

DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

Things are still not normal after Covid 19, as most of the employment institutions continue to downgrade staff, and most of them have total closure. Child and women abuse is hitting our diocese very hard. Some are killed, and some are raped. We see a number of Child Headed families growing. Unemployment and poverty is affecting marriages and family life. We are still working with Government Departments like the Municipality, Department of Social Development and the Department of Health. In some of the areas of our Diocese, some donors have assisted with distribution of school uniform like shoes, jerseys, tracksuits, and blazers. We are also happy to announce that the schools the Diocese donated Sanitary Towels to last year, during their winter school, did very well in their end of the year results.

The following Archdeaonries benefited: Mt Fletcher Archdeaconry, Maluti Archdeaconry, Mt Ayliff Archdeaconry and Qumbu Archdeaconry, and 133 families benefited. Even in 2023, as it has been done in previous years, coordinators have been trained before the distribution of the funds, and they still continue to get the R1000.00 coordinators allowance for doing the work at Archdeaconry level.

Mt Fletcher Archdeaconry

It is comprised of 6 Parishes. This is dry area, where employment is very scarce. Farming is found in few areas and the farmers provide employment to very few residents of the area. Though it's summer, and it's time to produce some mealies in most parts of the Diocese, this area struggles to produce it because of its climate, and the type of soils they have in their area. After they had been given the funds, 28 families benefited from the program.



Mt Ayliff Archdeaconry

This also an area with lack of employment. Poverty is the daily news. The only thing that grows well is peach fruit, which is also seasonal. When it is out of season, most families struggle. Poverty is still striking most of the families in the area. This archdeaconry has 6 Parishes, and 28 families benefited from the program.



Maluti Archdeaconry

This an Archdeaconry bordering with Lesotho, and has 4 Parishes. The only employment is from the farmers around the area. If the people want employment, they migrate to other areas, making families not stable. This contributes to family squabbles. 25 families benefited from the program

Qumbu Archdeaconry

This is the last Archdeaconry, before you go the Diocese of Mthatha. It has 4 Parishes, and it is famous for its few commercial forests, and they are the only source of informal employment in the area. They try to do farming, but climate change is a challenge. 24 beneficiaries received food parcels.



The Diocese of Mzimvubu would like to thank the Diocese of Truro for its intervention in making lives of under privileged families better. This program makes a big difference in the communities served by the Diocese, and through this partnership, we hope to make a big difference. We encourage all the home steads to have home gardens, despite the climate problems.

Girl children are encouraged to be part of the programs that will build their lives. Child headed families are also mobilized to be able to face the world. They are also equipped to be able to develop themselves.