

# HOPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S CHILDREN

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Several of our supporters have asked how South Africa and the projects that we support are coping with the impact of the Corona virus. I therefore felt it might be helpful to update you on how the projects that we support have been managing in these unprecedented times and what support we have been able to extend.

South Africa was not in a good place to deal with the pandemic, Poor Governance, Systematic corruption and weak currency has been a major problem for a long time. HIV is also rife in the community with some 20% of the population infected/affected This means that their immunity to infection is low. Much of the workforce is employed on a casual basis and the official unemployment level is more than 30%. Most people are worried about hunger rather than the virus! There is a significant surge in cases and S.A is now no 5 in the world. As a result S.A has put in place a severe Lockdown including a ban on travel, the sale of alcohol & tobacco and most schools have been closed again for the next four weeks.

Our Trustees have responded by releasing all of our unrestricted funds to our partners which included a large anonymous donation.

**Rehoboth** has put in place appropriate measures deferring leave. Its school is open and for home schooling for those who would normally be out at school. One housemother is at home self-isolating as a family member is infected. Financially they are fairly secure and require no further help at this time.

**Khula Crèche (a large Crèche with a lot of other programmes, an hour from the nearest town)** is now feeding an average of 400 children twice a week and has distributed more than 500 blankets & food parcels. We have made grants of £2300 in addition to £2107 made earlier to support the feeding scheme.

**Greensparks Education:** All Crèches are closed and children/teachers are without income and the 2 meals a day they provide. We normally provide Training and Materials to more than 30 crèches. We have made additional grants totaling £2800, this has provided 200 teachers with a small grant and has issued 516 Food Vouchers which have feed 372 children. We are helping to provide £150 per Crèche for PPE and modifications when they are allowed to open.

**Genesis Care Centre.** This amazing 50 bed hospice run by Norwegian Settlers Church is struggling for operational finance and increased demand as a result of the virus. See virtual tour on <https://youtu.be/OR2BhStUTxQ> We have been able to provide further support of £1700 for help with additional PPE costs.

**Cornerstone School:** This special school for children with learning disabilities was required to close. Most families were unable to pay the fees. HFSAC provide a Bursary for a child to attend from a poor family. We have been able to make an additional grant of £1700. The school is now open again and the donation will provide PPE and associated costs of managing Social Distancing.

Altogether with have made available some additional £15000 from our Outreach fund for these four partners working on the front line of the Pandemic. The sponsorship programme is ring fenced for the Rehoboth Children's Village. This continues to provide some £30,000 a year to support its operating costs for our 80 children.

Your support has been greatly appreciated over the last 18 years that we have been supporting the children of South Africa.

David & Glen Smith [Pictures of Children waiting for food & receiving Blankets at Khula Crèche one of our Partner organisations.](#)

