



# Solidarity Fund

Unity in action

UK Government donates R50m to South Africa's Solidarity Fund  
for women beneficiary projects

09/09/2020



# Background

The most recent prioritisation exercise of the UK's International COVID19 response has allocated up to **£2.15m UK Pounds (ca. R50m)** to support South Africa's efforts via the Solidarity Fund

The British High Commission to SA has noted that they would be interested in these funds being deployed to support the Fund's efforts in responding to **GBV but also supporting women's economic empowerment and SMEs.**

These are areas that the UK has always been keen to support and which are important aspects of their COVID19 response and recovery plans.

The donation will form part of two existing Humanitarian Response Pillar projects namely the second Gender Based Violence intervention and and Farming Input Vouchers.

***The R50m allocation will be made as follows:***

- **GBV2** = R25m (R75m total project envelope)
- **Farming Input Voucher** = R25m (R100m total project envelope. The project is targeted at 66% women household/subsistence farmers in rural areas, fulfilling the UK government's request of supporting women's economic empowerment and SMEs.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OUTLINE

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- The announcement is envisaged to take the form of a trilateral effort between the Government of SA, The Solidarity Fund and the British High Commission (BHC) to South Africa.
- Signing ceremony/event planned for Monday, 14 September 2020 at 2pm and to be followed immediately by issue of press statement.
- The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Mr Alvin Botes and the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Ms. Nomalungelo Gina will be present at signing.
- Joint set of defensive lines/Q&A to be able to answer any difficult questions

## SIGNING CEREMONY DETAILS

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Date: Monday, 14 September 2020  
Time: 13h30 for 14h00  
Venue: The British High Commissioner's Residence  
Address: Aries Street, Waterkloof, Pretoria

### **Contact person for media purposes:**

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### **Capacity details:**

Only 3 cars will be allowed within the residency, off street parking will be available.

Capacity Confirmation by BHC – TBC

Adherence to social distancing and pandemic regulations and protocols as stipulated by government to be adhered to at all times.

All attendees are requested to ensure that masks are worn throughout.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### Proposed programme:

Programme Director: TBC

13h30-14h00	Arrival of guests
14h00-14h05	Welcome address Mr. Nigel Casey, British High Commissioner to South Africa
14h05-14h10	The Importance of the trilateral relationship – Mr. Alvin Botes, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation
14h10-14h15	Keynote address by Ms. Nomalungelo Gina, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry
14h15-14h20	A word from Gloria Serobe, Solidarity Fund Chairman
14h20-14h25	Signing of the donation certificate by Mr. Nigel Casey, British High Commissioner to South Africa and Nomkhita Nkweni, Solidarity Fund CEO
14h25-14h35	Vote of thanks and Media engagement



Thank you