a Pantry Initiative. With this initiative, they help vulnerable families and child-headed households with food parcels.</li> </ul>	Education & Nutrition	South Africa	Mpolokeng Mudau mmudau@nydfoundation.org