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## VOVCOF and Solidarity Eswatini Humanitarian Response To The Recent Political Unrest.

Vuvulane Orphans & Vulnerable Children's Outreach Foundation (VOVCOF), in partnership with Solidarity Eswatini, will be implementing the distribution of standardized cash donations to victims of the ongoing political unrest in Eswatini. We extend our deepest condolences to all the families that have lost their loved ones.

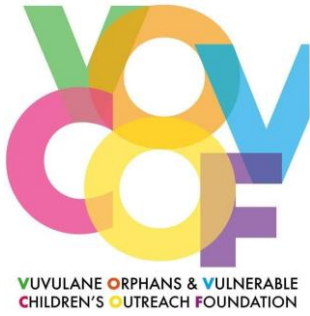
The victims to be offered assistance are those that were hospitalized due to sustained injuries, and the families of those that died as a direct result of the protests. Our wish is to share relief funds in the affected hotspot areas of the country, funds permitting. With our current guaranteed funds we have made a joint decision to focus our efforts in one major hotspot area - Hlathikhulu, an area greatly affected and under-served. Through a meticulous process that includes verifying the claims of individuals and collecting data to assess impact, those affected in Hlathikhulu will receive cash donations to cover funeral costs and medical bills.

On Saturday, the 17th of July 2021, two volunteers, from the VOVCOF network, travelled to Hlathikhulu to begin the data collection process. With experience in journalism and visual documentation they met with some of those affected. Solidarity Eswatini has created a data capture process with Google Forms that will be used to collate all the necessary data of the individuals affected, and the volunteers will be trained in using this tool to ensure that as much data is captured on site as possible. We expect the initial wave of funding to arrive in the VOVCOF account before the 24th of July 2021. With this funding, the initial payment tranche will be sent out.

Once the data has been captured it will be reviewed and prepared to begin the dissemination process. The first step of this is a verification process. The documents that we are requesting are a hospital or medical report and the ID of the person listed on the report. Once both of these items have been confirmed the second step will begin, and the funds will be transferred. Once this is complete we will be making follow ups which will allow us to avail counselling and legal services.

Those who were(are) hospitalized, due injuries, will receive a total of E1,500.00, for medical bills, and the families of the deceased will receive E2,500.00, for funeral costs. Figures have been standardised to minimise the administrative input needed for this project. Funds will be sent using convenient local methods such as bank and mobile transfers.

The pioneer Hlathikhulu outreach is a scalable project. The number of individuals and towns that can be assisted is entirely donor dependent. It is our hope to have our assistance reach as many victims as possible, however it is not guaranteed that all victims can be assisted.



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If you are interested in helping us expand the impact of this project, please follow the links to donate and to the joint action crowdfunder. If you have information and resources please follow the link to Solidarity Eswatini's website and fill in the appropriate form.

A report of the entire humanitarian effort will be made public, at the conclusion of these efforts. We are a non-partisan entity.

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