



25 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

IMPOPHOMO DISASTER RESPONSE: Relief Effort for Communities Most Affected by COVID-19

Impophomo Rushing Waters (Impophomo) is a BBBEE-certified broad-based NPO [Reg. No. 090-889] focussing on development and empowerment of disadvantaged communities in Johannesburg through socio-economic development (SED) and/or welfare. Our primary target beneficiary communities are Zandspruit, Lion Park and Tsakane.

We are living in unprecedented times. With President Ramaphosa's announcement of a National Lockdown from Thursday midnight for the following 21 days to curb the disaster of COVID-19, we are preparing for an incredible challenge ahead for many people. Impophomo is committed to a proactive response through bringing relief and hope to the poorest of the poor who are most affected. Our aim is to intentionally help those who are vulnerable, elderly, weak, at risk, sick and in dire need in our local communities and church.

We are trusting to provide mercy and support in the following ways:

- Provide material and welfare support e.g. food, meals, fruit, vegetables, clothes, sanitary items, blankets, sanitizer, toilet paper, masks, gloves, and other basic necessities as need arise.
- Assist with distributing groceries, medicines and basic necessities to the elderly.
- Assist with other special needs for those who are suffering and sick.
- Provide helpful, accurate information, encouragement and advice.
- Partner with local government, aid agencies and other humanitarian efforts in this time of crisis.

We can only provide mercy with your urgent help in the following ways:

- The demand for material resources is already surpassing what Impophomo is ordinarily able to supply, and the need will only increase in the days to come. As such we are making an urgent appeal to all corporate enterprises for donations in cash to procure food, meals, fruit, vegetables, clothes, sanitary items, blankets, sanitizer, toilet paper, masks, gloves, and other basic necessities as need arise etc.
- Due to the strict restrictions placed on movement, Impophomo will operate under special relief status as a relief and welfare organization to help meet the needs of the vulnerable and poor during the lockdown, and for months afterwards.
- If we are limited in our mobility and relief status during the lockdown, Impophomo will be committed to effective and equitable distribution to those most needy beneficiaries as soon as mobility is restored following the lifting of the lockdown on April 16th. The greatest socio-economic need amongst poor and vulnerable people will be in the months to come after the lockdown.
- Cash donations can be made into the following account: ***Impophomo Rushing Waters; Standard Bank; Account: 402344510; Code: 051001.***

- We are also investigating how to partner effectively with other organisations and remote volunteers in coordination and follow-up with those in need, and distribution of mercy relief. As such we are also working with our networks on the ground to be made aware of unique needs which will arise over the course of this pandemic, and welcome all such information.

We are grateful that our national leadership has taken these drastic steps to avert looming disaster, but all of us are urged to be leaders in this time, in our families, places of work and communities. Let us unite against fear, panic and ignorance and respond with knowledge, wisdom, hope and compassion.

Your donations go directly to those who are suffering and in need, while all operations are covered by **Umsizi Sustainable Social Solutions (Pty) Ltd** (www.umsizi.co.za) and **Northpoint City Church** (www.npcc.org.za) - the founders of Impophomo. Every contribution is heartily welcome, and with this donation you will help us directly impact the lives of the disadvantaged, the vulnerable and the disenfranchised. A Section 18A certificate and confirmation of 100% HDSA beneficiaries can be provided for B-BBEE purposes.

Please visit our website for more information on all our outreach projects www.impophomo.org.za. Should you have any questions regarding any of our outreach projects and events, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Project Co-ordinators Ntsoaki Mtimkulu on cell: **0790784411** - email ntsoaki@impophomo.org.za, or Carole Koussa on cell: **0761647373** - email carole@impophomo.org.za or office number **0117912157**.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request. May God be with us all and enable us to reach out and assist many in this crisis.


Kind regards,



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