

Think health and safety this festive season

As 2020 draws to a close, our thoughts are with those infected and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to sweep across the globe with devastating effect. At the time of publication, an estimated 890,000 people were infected with COVID-19 in South Africa and more than 24,000 lives had been lost. From the onset of the virus and subsequent lockdown measures, communities across South Africa experienced a loss of livelihoods that affected the poor in disproportionate ways.

MPDAC responded to the crisis by providing much needed support to feeding schemes across Mitchell's Plain and also set up backyard vegetable gardens. Financial and in-kind contributions from MPDAC members, donors and partner organisations made it possible for MPDAC to sustain its support to twenty-five feeding schemes. In particular, we are grateful for the generous donations from the Gift of the Givers Foundation, Yellowwoods Social Investments NPC, Blue Titan Investment Group, 2030UP, and Click Foundation. We look forward to renewing these partnerships in the new year and the years ahead.

Our 25 feeding scheme partners are remarkably dedicated volunteers committed to bettering the lives of their neighbours and upliftment of their communities

Unfortunately, the close of 2020 is witnessing a resurgence of COVID-19 infections and the reintroduction of stricter restrictions in parts of South Africa. The crisis is not over - our resolve needs to remain strong.

There is however hope on the horizon. An uncertain future at the early stages of the pandemic is slowly giving way to improved collaboration and hope in the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. The COVAX Facility is an example of a coalition of governments, health organisations, scientist, private sector, civil society and philanthropy that aims to provide innovative and equitable access to COVID-19 diagnostics, treatments and vaccines. The facility provides hope that everyone will get access to vaccines once they are available, regardless of wealth, because the only way to fully protect one nation is to protect every nation.

Alongside the progress made in developing vaccines, we should continue to adhere to the non-pharmaceutical protocols, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and avoiding large gatherings. Signs of a second and third wave of infections have hit many countries with sometimes greater devastation than previous episodes of infections and control measures.

Let's act responsibly so that we keep ourselves, our families, and friends safe.

Have a blessed and healthy festive season

Annual General Meeting

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 infections, the AGM scheduled for 19 December 2020 has been postponed to April 2021.

Focus on Gender

The recently convened gender sub-committee will convene a focus group meeting in early 2021 to develop a programme to address the needs of women working in the community.

Bank Account

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Our donors and partners in 2020

