

## **DISSASTER MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022**

The Diocese of Mzimvubu received a sum of R117 000. 582.85 for the program, to cover the last quarter of 2022. The grant came at the right time, when the country is hit by Climate Change, and a very dry winter. Our areas are not usually very dry in winter, and most people are able to have some few vegetables, but this year, things are bad. 111 families were reached through the program for this quarter.

### **5 Archdeaconries that benefited from the program, are; (and 1 Family)**

- 1. Holy Cross Collegiate**
- 2. The Cathedral**
- 3. Umzimkhulu Archdeaconry**
- 4. Mt Frere Archdeaconry**
- 5. Lusikisiki Archdeaconry**

### **Holy Cross Collegiate**

The Holy Cross Collegiate is formed of 4 Outstations, and 26 needy families received food parcels, and these families were selected from the congregation and in the community at large. They included Orphans and Vulnerable Children, of which most of them are from Child Herded Families. This is the area that is always having natural moisture even in winter, and people are able to grow some few vegetables, but because of dry winter this year, the gardens are not doing well. Normally the community around this parish care for each other, and they do it because of Christ and the People, which is a slogan for the Collegiate.

This is the area that has had lots of veld fire disasters, which burnt most of the resident's houses, and their households. It has been a painful situation, because all their identification documents and bank cards have been destroyed by the fire. Lots of departments have intervened, and we are happy as the church, that we also intervened.



### **Lusikisiki Archdeaconry**

The Archdeaconry is composed of 4 Parishes, and 26 families benefited from the program, and these were the neediest families that were identified through the Community Outreach Program of the Mothers Union. Others, through working with Traditional Leaders were identified. The Archdeaconry reported that it is happy to bring change to the lives of these families. This one of reach Archdeaconries, with Sugar Cane Plantations and a Factory, but because of the mismanagement of the tea cooperation ,

thousands of community members lost jobs, and hunger became the order of the day. Through this program, few lives can be changed.



The Archdeacon encouraged all the recipients to leave a prayerful life, and be part of the meetings held within their communities. They must share their feelings with other people, and even share their dreams. Youth, especially orphans and vulnerable children were encouraged to seek for assistance from relevant people, who will not abuse them. He told everybody that the doors of the church are always open. He also told them to refrain from alcohol and drugs.



#### Mzimkhulu Archdeaconry

The Archdeaconry has 7 Parishes, and 28 Families benefited from the program. There is no formal employment in these areas, as they are surrounded by farms, which are not offering any employment to people not born in those farms. The rule is that employment is offered to those born in the farm, and this is compulsory, unless, that particular person has acquired a special skill not needed in the farm.



The Social Worker encouraged the recipients to be strong during the hard times, and encouraged them not to take wrong decisions, like consuming alcohol, taking drugs and sleeping around, because of the difficulties they encounter. They were encouraged to share their difficulties, and not die alone.

### The Archdeaconry of the Cathedral

This is surrounded by congested informal settlements, since it is in town. There are lot of sick, homeless, displaced children and orphans. The town is small and congested, and the homeless kids depend on feeding themselves from the bins. The Department of Social Development and the Local Municipality are trying to intervene in these bad conditions people live under. The Disaster Management Program of the Diocese of Mzimvubu makes a very huge difference to the surrounding communities, and is well appreciated. **13 families** benefited from the program.



## **Mt Frere Archdeaconry**

The Archdeaconry is composed of 6 Parishes, and there is no formal employment in the area. There are few tree plantations, which employ casual workers during certain seasons like planting of trees and pruning of branches. Not many people do benefit from these programs. 18 families benefited from the program. Girls from nearby schools also get Sanitary Towels monthly from the Mothers Union, who complement what the Diocese is doing.



## **Gogela Family at Bongweni Location**

This family is comprised of an unemployed father who has taken care of his 2 children after his wife left him, with the Social Grant card for the kids. The younger one is 3 years old, and he was 1year, 6 months old when the mother left. The older one is 5 years old, and he was 3 years, 4 months when the mother left him.

They live in a mud house that has no windows. The children had no clothes, and after their story was sent to the Kokstad Face book group, people were able to send some old clothes for them. The father depends on piece jobs, and he would carry the naked 3 years old on his back when he goes to look for these jobs. He would go other houses, begging for the children.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, we made an intervention, by first visiting the family, and we discovered that the father doesn't have an Identity Document, the room they stay in has no electricity, and is not in a good standard, and the environment is not good for the kids. The father would spend a day or 2 without food, as long as his kids got something from the neighbors, and he is not neither drinking nor smoking. They have no blankets to sleep with, except very dirty old pieces of blankets, and no pots, stoves, plates and spoons. We bought the following for them:

- Groceries
- Bath and Powdered Soap
- Clothes for the kids

- Blankets



### The Kids Reaction

Though they are young, and are staying with the poor father, we noticed a big bond between the father and the kids. They were so happy to see the groceries, though they did not say something, but they went to it, and tried to lift some of the things with smiling faces, giving them to their father. The father promised us to take care of them, no matter what circumstances he comes across with.

We are still appealing to other stakeholders to do the intervention. All thanks to the Diocese of Truro for the fund that is able to change the lives of children and families.

The Diocese of Mzimvubu would like to thank you for all the donations you made for all the quarters of 2022. As this is the last quarter report, we wish you well, and with that the support continues even in 2023. The bank balance in the helps us to do immediate interventions, and to cate for bank charges whilst the next payment is not yet done.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>R 21 866.05</b>
<b>Money Received from Truro Diocese</b>	<b>R117 582. 85</b>
<b>Paid to Coordinators</b>	<b>R111 916. 00</b>
<b>Gogela Family Special Intervention</b>	<b>R 2 289. 62</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>R 207.50</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>R 24 950.78</b>

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