



WAR ROOM 'S BRIEFING ON COVID-19 RESPONSE PLANS FOR FOOD PARCELS THROUGH THE SOLIDARITY AND DISASTER RELIEF FUND

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PURPOSE

To brief War room about the proposed plan to distribute food parcels as part of the response to COVID-19 lock-down and beyond in partnership with the Solidarity Fund.



BACKGROUND

- The National **Covid-19 cases** have grown to 2 272, with death toll rising to 27 people as at 14 April 2020;
- The President **declared a lockdown** for 21 days (from 26 March – 16 April 2020). The lock-down has since been extended until end of April 2020.
- The lockdown requires all food programmes beneficiaries to stay in their homes. This implies an **alternative plan** is needed to support beneficiaries of DSD Centre Based Feeding Programmes and Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs) and the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) children.
- The **food parcels distribution plan** is providing the hunger mitigation strategy to these targeted groups

THE FOOD PARCEL PROPOSAL

- The food parcel intervention is intended to sustain poor and vulnerable families during the COVID-19 lock-down for the next **2 to 4 weeks**,
- This allows DSD/Treasury/DBE/Private Sector time to formalize plans and budgets in order to **gear up to deal with greater food insecurity crisis** after April 2020,
- The **existing Provincial Implementing Agents (PIA)** and related network of 235 CNDC's are to be used as the back-bone for the procurement and distribution of these parcels,
- Delivery of food parcels from Provincial Food Distribution Centres (PFDCs) to CNDC's is planned to commence urgently in order for them to reach the **targeted households as soon as possible**,



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Aims of large-scale food distribution programme

To get ***as much food assistance*** as possible, ***as quickly*** as possible, to those who ***need it***.



Supply:

- Content and price of standard food parcel
- Volume required
- Mobilising resources



Distribution:

- Central collection and storage
- Distribution to community centres and households



Targeting:

- Existing households in DSD database
- Applicants for SRD
- NGOs and CBOs

THE FOOD PARCEL PROPOSAL

- The food cost of the parcel
- The parcel has been developed after having taken the following into consideration:
 - Cost
 - Nutritional content (decent ratios of starch, protein and vegetables)
 - Cultural acceptability
 - Requiring as little energy as possible to prepare
 - Simplicity of parcel assembly in warehouse
 - Practicality and weight for distribution from CNDC to household



THE FOOD PARCEL CONTENTS

Contents		Unit	Qty
Starch	Maize meal	KG	10
	Rice	KG	8
	Potatoes	KG	7
Protein	Pilchards	400g TIN	6
	Baked Beans	410g TIN	6
	Lentils	KG	2
	Milk Powder	KG	1
Veg	Butternut	KG	10
Seasoning	Onions	KG	2
	Oil	LIT	2
Other	Soap	Bar	2

Notes: Food parcel for 4 family members/31 days per month & 1 meal per day



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Channels for food distribution

Three primary distribution channels:

- *Existing recipients of Centre-Based Feeding Programmes (CBFPs):*
CNDCs \pm **58 750** households and DSD CBFPs = \pm 333 000 households
- *Applicants for Social Relief of Distress (SRD):* **Unknown, but expected to spike**
- *Non-profit organisations:* **Unknown, but expected spike**
- **Expected total number of households = 1,000,000 nationally**
- ***Implementation in a Phased in approach***



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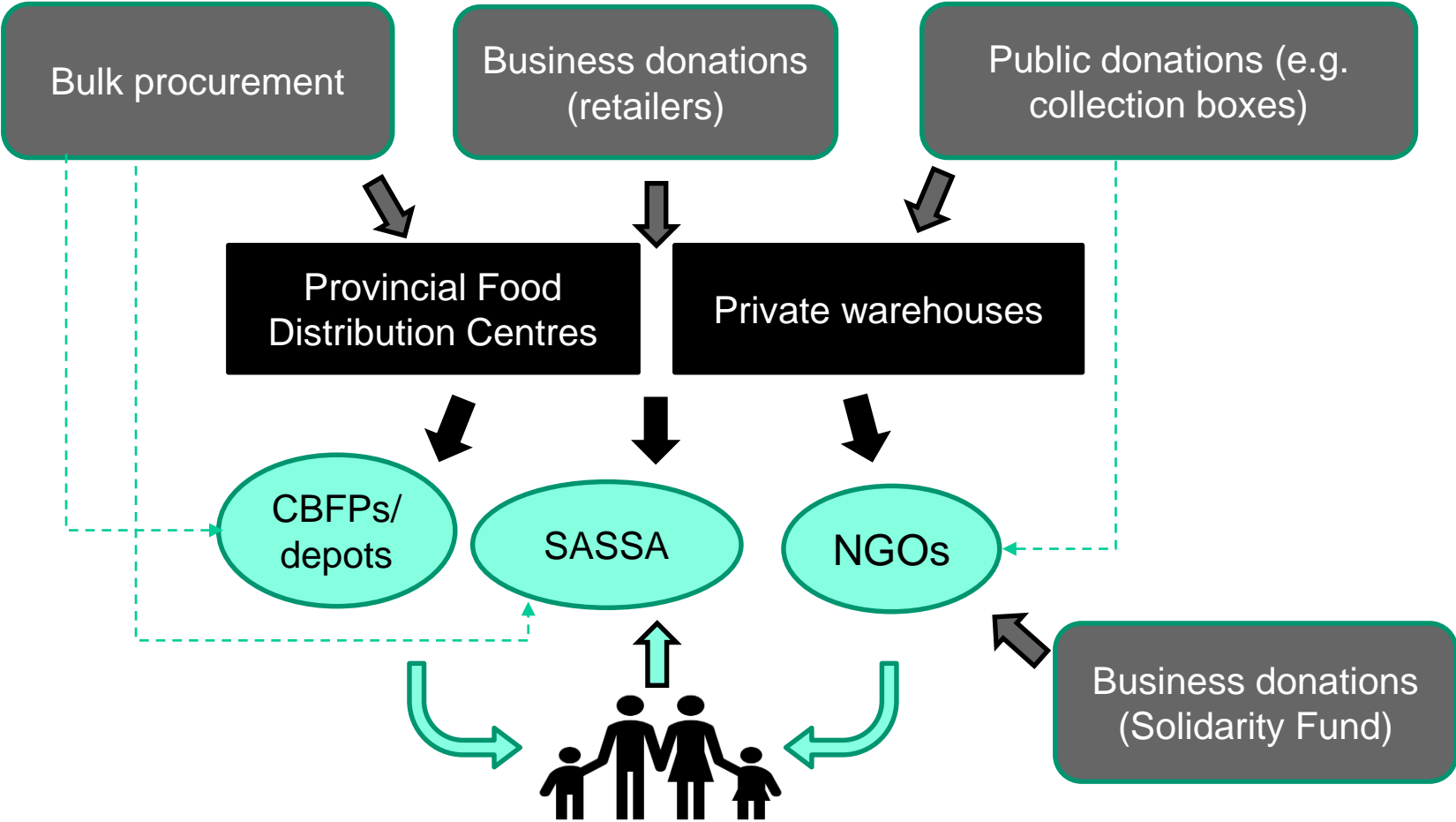


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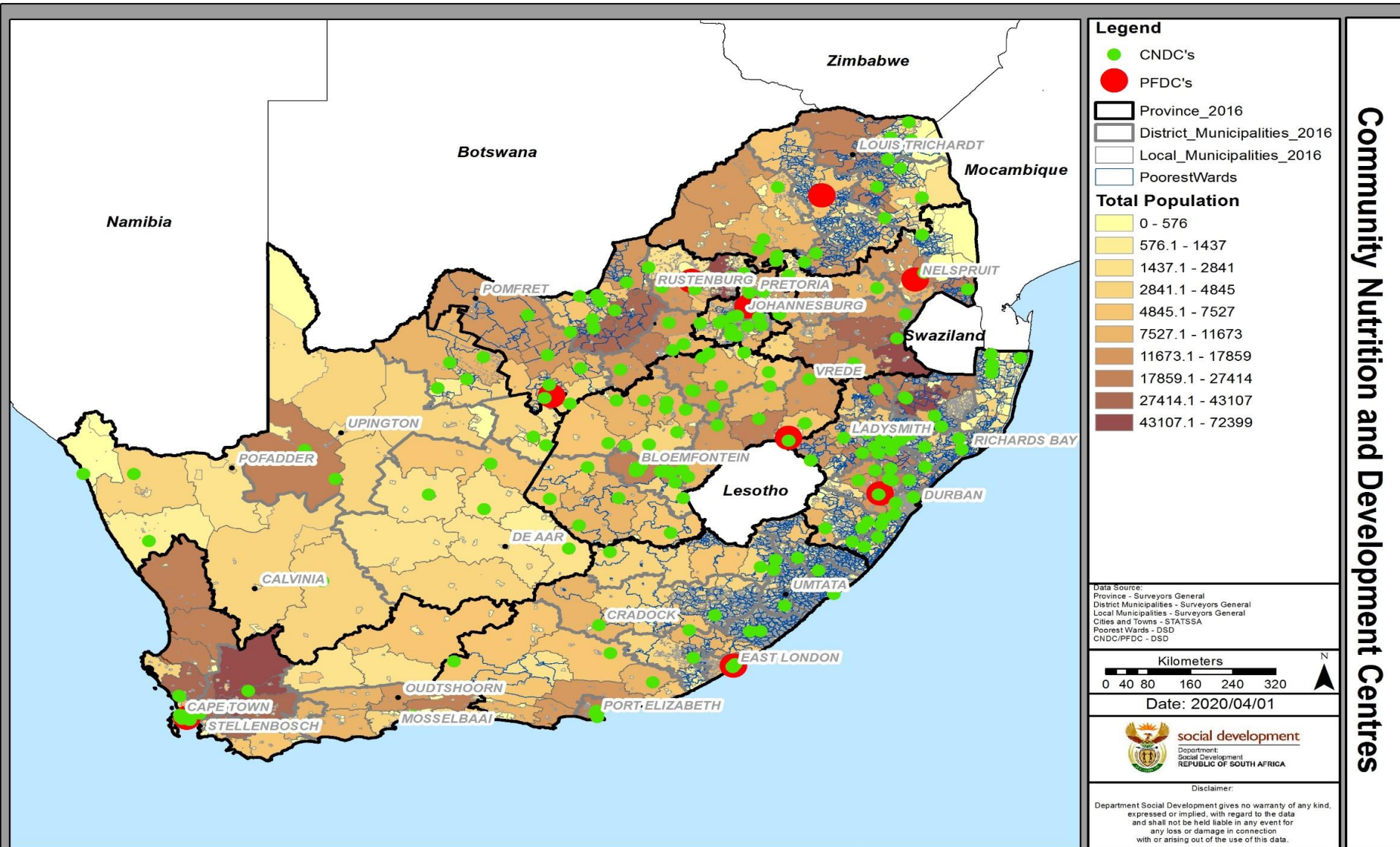
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)





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Network of PFDCs and CNDCs



SELECTION CRITERIA & TARGETING

The interventions will be implemented in a phased approach with the following phases:

Phase 1: Already existing beneficiaries of CNDCs

Phase 2: Beneficiaries of closed Centre Based Feeding Programmes (CBFP) as listed: DICs/ HCBCs/ Luncheon Clubs, etc,

Phase 3: Households in need of food assistance not supported through SRD, CNDCs & CBFPs

These phases can be implemented concurrently in partnership with other Civil Society organisations to increase coverage.

PROPOSED WORKING ARRANGEMENT

- Formalize engagement between Solidarity Fund and DSD Provincial Implementing Agents for the Household Food & Nutrition Security Programme;
- Engage provinces to coordinate interventions and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Confirm exact number of families to be provided for per CNDC = 250 HHs allocated/ CNDC = about 58 750HHs;
- Deliver food parcels to households



COSTING OF RESPONSE

PROVINCE	No of CNDcs/ Prov	NO OF HHs	Funding required for food parcel cost			5% Operational Cost	PIA Allocation per province	DSD Contribution /PIA
			SF Contribution @ R400	DSD Food parcel Contribution @ R300	Total			
Eastern Cape	26	6 500	R2 600 000.00	R1 950 000.00	R4 550 000.00	R262 756.00	R4 812 756.00	R2 212 756.00
Free State	46	11 500	R4 600 000.00	R3 450 000.00	R8 050 000.00	R464 876.00	R8 514 876.00	R3 914 876.00
Gauteng	12	3 000	R1 200 000.00	R900 000.00	R2 100 000.00	R121 272.00	R2 221 272.00	R1 021 272.00
Kwa Zulu Natal	52	13 000	R5 200 000.00	R3 900 000.00	R9 100 000.00	R525 512.00	R9 625 512.00	R4 425 512.00
Limpopo	19	4 750	R1 900 000.00	R1 425 000.00	R3 325 000.00	R192 014.00	R3 517 014.00	R1 617 014.00
Mpumalanga	11	2 750	R1 100 000.00	R825 000.00	R1 925 000.00	R111 166.00	R2 036 166.00	R936 166.00
Northern Cape	22	5 500	R2 200 000.00	R1 650 000.00	R3 850 000.00	R222 332.00	R4 072 332.00	R1 872 332.00
North West	27	6 750	R2 700 000.00	R2 025 000.00	R4 725 000.00	R272 862.00	R4 997 862.00	R2 297 862.00
Western Cape	20	5 000	R2 000 000.00	R1 500 000.00	R3 500 000.00	R202 120.00	R3 702 120.00	R1 702 120.00
Total	235	58 750	R23 500 000.00	R17 625 000.00	R41 125 000.00	R2 374 910.00	R43 499 910.00	R19 999 910.00

NEXT STEPS

- Request for funding from the Solidarity Fund = R23 500 000
- Request for funding from the DSD - DRF = R20 000 000
- The response mechanism requires a shift from meals to food parcels during the lockdown period;
- Inform the Provincial and Local leadership structures
- Activate the Implementing Agents to prepare for delivery
- Engage security forces as a precaution to protect food handlers during food distribution;

