

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 ANNUAL REPORT

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GBVF
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"I raise up my voice, not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard... We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back."

Malala Yousafzai

South Africa is one of the most unsafe places in the world to be a woman. For countless women, children, and marginalised groups, to live in our beautiful country is to live in fear.

But they are tired of hearing enough is enough. They are tired of waiting for change to happen. And so they have taken a stand and made their voices heard. They have marched to the seat of government and demanded action.

The Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Response Fund¹ (the Fund) is here to take action. To bring together business, government, civil society, and all those with the will and the means to take on this scourge head on and take back our country.

The Fund is here to help create a South Africa where women and children and all its citizens can live in safety, free from the fear and the impact of violence and discrimination.

Thank you for standing with us.



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ABOUT THE GBVF RESPONSE FUND¹

TAKING A STAND AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE

The GBVF Response Fund¹ was established to ignite a united and targeted response to the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide so rampant in South Africa.

The magnitude of gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa is undeniable. **One in three women** in the country are victims of domestic violence, and **every eight hours a woman is killed** by her intimate partner. In comparison to other countries, South Africa's femicide rate is almost five times the global average. COVID-19 further exacerbated the existing challenges and causes of GBV and its response.

But South Africa has decided **to take a stand**. Women and South Africans from all walks of life came together in August 2018 for the Total Shutdown Movement to catalyse momentum to face down this overlooked, yet growing pandemic.

The Presidential Summit on GBVF, held in early November 2018, committed the state to action. The Government pledged to establish a national, multi-stakeholder council on GBVF and develop the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on GBVF for a better coordinated and more effective response. The NSP was launched on 30 April 2020.

The GBVF Response Fund¹ was established as part of the overall implementation of the NSP.

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persons.**

ABOUT THE GBVF RESPONSE FUND1

CATALYSING A RESPONSE

In 2020 the International Women's Forum South Africa (IWFSA) met with South Africa's President, Cyril Ramaphosa, urging him to embrace the spirit of *"Thuma Mina"* to achieve gender equality, including addressing gender-based violence and femicide and ensuring economic empowerment for women.

From these engagements, and building on the momentum from the Total Shutdown Movement and the Presidential Summit, the IWFSA worked with government, business, and civil society to create the GBVF Response Fund1. **The Fund is intended as an interim vehicle to catalyse a coordinated response and accelerate action to address gender-based violence and femicide until the Council on GBVF is established.**

The Fund was launched on 4 February 2021 by President Ramaphosa and Irene Charnley,

President of the IWFSA. From the outset, support for the Fund has been wide-reaching.

Beyond the R162m in funds pledged, corporations and citizens have donated their time and expertise to support the genesis, operations, and governance of the Fund.

IWFSA nominated five of its members as an interim board at the start of the Fund, with Dr Judy Dlamini stepping up as Board Chair, as well as supporting fundraising efforts. Absa provided immeasurable assistance with the set-up and administration of the Fund, seconding two project managers and other staff, office supplies, information technology, and marketing support. ENS supported the legal aspects of the Fund, and Alexander Forbes assists with fund management. This invaluable support enabled the organisation to start-up and begin implementing rapidly, yet with due diligence.



Within the first three months the Fund followed an open and transparent approach to put in place a permanent Board more representative of the demographics of the country, including civil society, and those with experience working in the GBVF space. The Fund then focused on establishing the various committees who ensure that the Fund's work is grounded in good governance and in line with the NSP. The Board then went through a transparent and inclusive process to select a CEO, appointing Ms Lindi Dlamini as CEO effective 1 June 2021.

Rapid implementation is critical to the Fund's success. It therefore embarked on developing its Theory of Change and strategy with the support of Tshikululu Social Investments, making use of their assessment of the GBVF environment in South Africa to ensure the Fund focuses its resources and efforts in the areas of most need and where it can have the biggest impact.

Since its inception, the Fund has played a critical role in making change happen, focusing on supporting and strengthening a community response, addressing the gaps in the current response, and bringing together influential and valuable partners that offer a variety of resources and innovation to ignite a united and targeted response to addressing GBVF in South Africa.





"The truth is, a single woman cannot change all the socio-economic, political, or environmental issues we face, but as a collective and as a broader constituency, we can make a difference."

Now more than ever, women's empowerment organisations are needed to play different roles in society, such as fighting for gender equality, women's financial inclusion, and fighting against gender-based violence and femicide.

That is why last year the IWFSA was at the forefront of the launch of the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Response Fund¹. The GBVF fund honours and recognises women and girls whose lives and voices mattered, but who were silenced by the GBVF pandemic, and our inability to put enough resources behind ending it.

This is a response to the plight of women and children in large and small cities across all 44 districts of our country, who live in fear, and die every day, due to the GBV pandemic. We realised that women's empowerment would never be realised if we did not gather enough courage to spearhead initiatives like the GBVF Response Fund¹ ourselves.

We have a responsibility to forge ahead with the projects that can transform the lives of girls and women to contribute in transforming our society positively.

Irene Charnley, President of the International Women's Forum of South Africa

FORWARDS

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It has been an honour to be involved with the Fund since its inception. Having sponsored a book on Femicide, which was authored by Commissioner Angie Makwetla, who wrote from her personal experience of losing two family members to femicide, I observed the awful impact this scourge is having on so many lives, transcending generations.

As a member of the International Women's Forum South Africa (IWFSA) we offered ourselves to the President of South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa, to help in the fight against gender inequality and GBVF. And when IWFSA president Irene Charnley asked me to Chair the Fund's Board, I just knew I had a duty to do my part.

The GBVF Response Fund¹ is a provisional mechanism to mobilise resources, partnerships, and programmes to address gender-based violence and femicide while the Government's National Council on GBVF to coordinate the country's response to the scourge is established.

"Our objective as the GBVF Response Fund is to create a wide network of players from different sectors and organisations to work on the prevention and eradication of Gender-Based Violence & Femicide. We see the Fund as a catalyst that amplifies the voices of all players within the sector while also galvanising the nation to fight the shadow pandemic to COVID-19 and create social cohesion."

Dr Judy Dlamini, Board Chairperson, GBVF Response Fund¹



In our first year we focused on establishing a governance framework through a Board of Directors that was truly representative of the country's demographics, and that included members from business, civil society, and activists in GBVF who bring their knowledge and experience. This was critical for the creation of the Fund's Theory of Change and ensuring a holistic understanding of the GBVF challenge.

We worked to establish the various committees who work tirelessly to support the Fund in its vision, mission, and objectives. Getting the right CEO involved an open and inclusive process. I am so thankful for Lindi, supported by her team, who has taken up the mantle and run full steam ahead in leading the Fund to where it is today, as well as the organisations that supported us from inception, pro bono, including ENS Africa, PwC, Absa Group, Alexander Forbes, IWFSA and Media Service-Media Writers Firm, amongst others.

The work of the Fund is aligned with the National Strategic Plan on GBVF. With limited funds, we needed to focus our resources and efforts on the areas of greatest need to be able to have the biggest impact.

It was important for the Fund to ensure that our resources and partnerships reach those areas with the highest need and least access to resources. We were driven by the belief that 'You have to solve for the weakest in the value chain to have the most impact'.

Over and above setting a solid framework and foundation to disburse funds in line with our Theory of Change, the Fund is continuously looking at bringing in knowledge resources from different sectors of society. The board members have been very resourceful in this respect.

There are at least four initiatives that the Fund is working on, outside the funding of CBOs/NGOs and intermediaries, namely, the GBVF Dashboard; tackling the DNA challenge; working with Sanlam to raise GBVF awareness and social cohesion, and working with Life Health Group to strengthen the Thuthuzela Care Centres.

I am immensely thankful to all our partners that are walking this road with us to address this terrible scourge. My appreciation goes especially to the partners that have supported us in our establishment and day-to-day operations, especially the IWFSA, Dr Olive Shisana, from the Presidency, and the generous support of the donors and partners that have donated their time and money to supporting the Fund. I am also immensely grateful to the Fund's Board, Committee members and staff, who have worked tirelessly over the last year to make the Fund a reality and to set it on its path to achieving its mandate.

Our ultimate aim as the Fund is to be a catalyst for the eradication of GBVF and assisting in reaching social cohesion where every child, woman, man, and member of the LGBTQIA+ community is safe and has an equal opportunity to succeed, in keeping with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 5.

I would like to pay tribute to Dr Namane Magau, one of the founding members of the Board and the co-chair of the Advocacy, Behavioural & Communication subcommittee for her selfless contribution to the Fund since inception. May Her Soul Rest in Power as we ensure that her work and commitment to gender equality was not in vain. Hamba Kahle Qhawekazi, it was an honour to serve with you!

A WORD FROM OUR CEO

"Working with the GBVF Response Fund has given me the opportunity to play a role in the creation of the South Africa that we all want to have. A South Africa that contributes to people's ability to truly experience the constitutional freedom that is promised. It's an honour and privilege, and an opportunity to contribute to something that is close to my heart."

Lindi Dlamini, CEO, GBVF Response Fund1

The Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Response Fund1 is an example of what can be achieved when many minds are put to a common objective.

In South Africa, gender-based violence and femicide is a pervasive problem that cuts across race, creed, culture, gender, and every aspect of society. We are considered to have one of the most progressive constitutions; so how can it be that we're also the country that has the highest rates of femicide by a factor of five globally?

This is why using the convening power of the Fund to bring together partnerships, to sustain and drive initiatives on the ground, and to influence the effectiveness of work that is currently happening to fight the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide, is a core focus of the Fund and a critical component of the implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide.



The Fund understands the enormous responsibility it has been given, and in its first year has focused its efforts on meeting this core mandate. From the Fund's inception we knew we had to move quickly. We focused on converting the generous pledges we had received into cash donations, doing well to collect 86% of cash pledges by the end of the first year in a very challenging financial environment.

Being a relatively new entrant, the Fund didn't have the kind of track record that professional donor organisations and companies look for when making funding decisions, but a lot of funders had a genuine faith in us, borne of a commitment to be part of the fight against gender-based violence and femicide. Because of this, we knew we had an obligation to execute on our mandate as quickly, yet as effectively, and with as much impact as possible. We had to show our funders their faith was not misplaced, while delivering to grant partners as expected by civil society. I think we have done this.

The Fund's primary objective is to serve as a vehicle for private sector contributions to resource the implementation of the NSP on GBVF – providing support for the efficient and effective delivery of community-based programmes and initiatives contemplated in the NSP, underpinned by robust accountability and governance.

In order to deliver on the mandate to resource community-based organisations our initial focus was to develop our strategy and the Theory of Change that determined the framework for our first call for proposals. From this came the agreement to focus on Pillars 2 and 3 of the National Strategic Plan, and funding community-based organisations implementing programmes under these pillars, learning from the initial grant-making process, and adapting as necessary as part of continuous improvement.

From our strategic analysis and consultations, we knew there were significant gaps in the current funding and support for the GBVF response. There's an urgent need on the ground from overburdened and under-resourced community-based organisations (CBOs), gaps in coverage in rural and hotspot areas, and a lack of support for mental health issues. Our approach was therefore holistic and innovative, taking account of a multiplicity of factors to ensure the grant-making programme addressed all these critical areas.

On the 26th of November 2021, the board approved 110 community-based organisations and four intermediary organisations as grant partners. To ensure sustainability of programmes and capacity building of the community-based organisations that drive these programmes, we chose to fund grant partners over two years, subject to adequate programme implementation in the first year.

We have also focused strongly on building key relationships with a variety of partners that bring a wealth of different expertise and experience. Through these partnerships we have been able to develop a prototype GBVF dashboard that is intended to serve as a one-stop information dashboard on the status of GBVF in the country.

Our first year of implementation has brought many lessons. We have learned about the importance of having good partners, the importance of being accountable, the importance of working in a multi-sectoral manner and leveraging the strengths in the GBVF ecosystem and not reinventing the wheel at any point.

We saw the value of having our board members highly available and accessible to drive decision-making through the various governance structures and processes; in keeping a lean and flat structure that

facilitates decision-making at a single point of accountability, which is ultimately the board, but with the filter of the disbursements committee. Having less complicated structures, but high levels of accountability and ownership at the top has been critically important and helped us to accelerate the path to impact.

The internal and external audits currently in progress are also assisting us, as an organisation in its infancy, to assess our accountability and governance processes, and surface best practices that we can adopt going forward.

We have also learnt the value of being nimble and flexible. We recognised there are partners that already support GBVF initiatives, but who were keen to work with us. This is why we implemented indirect pledges as a mechanism to align and collaborate, and co-create programmes, with each party funding and managing certain aspects.

We have also benefitted greatly from our donors that support us in kind, for which we are extremely grateful. Without these pro bono service providers we would not have been able to reach this level of operational execution so quickly. We also have tremendous support from colleagues in research, academia, and civil society, helping to ensure that the decisions we make are informed by research, information management, and the needs of community-based organisations who know first-hand what the hardship and vulnerability affecting women looks like.

At a national level, the Fund is an active participant in the monthly National Strategic Plan meetings – the NSP collaborative – where stakeholders from government, private sector, and civil society engage, provide inputs, and draw up plans against which, collectively, we are all executing. We participate in the work of certain Pillars and their sub-

committees, as well as a reporting monthly to the Presidency.

The Fund also participates in the Gauteng Premier's war room on gender-based violence, femicide, and crime.

I am proud that in our first year, we have been able to bring to life our ambitions of being a catalyst that accelerates a positive impact on the high rates of gender-based violence and femicide. We have seen that our strategic partnerships and the interventions we support to are able to accelerate the work already being done, and impact on the work that needs to be done.

As the Fund team we thank our Board members for their dedication, leadership and guidance. Their selfless commitment and passion to ensure a South Africa that is safe for girls, women and the LGBTQIA+ community is a source of inspiration. We remember fondly the passion, energy and drive of our beloved Co-Chair of the Advocacy, Behaviour Change and Communications Committee, Dr Namane, who sadly passed away on 20 May 2022.

We will always remember Dr Namane as the very embodiment of one of the Fund's values – human-centric. She held her power with the boldness of the feminist and women's advocate that she was, but in so doing, was always a supportive champion, cheerleader, and committee chair. Her love for young people, engaging them and elevating their voices was inspiring. May we be worthy to take the baton from her and continue in her example which she lived with consistency to her last breath.

DONATIONS & SUPPORT RECEIVED

The GBVF Response Fund1 is immensely grateful for the phenomenal support and partnerships we've received to help make the country a safer place for all.



This support has come in many different forms, from direct cash donations, to indirect programme support, to pro bono support. **Cash donations form the heart of the Fund's resources**, allowing the Fund to fully execute on its mandate. Through **indirect programme support**, donors earmark donations to **support specific projects** based on criteria agreed with the Fund, and in line with the NSP and the Fund's strategic focus areas and Theory of Change. The legal, compliance, investment and fund management, risk management, and internal and external audit services provided on a **pro bono basis are the backbone of the Fund**, supporting core operational and governance functions, enabling the Fund to function optimally while directing the vast majority of its resources to execution against its core mandate.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

All amounts as at 28 February 2022

TOTAL PLEDGES

R162m

R125M CASH PLEDGES

R37M INDIRECT
PROGRAMME SUPPORT

TOTAL CASH RECEIVED

R108M
(86%)

PLEDGES BREAKDOWN:

67%

CORPORATES AND MULTINATIONALS:
R109M (CASH R87M; INDIRECT R22M)

33%

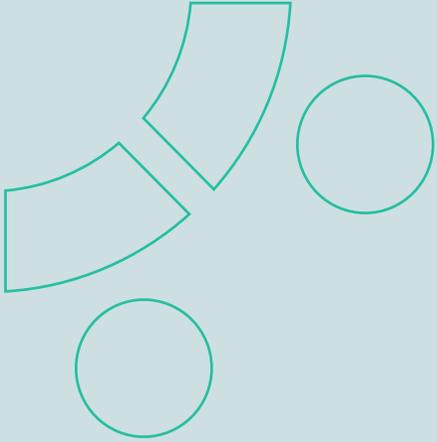
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS:
R53M (CASH R38M; INDIRECT R15M)

0.01%

PUBLIC:
R65 000

DONATIONS RECEIVED

All amounts as at 28 February 2022



PRIMARY DONORS

The Fund is immensely grateful for the generosity of all its donors. This benevolent support is enabling the Fund to bolster the fight against GBVF and help countless survivors.

TOP DONORS

(CASH AND INDIRECT SUPPORT)

R10M AND ABOVE

FORD FOUNDATION R22m (R7m cash and R15m indirect support)

FIRSTSTRAND R12m (indirect support)

VODACOM R10m (indirect support)

IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS LIMITED R10m (cash)

ANGLO CORPORATE SERVICES SOUTH AFRICA R10m (cash)

SISHEN IRON ORE COMPANY LIMITED R10m (cash)

ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM R10m (cash)

BIDVEST GROUP LTD R10m (cash)

SOLIDARITY FUND R10m (cash)

BRITISH GOVERNMENT R10m (cash)

ABSA R10m (cash)

R5M AND ABOVE

FORD FOUNDATION R7m (cash)

BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION R6m (cash)

MTN (SA) GROUP R5m (cash)

CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL PRO BONO SUPPORT

The GBVF Response Fund1 is privileged to have cultivated quality partnerships with organisations and service providers of the highest calibre and integrity who are supporting the consistent delivery of the Fund's objectives.

These partners have provided their time and expertise to support the set-up of the Fund and its continuing operations, assisting the Fund to implement rapidly, yet efficiently, and to the highest level of accountability.

The Fund acknowledges the following partners who have provided a vast array of pro bono support.

PARTNER PRO BONO SERVICES PROVIDED

IWFSA Fund establishment; fundraising ahead of the Fund's launch; and management services.

ABSA Banking services; project management and administrative services provided by +-8 seconded employees; marketing services.

ALEXANDER FORBES Fund administration including cash flow management; investment management; payment processes.

ENS AFRICA Legal advisory services; drafting of Memorandum of Incorporation and related founding documents; drafting of legal documentation and contracts; employee advisory; litigation services.

DELOITTE External audit services, including the annual external audit and providing an audit opinion on the Financial Statements.

MEDIA SERVICES – MEDIA WRITERS FIRM Provision of communication support during the set-up phase of the Fund.

PWC Governance assurance and back-office support, including developing management accounts and appropriate accounting policies; issuing of the section 18A Tax Certificates; payroll; and tax. Donated five laptops to the Fund.

PRO BONO SUPPORT

VELISWA NOTSHIKILA

Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) services for 3.5 months. Appointed as the Fund CFO from 1 August 2021.

LYNN STEVENS

Provision of brand, communications, and marketing services for five months.

MCKINSEY AND COMPANY

Executive support services to the Chief Executive Office for six months.

BLUE MOON

Corporate communication services and interim website maintenance support.

BIZA

Marketing services agency supporting cost management, effectiveness measurement, compliance checks, optimum agency model and pricing.

SNG-GRANT THORNTON

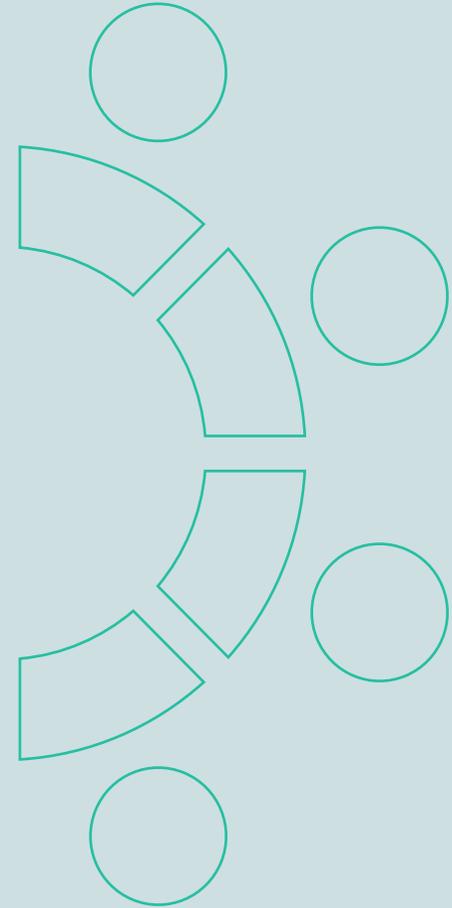
Internal audit services per agreed scope.

AMASOCIAL (PTY) LTD

Social media monitoring services.

MTN

Donation of six tablet devices and sponsoring data communication costs for 24 months for Fund employees.



SUPPORT PARTNERS FINANCIAL

Not a complete list, only shows donors that have consented to be published.



SUPPORT PARTNERS CORPORATE PRO BONO SUPPORT

ABSA-STANDING WITH THE WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA

Absa is deeply committed to supporting the women of South Africa. We understand that this scourge affects all women in the country - our employees, our clients, our customers, are all touched by this silent pandemic, and are all potentially in danger. We are also conscious of the fact that although gender-based violence and femicide affects all income brackets, there is a dire lack of support in poorer communities.

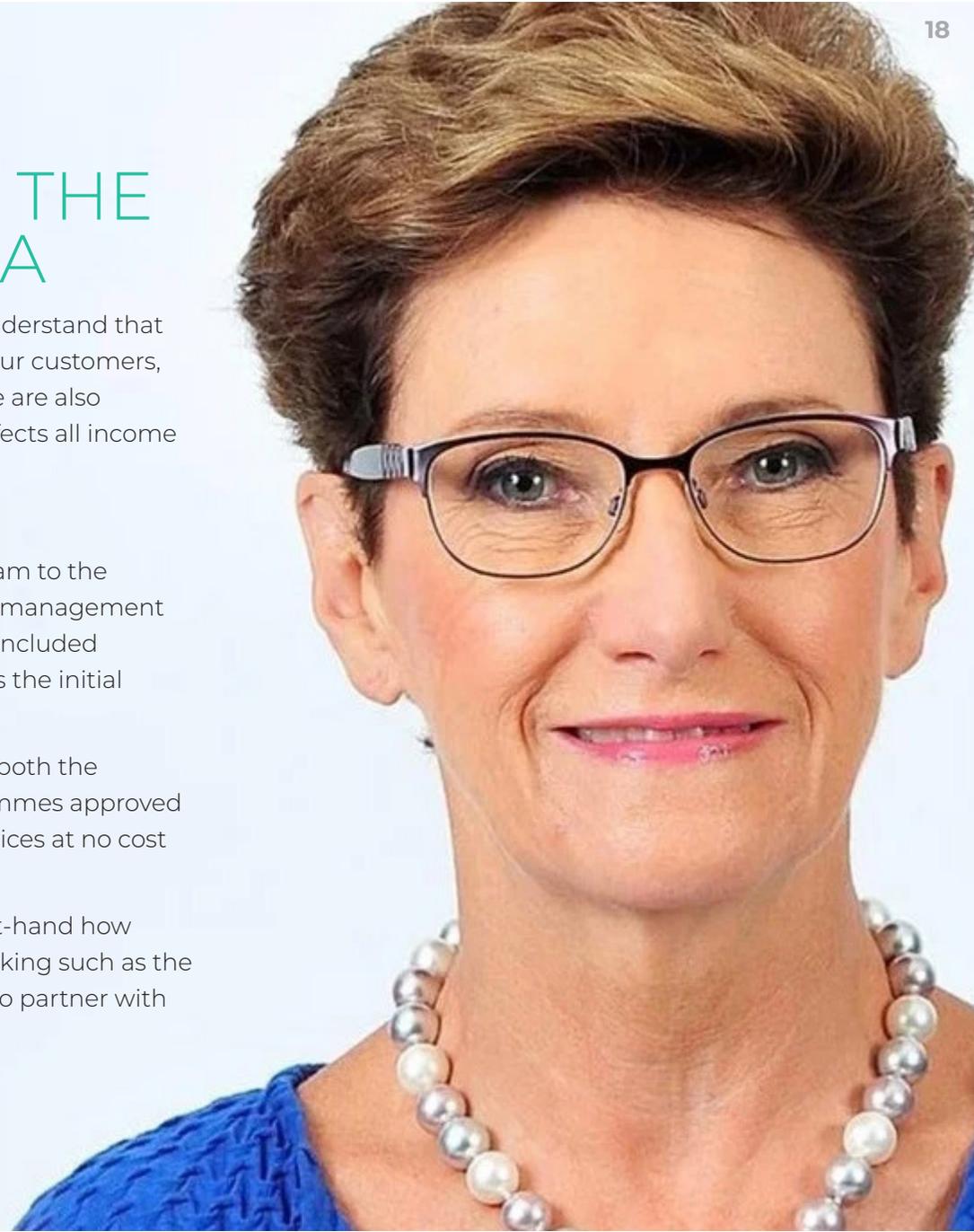
THIS IS WHAT MOTIVATED US TO ACT.

Absa has supported the Fund from its inception. We seconded a project team to the Fund on a full-time basis for six months to perform all the initial set up and management functions of the Fund pending the appointment of the CEO and CFO. This included administrative support, project management, secretariat support, as well as the initial marketing advisory support.

In addition, the bank gave a substantial financial donation, contributing to both the operational costs of running the Fund and the grant management programmes approved by the Fund. Absa has also provided the Fund comprehensive banking services at no cost from inception to date.

Being actively engaged with the Fund in various capacities, I have seen first-hand how invaluable the support from pro bono partners is in getting a large undertaking such as the Fund established and functioning as rapidly as possible. Absa is honoured to partner with the Fund to help create a better South Africa for all.

Wendy Lucas-Bull, Former Chairperson, Absa





PWC-HELPING TO BUILD A STRONG RESPONSE TO GBVF

At PwC, we believe that the private sector has a significant role to play in our society. Supporting the call by President Cyril Ramaphosa to establish a fund to combat GBVF allows us to live our purpose. And by working together we can make a difference through our actions and behaviours and bring about positive change.

We believe thriving business and an inclusive economy depend on social stability. The high prevalence of violence against women, girls, and children reflects social instability and a humanitarian crisis across South Africa. Our support is a demonstration of private sector giving back to organisations who dedicate their time and effort so passionately to the imbalances of human dignity, safety, freedom, and equality.

We have therefore supported the GBVF Response Fund¹ since its inception, by providing resources and know-how for a period of two years. To-date PwC South Africa has provided support to the Fund in the form of professional services and computer equipment, including assistance in developing identified governance policies and the establishment of various committee mandates, accounting and payroll-related support, support with developing a risk register and facilitating a risk management workshop, tax support and related submissions, and provision of computer equipment (laptops) to support Fund employees in fulfilling their daily duties.

It is our hope that the support we have committed provides the building blocks and cadence toward sound governance, transparency, and accountability - enabling the Board and its Executive to execute sustainably on its mandate.

Shirley Machaba, Chief Executive Officer, South Africa
and Regional Senior Partner, Southern Africa, PwC

SUPPORTING A SHARED AMBITION TO ERADICATE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

THE UNITED KINGDOM'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING GBVF EFFORTS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

The GBVF Response Fund¹ works not only on providing immediate support for survivors, but also on addressing some of the social norms and systemic issues which perpetuate this violence and undermine gender equality efforts. The COVID-19 pandemic further increased incidence of gender-based violence globally, making the work of the Fund all the more critical.

The UK has a long-standing commitment to the empowerment of women and girls, including through addressing gender-based violence both domestically and internationally. As such, the Fund is a natural fit for our partnership with the Government of South Africa, where we have a shared ambition, both in South Africa and internationally, to empower women and girls and eradicate gender-based violence and femicide.

Unlocking the full potential and power of women and girls, and supporting their rights, accelerates progress on all our global priorities. We know there has been progress

on women's rights over the previous decades, but much remains to be done if we are to achieve the ambitions set out in the Sustainable Development Goals of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

This is why providing women and girls with the freedom they need to succeed is one of the four strategic priority areas that guides our overseas international development investments. This freedom to succeed cannot be achieved without addressing one of the most profound injustices against women and girls: gender-based violence and femicide.

The UK has committed £500,000 over two years to the Fund to support South Africa in reaching its goal of eradicating gender-based violence and femicide and making South Africa a safer place for women and girls.

Louise Coskeran, Social Development Adviser, UK Foreign,
Commonwealth Development Office



HOW WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to your generous donations and support the GBVF Response Fund¹ has made significant progress in its goal of catalysing a stronger, more effective response against gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa. These are the highlights of the Fund's achievements in its first year.



IGNITING THE FIGHT AGAINST GBVF

- Launched 4 February 2021
- Brought together corporates, civil society, philanthropic agencies, social development partners, and government to tackle GBVF
- R162m pledged to fight GBVF
- Robust governance and accountability measures put in place
- Strategy and Theory of Change to achieve biggest impact developed

STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

- R69m approved to grant partners for two years following first call for proposals (RFP1)
- R29m disbursed to grant partners as of 28 February 2022
- 110 CBOs supported
- 4 Intermediaries (umbrella organisations) supported
- 60% to under-resourced rural and informal communities
- R20m allocated to reach 45 GBVF hotspots

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Prototype GBVF dashboard set up
- Partnership to address DNA backlog in process

HOW THE FUND WORKS

A TARGETED AND RESPONSIVE STRATEGIC APPROACH

Gender-based violence and femicide is a national crisis, a silent pandemic, with vast social and economic ramifications, that impacts all sectors of society. The country is one of the most unsafe places in the world for girls, women, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community and has one of the highest rates of intimate partner violence globally.

A 2015 KPMG costing study¹ estimated the cost of gender-based violence and femicide to the country at between R24 - R42 billion annually. But this doesn't even scratch the surface. The truly monumental impact is in how it prevents women's social and economic development, limiting their equal participation in society.

Against this grim reality, **the GBVF Response Fund¹, had an enormous responsibility to develop a strategy that was based on evidence, that would address existing gaps in the current response, that would bring innovation to the response, and, most importantly, that would make a profound and sustainable impact.**

INSIGHTS FROM THE FRONT LINE

To understand the status of the GBVF response in the country, the Fund consulted extensively, including civil society engagement. It also used research from Tshikululu Social Investments (TSI), and the National Strategic Plan on GBVF, to ensure its strategy is based on evidence and responds to the experiences of those at the coal face of this deadly scourge.

From the TSI desktop review of all existing and accessible networks, databases, and platforms within the GBVF sector, the Fund was able to form a picture of who was working in the GBVF space and what type of interventions were taking place.

A further analysis of TSI's database of organisations involved in response and prevention interventions offered up sector specific insights from the very organisations that are actively leading the development and implementation of solutions at grassroots level.

From this research and consultations, the Fund identified critical gaps within the current response, and designed its strategy to ensure it does all it can to address these challenges and strengthen the overall response.

¹ <https://assets.kpmg/content/dam/kpmg/za/pdf/2017/01/za-Too-costly-to-ignore.pdf>

INSIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND THE FUND'S STRATEGIC RESPONSE

INSIGHT: **A FRAGMENTED RESPONSE**

The GBVF space in South Africa is highly fragmented. There is a need to garner stakeholder buy-in and entrench multi-sectoral collaboration to ensure a more expansive and sustainable response.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

The Fund will serve as a catalyst, prioritising partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders in corporate, government and civil society to scale impact and bring innovation to its approach to grant management and solutions.

INSIGHT: **DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL**

Tapping into the vast expertise available in the GBVF sector, while ensuring a unified response, will ensure well-informed solutions are developed and maximise potential impact.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

Acknowledging the significant efforts and successes of those already working in the trenches, and the urgent need for a rapid response, the Fund will support short-to-medium term programmatic, 'on-the-ground' activities while seeking to contribute towards systemic change in the longer term.

INSIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND THE FUND'S STRATEGIC RESPONSE

INSIGHT: **NEED FOR AN EVIDENCE-DRIVEN RESPONSE**

A deficit of comprehensive data and information, and siloed data collection systems are severely impacting the GBVF sector's ability to drive coherent, co-ordinated data-led support.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

The Fund will ensure its funding and support focuses on strategic objectives that will have a direct impact on ensuring a data-driven and informed response.

INSIGHT: **NEGLECTED COMMUNITY LEVEL RESPONSE**

The community level response faces severe constraints. CBOs are critically overburdened, underfunded, and under-capacitated to deliver services effectively and are often overlooked or rejected by current resourcing mechanisms.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

The Fund will prioritise capacity building for CBOs and will be intentional about reaching grassroots CBOs that may not be eligible to access funding directly, through leveraging intermediaries / umbrella bodies and networks. The Fund will prioritise underfunded communities.

INSIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND THE FUND'S STRATEGIC RESPONSE

INSIGHT: **UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES**

Distribution of funding is inequitable with a large number of geographic areas and populations not receiving the funding and support they need.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

The Fund will apply careful consideration to the allocation of funding, prioritising under-resourced and marginalised communities, in particular rural communities, informal settlements, and previously underfunded provinces.

INSIGHT: **NEED FOR AN INCLUSIVE RESPONSE**

There are very few organisations focusing specifically on violence experienced by marginalised groups such as the LGBTQIA+ community and women with disabilities.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 STRATEGY

The Fund will ensure that inclusion is central to its approach and that all funding and resourcing decisions are broad-based and inclusive.

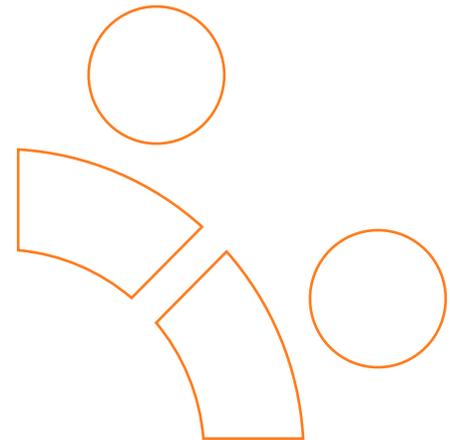
ALIGNING WITH THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN ON GBVF

The National Strategic Plan on GBVF was developed as part of the multi-sectoral response to mounting calls from women's groups, civil society, and all South Africans for urgent action to address this scourge plaguing the country. The NSP was launched on 30 April 2020.

The plan is a multi-sectoral strategic framework by government and civil society to realise a South Africa free from gender-based violence and femicide. It provides a multi-sectoral, coherent strategic policy and programming framework to ensure a coordinated national response to the GBVF crisis by the government and the country as a whole.

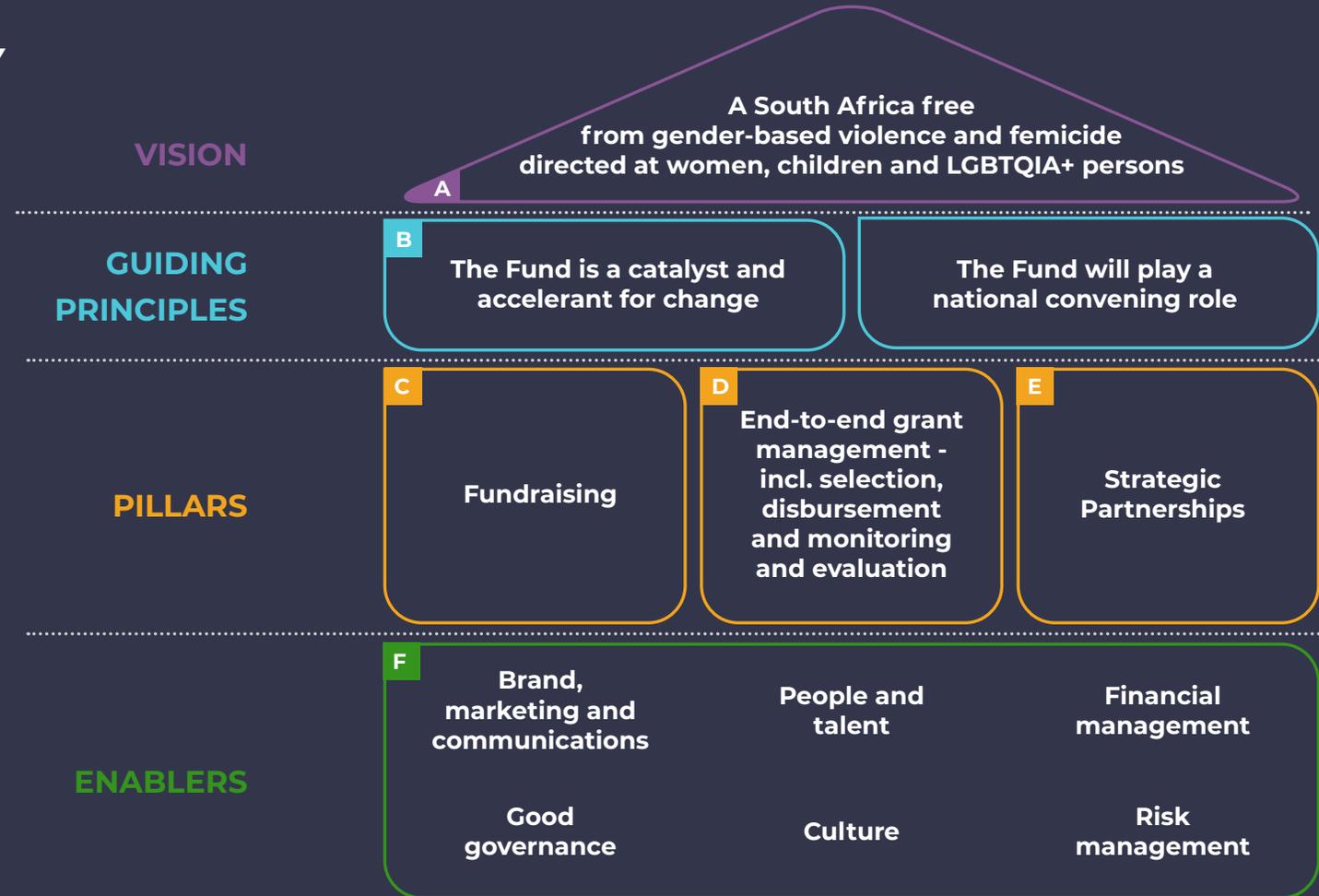
It was imperative for the GBVF Response Fund¹ to ensure it aligned its strategy and mandate with the NSP. However, with limited resources, the Fund needed to **focus its efforts where there is the greatest need and where it can have the biggest impact**. The Fund therefore adopted a programmatic approach in its Theory of Change, focussing on Pillar 2 - Prevention and Rebuilding Social Cohesion, and Pillar 3 - Justice, Safety, and Protection.

The **success of the Fund's work** as a whole **will have a positive impact on all NSP Pillars**, even though the Fund's first call for proposals focussed on Pillars 2 and 3. The Fund's GBVF Dashboard initiative is firmly aligned to Pillar 6 - Research and Information Management and its governance and management approach is fully aligned with Pillar 1 - Accountability, Coordination, and Leadership. The Fund's work in strengthening coordination and the community level response will contribute to Pillar's 4 and 5 - Response, Care, and Support, and Women's Economic Empowerment respectively.





THE GBVF RESPONSE FUND STRATEGY



THE FUND'S STRATEGY IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE IT CAN ADDRESS THE GAPS IDENTIFIED IN THE SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS AND ALIGN WITH THE NSP TO ACHIEVE ITS MANDATE.

A: THE FUND'S VISION responds to the profound negative impact of the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide in the country, capturing the change it hopes to help achieve. The Fund's vision acknowledges the fact that gender-based violence detracts significantly from the achievement of gender equality.

B: THE FUND ACTS AS A CATALYST AND ACCELERATOR OF INTERVENTIONS NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE GENDER-BASED-VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE

- The Fund actively seeks out and catalyses deep and collaborative partnerships for a more unified and coordinated response to fighting gender-based violence and femicide.
- The Fund is leveraging skills and resources (financial and other) to amplify its impact and bring about innovative solutions.
- The Fund assists and equips multiple stakeholders fighting gender-based violence and femicide to ensure a more equitable resource allocation and truly national and multi-sectoral response.

C: FUNDRAISING

- The Fund employs a targeted fundraising approach focusing on the JSE 100 corporations and high net worth individuals.
- The Fund is investigating public-private partnerships and innovative opportunities to enable the public to donate directly to the Fund.
- The Fund continues to build its reputation and visibility in support of its fundraising efforts.

D: END-TO-END GRANT MANAGEMENT

- The grant management programme includes a structured process through a call for proposals process, and a defined application process and decision timeline. The Fund will also disburse funds through ad-hoc grants on an ongoing basis.
- The RFP1 process is managed by the grants management partner – Tshikululu Social Investments. The ad-hoc funding will be managed by the GBVF Response Fund1.
- The Fund follows rigorous and transparent processes and criteria for selection of partners, and a rigorous vetting processes before disbursement of any funds.
- Once vetted, the Fund ensures that funds are disbursed as quickly as possible.
- The Fund has a strong focus on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), leveraging the expertise of its implementation partner to ensure grants are implemented and funds utilised in the most cost effective and impactful way. It maintains a zero-

tolerance policy for mismanagement and risky practices.

- The ad-hoc funding is targeted to those initiatives not eligible for RFP-based funding, that can show broad-based impact, and that align with the Fund's mandate and strategy.

E: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- The Fund pursues strategic partnerships that help to address gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa, but that are not directly related to the Fund's fundraising and grant management initiatives.
- These partnerships must have the highest impact potential on GBVF in South Africa and should not shift significant focus from the core activities of the Fund.
- The partnerships are sought only with the highest quality partners and include rigorous due diligence.
- Partnerships focus on key systemic issues and innovative solutions and come with clear and tangible outputs, and must primarily play a convening role, leveraging private and public sector networks.

F: THE FUND WILL PUT IN PLACE ESSENTIAL ENABLERS that help it realise its strategy, fulfil its mandate, and make an impact in the GBVF response.



ENSURING THE FUND ACHIEVES ITS **MANDATE**

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

As part of the Fund's strategy, the Fund developed a Theory of Change to map its key areas of focus, the activities it will be supporting, and the expected outcomes and impact of its efforts. The Theory of Change also ensures that the Fund's projects align with the NSP.

The GBVF Response Fund1 is not intended to implement projects itself.

The Fund's primary role is to resource and support existing organisations and stakeholders with a strong track record of impact in GBVF to continue to make a difference in their area or expand their work.

The Fund also acts as a catalyst, bringing together new partners and those with expertise or innovative approaches to have a profound impact in addressing acute challenges in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide.

The Fund appointed Tshikululu Social Investments as the implementation partner to provide end-to-end grant management services in relation to the Fund's first Request for Proposals (RFP). Grant management includes recommendations for funding towards projects that are most strongly aligned to the Fund's strategic objectives, the disbursement of grant funding and continuous monitoring of implementation to ensure that impact is demonstratable.

NATIONAL
IMPACT
STATEMENT

NSP: A South Africa free from gender-based violence directed at women, children and LGBTQIA+ persons

NDP Chapter 11:
Social Protection

3
**GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING**

4
**QUALITY
EDUCATION**

5
**GENDER
EQUALITY**

16
**PEACE, JUSTICE AND
STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

FUND
IMPACT
STATEMENT

The Fund aims to have effectively catalysed innovative solutions to reduce the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa

MEDIUM TO
LONG-TERM
OUTCOMES

... and deem GBVF,
as unacceptable

... and change the
community narrative
around GBVF

... and assist the justice and safety
institutions to provide protection,
compassion, support & safety for survivors

... and perpetrators are
effectively held responsible
for their actions (justice)

... and survivors are
able to (re)participate
in society

SHORT-TERM
OUTCOMES

... which aims
to increase
awareness and
shifts in behaviour
towards GBVF

... which aims to
enable women,
children and
LGBTQIA+ persons
to act against GBVF

... which aims to
help survivors in
their physical and
psychological
wellbeing

... which aims to
strengthen service
provision & responsibility
within justice and safety
institutions

... which aims
to help secure
the conviction
of perpetrators

... which aims
to empower
survivors
socio-
economically

... which aims to help ensure
that research and information
management is effectively
utilised to leverage best
practice in all aspects of GBVF

GBVF FUND'S
SCOPE OF
CONTROL

... then the Fund
becomes a
change agent
for GBVF related
public/private
partnerships

... then the
Fund assists to
strengthen the
knowledge and
understanding to
GBVF

... then the Fund assists
women, children and
LGBTQIA+ persons with
the tools and 'know
how' and to act against
GBVF

... then the
Fund assists
towards
survivors
being safe
and cared for

... then the Fund
assists justice and
safety institutions
to understand
their mandate &
responsibilities

... then the Fund
assists the diagnosis
and addressing
of issues in the
justice and safety
institutions

... then the
Fund assists
survivors to have
increased skills
and economic
opportunities

... then the
Fund assists
in creating a
single source
of credible
GBVF data

ACTIVITIES

If the GBVF Fund does the DNA Project .../ If the GBV Fund does the RFPI .../ If the GBV Fund does the Dashboard Project...

NSP
PILLARS

1: Accountability,
Coordination & Leadership

2: Prevention & Rebuilding
Social Cohesion

3: Justice, Safety
& Protection

4: Response, Care,
Support and Healing

5: Economic
Power

6: Research and
Information Management

Innovative catalytic approach by the Fund focusing across all 6 pillars in the NSP

The Fund is committed to ensuring rigorous monitoring of grant partners' progress against approved projects and interventions and that impact is aligned to the Theory of Change. The Fund awarded grants for two-years, subject to review after the first year to determine successful delivery against objectives for year one, which are a pre-requisite for funding in year two. Grant partners are monitored against indicators relevant to their projects, with a focus on contracted outputs and outcomes.

As part of the grant partner capacity building, CBOs underwent onboarding workshops to orient them to monitoring and evaluation principles, with a focus on indicators, baselines, and reporting. Over the life of the grant, they will be supported through ongoing interactions with TSI, site visits, and mentorship on reporting. An evaluation of the grants programme will be completed at the end of the RFP1 period to assess how the grant partners' activities and outcomes have been delivered against the agreed performance indicators, with a focus on contracted outputs and outcomes.



ACHIEVEMENTS

RESOURCING THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO GBVF

GRANT PARTNER PROGRAMME

The end-to-end grant management programme is a key component of the Fund's approach. Through the programme, the Fund is fulfilling several of its core objectives:

- To support and strengthen community-based organisations taking action against gender-based violence and femicide who do not always have access to funding.
- To strengthen the fight against gender-based violence and femicide in so-called GBVF hotspot (high-prevalence communities and areas) and areas of the greatest need through intermediary organisations.
- To ensure truly national support that reaches all parts of the country, especially regions that are often neglected, such as rural areas and underfunded provinces.

GRANT MANAGEMENT APPROACH

The grant management process is implemented through a two-tier approach, namely: identifying and funding community-based organisations that are tackling the scourge of GBVF; and supporting intermediary / umbrella organisations who will build capacity in less-established CBOs and implement more systemic projects.

The intermediary partners are larger organisations and are awarded larger amounts of funding. They act as intermediaries for CBOs who can't typically access funding, taking them through a capacity development programme, and then providing the CBOs with grants, and monitoring their project implementation progress. Utilising intermediary organisations allows the Fund to be as inclusive as possible, and reach as many CBOs as possible, while maintaining strict compliance requirements.

The intermediaries also assess gaps in the coverage of the CBOs activities, whether geographic or programmatic, and fill that gap through either their own projects, or by guiding CBOs in their approach.

In this way, the Fund is supporting a truly community response, while nurturing organisations that can survive and thrive into the future, building a strong foundation of civil society partners able to continue the fight against gender-based violence and femicide long after the life of the Fund.

GRANT IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER

The Fund contracted Tshikululu Social Investments to implement the end-to-end grant management. TSI is a social investment fund manager and supported the implementation of the Fund's community-based response approach drawing from its experience in the sector. TSI managed the call for proposals and screened and assessed all the applications, ultimately recommending a shortlist of applicants to the Fund's disbursement committee, based on the Fund's criteria.

Once the final CBOs and intermediaries were approved by the Fund's Board, TSI facilitated the contracting and disbursements processes, preparing payment packs for the Fund to approve and disburse the grant funding. Their role has now turned to management and monitoring of grant partner's progress and performance.

SELECTING GRANT PARTNERS

The first call for proposals was launched in July 2021 and closed in August 2021, inviting applications from prospective grant partners that work in areas that align with the Fund's Theory of Change. The RFP1 has a funding envelope of R69m and provided grants for two years to enable partners to implement medium-term projects that are better able to achieve sustainable impact.

To ensure an inclusive approach and the widest possible reach, the call for proposals was put out in nine of the eleven official languages, across major media and social media, with a focus on community-based radio and newspapers.

The response was overwhelming, with over 400 applications received. The Fund knew it had a responsibility to make sure that it selected the most appropriate grant partners to have the biggest impact in the longer battle against GBVF.

A rigorous set of criteria was used to ensure a robust and transparent review and selection process.

From this process 110 CBOs and four intermediary organisations were selected and contracted.

Disbursements to the successful applicants began in January 2022, with organisations beginning implementation from late February 2022.

RFP GRANT PARTNER SELECTION CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES

ELIGIBILITY COMPLIANCE

Compliance with Fund's strict set of eligibility requirements, including provision of bank and annual financial statements, evidence of track record, POPIA compliance, etc.

FAIR PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION

Intermediary organisations to show ability to extend projects or capacitate CBOs in under-resourced provinces.

UPCOMING AND RURAL-BASED ORGANISATIONS

Preference was given to organisations working in rural, under-resourced, and marginalised areas including informal settlements.

ESTABLISHED CBO NETWORK

As part of the Intermediary Partner selection, organisations with the capacity to support a large network of CBOs were upweighted.

SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES

Organisations providing support services related to mental health across NSP Pillars 2 and 3 were upweighted.

DEMONSTRABLE MERIT

Quality of proposals to show alignment with Fund's objectives as outlined in the RFP.

TARGETED SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMMES IN GBVF HOTSPOTS

CBOs and intermediaries working in 45 GBVF hotspot areas (see annexure 1) were prioritised.

DEMONSTRABLE TRACK-RECORD AND NOT TYPICALLY FUNDED

Organisations were required to have a track record of at least 12 months in implementing GBVF activities and be able to show the potential for impact.

ALIGNMENT WITH PILLARS 2 AND 3 OF THE NSP

Proposals were required to strongly align with Pillars 2 and 3 of the NSP as articulated in the call for proposals, in line with the Fund's Theory of Change for RFP1.

TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 25 Jun 2021**
Board approval of Theory of Change
- 12 Jul 2021**
RFP published in 9 out of 11 official languages
- 6 Aug 2021**
RFP closed
- Sept-Nov 2021**
DPME Committee met 5 times to determine and approve grant recipients and funding allocations
- 26 Nov 2021**
Board approval of final CBO and intermediary grant allocations
- Dec 2021- Feb 2022**
Onboarding, contracting and grant disbursement

OUTCOMES OF THE RFP

R69M
APPROVED OVER 2 YEARS
FOR **110 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS**
AND **4 INTERMEDIARIES**
FOCUSED ON
ADDRESSING GBVF IN
SOUTH AFRICA.

110 CBOs – total approved funding R42m

4 intermediary organisations – total approved funding R27m

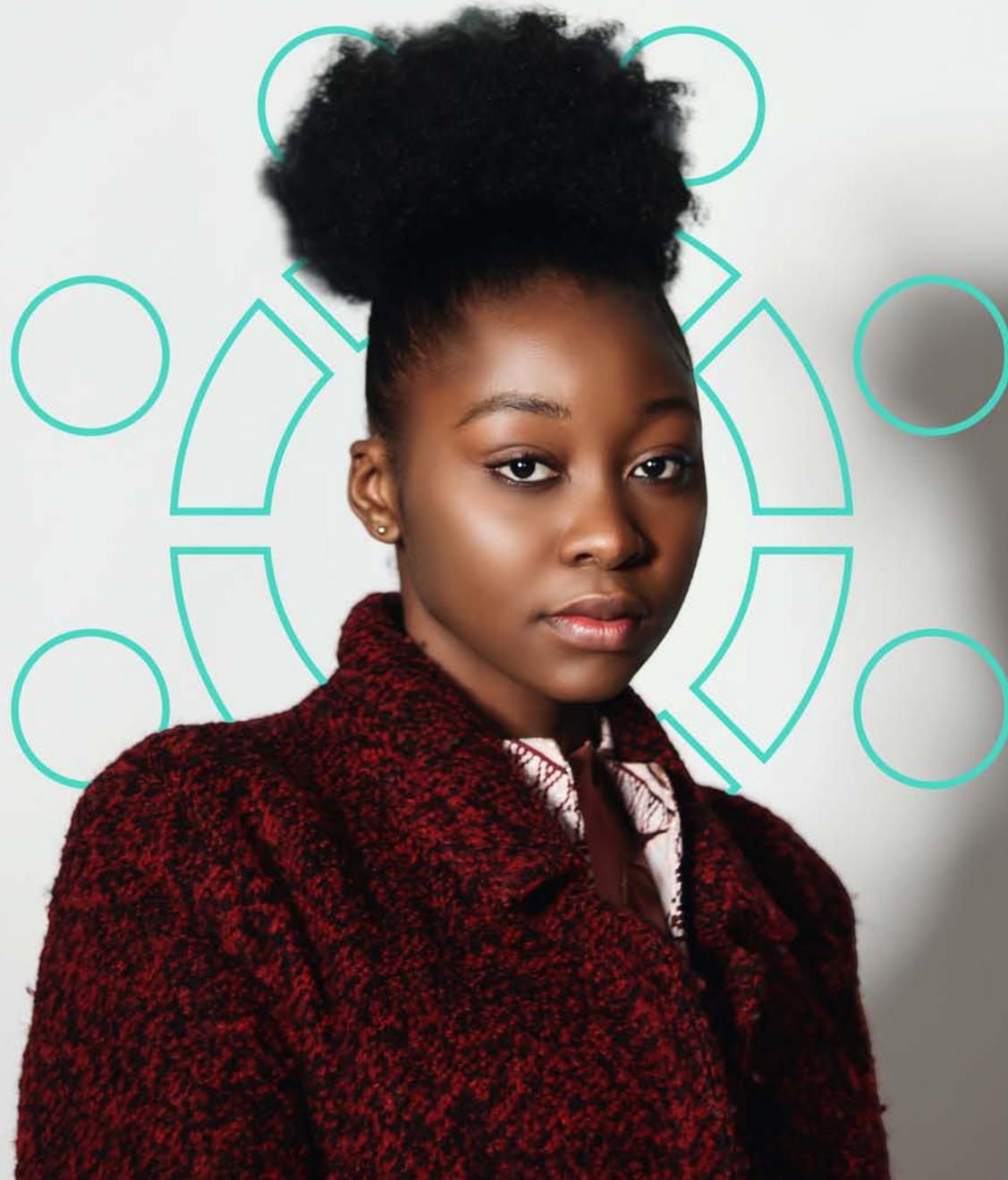
R29m disbursed to grant partners as of 28 February 2022

60% of funds going to rural and informal areas (under-resourced areas)

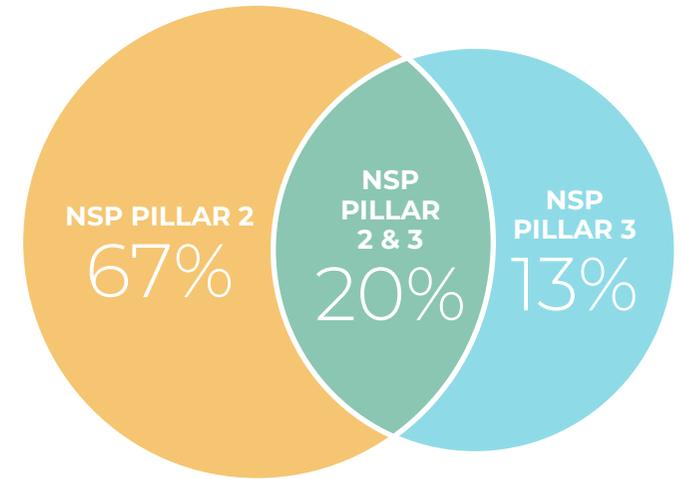
R20m allocated to targeted interventions in GBVF hotspots

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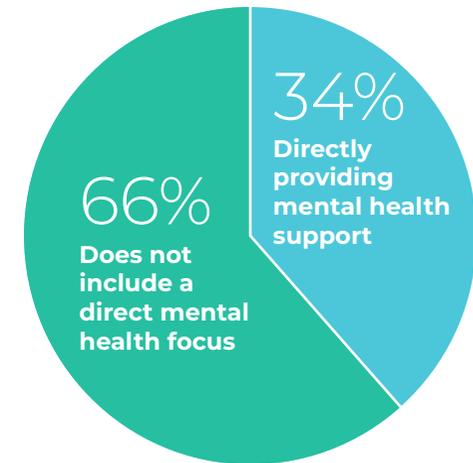
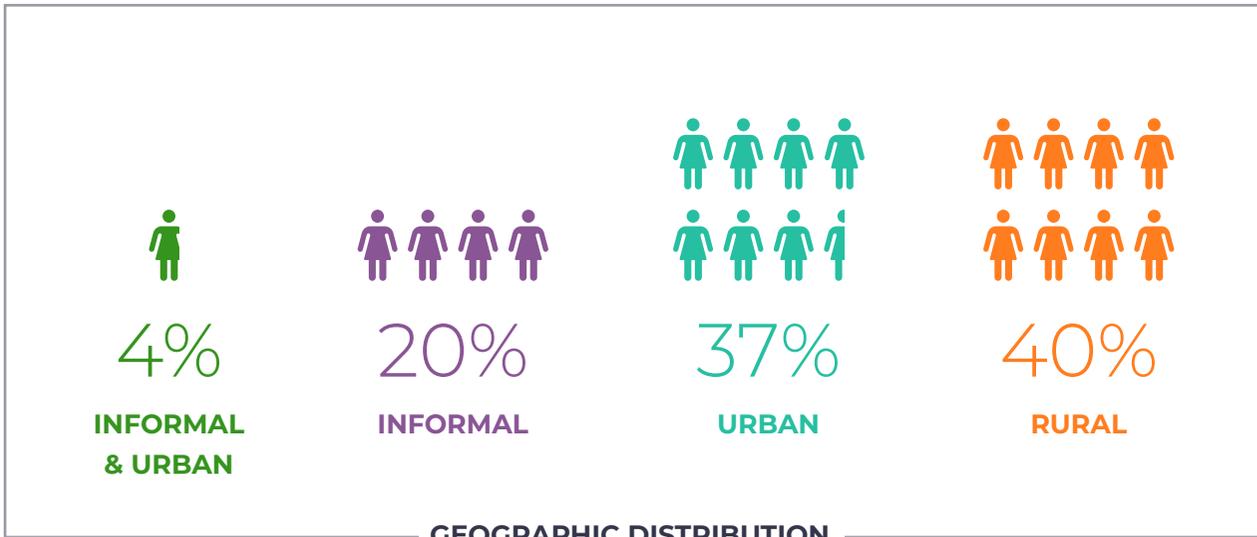
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**INTERMEDIARY
PARTNERS**

ENSURING ADEQUATE GEOGRAPHICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, AND NSP PILLAR REPRESENTATION

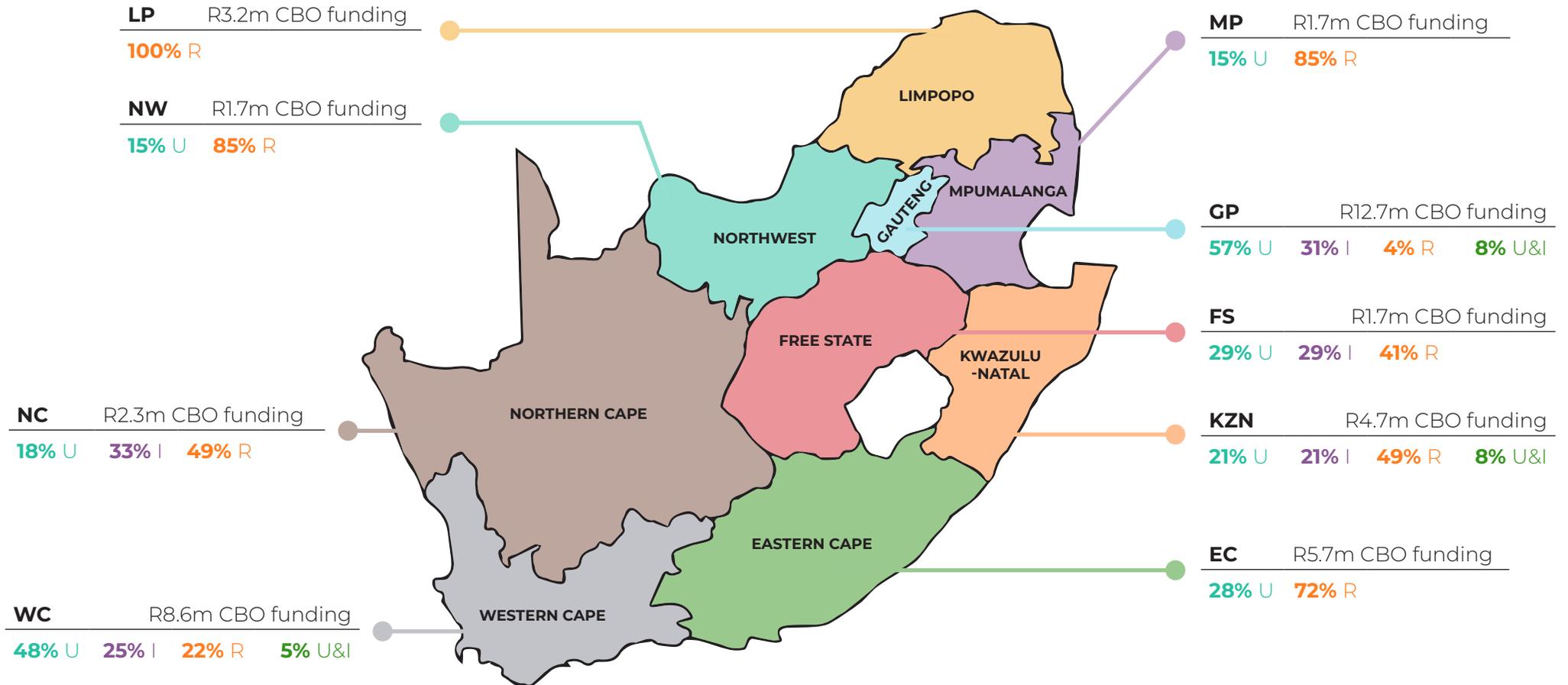


ALIGNMENT TO NSP PILLARS



MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

CBO PROVINCIAL AND GEOGRAPHIC FUNDING BREAKDOWN



U: URBAN I: INFORMAL R: RURAL U&I: URBAN & INFORMAL



"Through the support of the GBVF Response Fund, Lawyers against Abuse (LvA) has provided critical legal services to 129 victims of gender-based violence in Orange Farm including assisting domestic violence victims secure protection orders and supporting victims as they pursue criminal cases of GBV. Through this work, LvA helps to ensure that victims of violence have meaningful access to justice and that, in turn, the justice system operates effectively and efficiently to hold perpetrators accountable."

Lindsay Henson, Executive Director, Lawyers against Abuse (LvA)

ENSURING A DATA DRIVEN RESPONSE

GBVF DASHBOARD

Progress to date: Dashboard prototype developed and phase 1 launched with most recent publicly available South African Police Service's (SAPS) crime statistics and Statistics SA (STATS SA) Victims of Crime (VOC) data.

The Fund has partnered with the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) to develop a GBVF dashboard to centralise reliable GBVF data and offer additional information and context, thereby giving a more accurate reflection of the extent of GBVF on the ground.

This initiative is in response to the huge challenge posed by the lack of a single source of reliable and current data on GBVF in South Africa. It aims to bring together data scattered across multiple sources into a comprehensive visualisation and monitoring tool on gender-based violence and femicide.

The dashboard brings together data from Statistics South Africa's Victims of Crime survey data, the South African Police Service's crime statistics, and the National Prosecuting

Authority's (NPA) 2019/20 annual report.

The VOC data, as analysed in the 'Crimes against women in South Africa Report 03-40-05', highlights the impact of crime on women in South Africa, and includes statistics on women's attitude, perception, and fear of crime. Data used in the GBVF dashboard focus on crimes related to sexual assault.

The SAPS data includes information on crimes committed in South Africa related to sexual assault offences. The data is disaggregated by province. The NPA data also relates to sexual-related offences, and includes judgements related to sexual offences, conviction rates, and data from Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) across the country.

The dashboard offers a one-stop platform for credible and comprehensive data on gender-based violence and femicide across the country. While acknowledging the inherent flaws in data relating to GBVF, most



especially under-reporting, it highlights the extent of South Africa's challenge in addressing gendered injustice, and can assist policy makers, law enforcement agencies, and civil society to gauge progress and plan interventions for protecting women as a vulnerable group.

The dashboard project is an example of strategic funding that has the potential to facilitate a deeper understanding of the impact of GBVF interventions in South Africa and can further inform other strategic interventions. A second phase of the project is planned in year two.

SCIENCE SERVING JUSTICE

SAPS FORENSICS INITIATIVE

South Africa is experiencing a massive backlog in DNA forensic testing, delaying justice for victims of gender-based violence and femicide. It is estimated that between 60-80 thousand GBVF cases are delayed or derailed due to the DNA backlog, with court cases being struck off the roll and perpetrators walking away scot-free due to the lack of forensic evidence.

Pillar 3 of the NSP for GBVF – Ensuring Justice, Safety, and Protection – is a core strategic focus area for the Fund. The Fund has therefore made it a priority to engage and catalyse critical stakeholders to try to find a lasting solution to this challenge.

In this regard, the Fund is catalysing and supporting a partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Research and Innovation Sequencing Platform (KRISP) laboratory at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and the SAPS to help rapidly process the backlog and support the SAPS to build internal capacity.

The Fund has supported the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) between SAPS, KRISP, and the Fund, facilitated by the office of the President. A memorandum of understanding for the TWG has been drafted, together with a budget and fundraising plan.

The goal of the TWG is to determine the best way to bring down the DNA backlog as quickly as possible without compromising standards.

And, more importantly, it will examine how the Fund can assist the SAPS National Forensic Service Laboratory (NFSL) to strategically address the causes that resulted in the backlog, thereby ensuring that mechanisms are put in place to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Going forward, the Fund is facilitating the loan of an extractor from KRISP to SAPS for DNA processing. In order for this to happen, the Fund will conduct a developmental study under the oversight of the UKZN to test the effectiveness of the extractor as a tool for SAPS to adopt to help address the backlog and ongoing DNA processing requirements. UKZN will ensure the study has ethics approval and follows a rigorous research methodology.

Thereafter the SAPS will also conduct their own internal developmental study on the extractors to satisfy themselves that the extractors will meet their forensic processes and standards and that the results generated by the extractors will meet the rigorous forensic standards required for judicial processes.

Addressing the DNA backlog is not just about bringing down numbers. These cases represent the lives of innocent survivors and families of victims who are waiting to get justice. The Fund is therefore committed to ensure this strategic partnership achieves its goals.

GOVERNANCE

The GBVF Response Fund1 is fully committed to good governance principles, accountability, and complete transparency. It operates independently, while working closely with government, the private sector, and civil society to implement its programmes. The Fund has set up a range of systems, policies, and procedures dedicated to ensuring it protects and uses the resources it has been entrusted with in the most effective and impactful way possible.

The Fund is governed by an independent and highly respected Board of Directors, with a skilled executive team. It is further supported by a range of partners well respected in their fields, who provide critical operational, legal, and financial management support and oversight pro bono.

In executing its responsibilities, the Fund has set up the following subcommittees:

- Fundraising and Investment Committee
- Audit and Risk Committee
- Advocacy, Behavioural Change, and Communication Committee
- Disbursements, Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee
- Forensic Science Advisory Committee

To ensure full openness and transparency, the Fund has set up robust processes, norms, and policies that include monthly reporting to the Presidency, multi-sectoral engagements, regular donor feedback, and public progress announcements.

THE FUND IS BOUND BY SEVEN CORE GOVERNANCE PILLARS

- **ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE**
- **STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT**
- **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES AND OVERSIGHT**
- **SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE**
- **RISK AND COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK**
- **TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE**
- **CORPORATE CITIZENRY FRAMEWORK**



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Uviwe Ntsaluba



Mary Papayya



Dr. Namane Magau
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

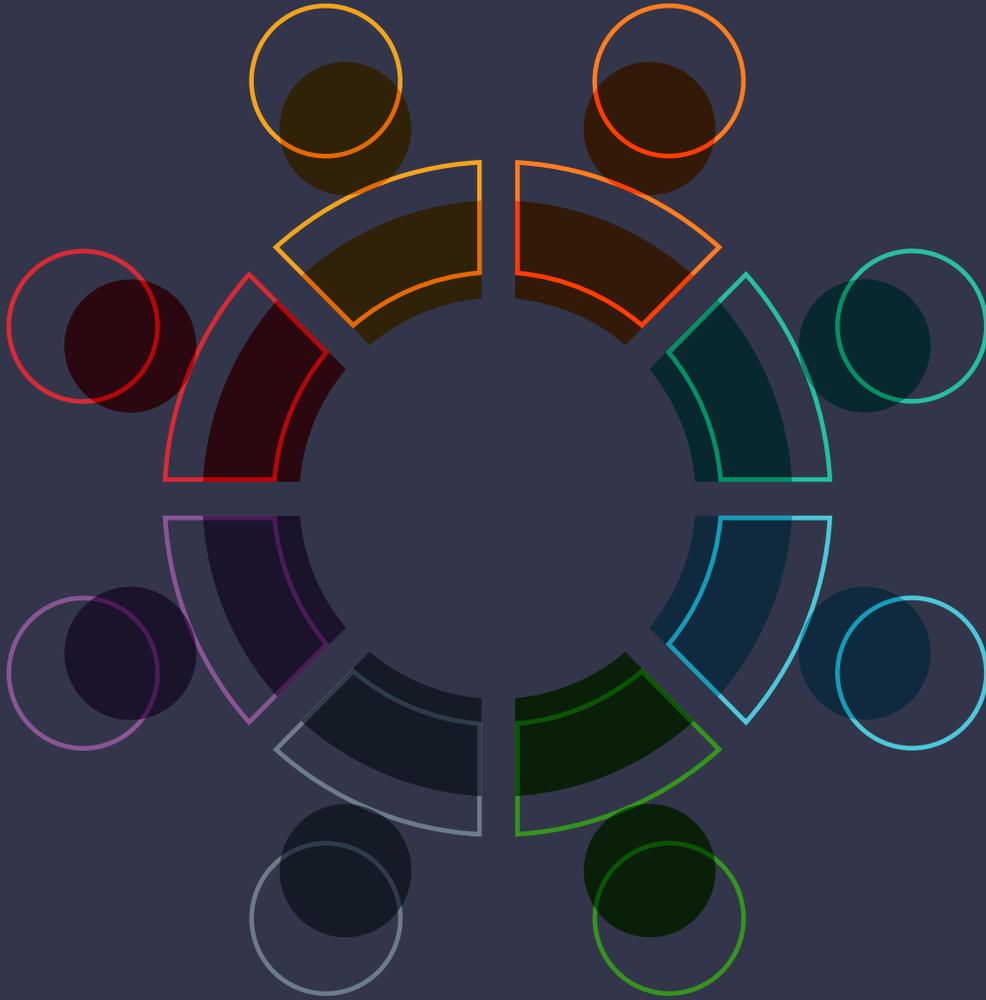
After the launch of the Fund, an interim Board was established. The interim Board then set about appointing a permanent Board that was more representative of the demographics of the country, and that included representation from civil society and those with experience in the GBVF space.

The Board then focused on recruiting a permanent CEO, and appointed Ms. Lindi Dlamini with effect from 1 June 2021. The Fund is immensely grateful to Dr Judy Dlamini who has done an admirable job in overseeing the operations of the Fund in its early days until the appointment of the CEO. With the Fund's executive taking shape, the focus turned to establishing the governance and oversight committees that will ensure the Fund operates with good governance and due diligence, and in line with its strategic objectives.

The Board is fully responsible and accountable for the performance of the Fund. It oversees and monitors the development and implementation of the Fund's strategy, relevant policies, and appropriate systems.

The Board is committed to ensuring the Fund is progressing towards its objectives and fulfilling its mandate. It constantly monitors the Fund's performance against set objectives, providing direction and support to the executive management team.

Working closely with the Audit and Risk Committee, the Board manages and protects the Fund's financial position, ensuring key risk areas are identified and monitored. All Board Members actively build and maintain partnerships and relationships, ensuring stakeholders' confidence and trust in the Fund, and to support the Fund's fundraising efforts.



"We have only begun to scratch the surface and will continue to work diligently to raise funds to support the ongoing work of the amazing NGOs in the communities who are fighting against GBV every day."

WENDY LUCAS-BULL

Fundraising and Investment Committee Chair

FUNDRAISING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee's primary objective is to assist the Board with the Fund's fundraising activities and overseeing the investment and liquidity requirements of the Fund.

The Fund is responding to the huge need to mobilise additional resources and support for GBVF initiatives. Together with this is the critical need to ensure the highest level of due diligence around the receipt and disbursement of funds.

Over the last year, the Committee has established the necessary systems and processes to solicit donors and be able to report back to them according to each donor's requirements. The committee further had to ensure the Fund could appropriately account for the disbursements and that it invested the money in between receipt and disbursement in a way that maximises returns.

The Committee's membership includes a key mix of corporate experience, and experience in the NGO and GBVF space. This offers the committee a deep understanding of the approaches required for successful fundraising from the corporate sector, as well as knowledge of which global funds have an appetite for supporting gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa.

The Committee is further supported by key pro bono service providers who donate their time to assist the Committee with its core functions, in particular, Alexander Forbes, ENS, Deloitte, and PWC, and is immensely grateful for this support.

Despite the tough economic environment and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee has been able to convert almost all the pledges received into financial or indirect programme support. Converting pledges into cash requires an enormous amount of work to meet each donor's due diligence and reporting requirements.

Indirect programme support adds an additional layer of complexity with certain donors wanting to donate to specific projects rather than into the general fund. Further systems and processes had to be established to allow the Fund to ring fence and monitor these funds.

Going forward, the Committee is focusing on increasing the profile of the Fund, showcasing the Fund's impact to continue to advocate for additional support.



Wendy Lucas-Bull
Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON:

Wendy Lucas-Bull

MEMBERS:

Dr Lesley Ann Foster

Luthando Vuba

Uviwe Ntsaluba

Rose Keenly

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Nthabe Zondo

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Fund has appointed a formal Audit and Risk Committee (“the AR Committee”) comprising three non-executive directors and seven co-opted members who assist them in discharging its responsibilities. The AR Committee has met at least monthly since the formation of the committee in April 2021. The CEO, CFO, representatives from the external and internal auditors, as well as other assurance providers attended these meetings.

The AR Committee developed the terms of reference which were approved by the board of directors. The Committee operated in accordance with its adopted terms of reference to cover all relevant matters. Items discussed at these meetings were formally minuted and, where needed, appropriate action plans have been documented.

The mandate and responsibilities of the AR Committee encompass, amongst others, actions required to: oversee financial reporting, including the preparation of the financial statements; ensure that a combined assurance

model is applied to provide a coordinated approach to all assurance activities; oversee the internal audit function performed by SNG Grant Thornton; oversee the risk management process; oversee the external audit function; and receive and deal with complaints from stakeholders.

During the period under review the AR Committee assisted the Board of Directors by performing an objective and independent review of the performance of the audit and risk functions. This was achieved through close cooperation and communication with management and the internal and external auditors, who have unrestricted access to the members and Chairman of the AR Committee.

The AR Committee has appointed Deloitte to perform an independent and objective audit of the Fund in terms of the provisions of section 90 of the Companies Act. The AR Committee is satisfied that Deloitte is independent of the Fund, as contemplated in section 94(8) of the Companies Act.



Tryphosa Ramano
Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON:

Tryphosa Ramano

MEMBERS:

Prof Michael Katz

Rose Keanly

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Taki Nkhumeleni

Thandeka Bango-Moyo

Sindisiwe Dlamini

Phuthanang Motsielwa

Madibane Phalane

Ayanda Pearl Mafuleka

In making this determination, the AR Committee has considered Deloitte against criteria relating to independence or conflicts of interest as prescribed by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors.

The AR Committee, in consultation with executive management, agreed to the content of the engagement letter terms and audit plan for the period ended 28 February 2022. Deloitte has agreed to provide their independent external audit services on a pro-bono basis.

The AR Committee has met with the designated auditor to consider matters of importance and relevant to the finalisation of the Fund's financial statements and to the affairs of the Fund generally.

The committee has overseen the adoption of a risk management policy and framework which aims to provide a clear and systematic approach across the Fund to the identification of risks and opportunities, the documentation of mitigating actions, and the allocation of clear accountability.

No complaints relating either to the accounting practices and internal audit of the Fund or to the contents or auditing of its financial statements, or to any related matter were received by the AR Committee during the period under review up to the approval date of the financial statements.



ADVOCACY, BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE, AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The Advocacy, Behavioural Change, and Communications (ABC) Committee provides an advisory role to the CEO and the Board, supporting the Fund in its efforts to raise awareness of the profound impact of gender-based violence and femicide, and the role of the Fund in the response.

During the inception phase of the GBVF Response Fund the Committee played a very hands-on role, initiating the terms of reference, establishing the layout of the communications platforms and initiatives, and mentoring our young co-opted members.

The committee felt it was vital to include a complement of youth members that the senior committee members are mentoring. They bring a focus on youth matters as it relates to GBVF, the LGBTQIA+ community, and the role of men.

Since the CEO came on board, the Fund's staff complement expanded, and the communications agency was appointed, the Committee's role has turned to providing oversight, showing leadership and providing

assistance where we can, all on a pro bono basis. The terms of reference were redefined to reflect this.

The Committee believes that creating awareness and a focus on marketing and a media presence is vital for the Fund to help achieve its mandate and we are working hard to make sure that we build that presence. We congratulate and acknowledge the CEO and team for moving forward with this agenda, and we are now in a position where we have a more concise, precise, and effective campaign.

Going forward we will be focusing on supporting the Fund to continue to keep the gender-based violence and femicide narrative at the top of the agenda, as well as promoting a focus on LGBTQIA+ issues.

Losing Dr Namane has been tough on all of us. She was an expert in the field, with many years of experience. We all learned a lot from her and that legacy she leaves behind is honoured and will be celebrated within the Committee, and the Fund as a whole. She leaves a huge gap and we miss her every day.



Mary Papayya
Co-Chair



Dr. Namane Magau
Co-Chair
(Deceased May 2022)

CO-CHAIRS:

Dr Namane Magau
(deceased May 2022)

Mary Papayya

MEMBERS:

Uviwe Ntsaluba

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Dot Field

Mbali Mzinyane

Teboho Nthoana

Kgalelo Kedijang

Lerato Mashianoke

Lotang Mokoena

Nandi Mzesane

Marlene le Roux



"GBV is a pandemic within a pandemic, and we see how much needs to be done to address it. The Fund plays a very important role, and within it, we, as the Committee take our duties very seriously, and will continue to do the best we can to promote the narrative around gender-based violence and femicide."

MARY PAPAYYA

Co-chair, Advocacy, Behavioural Change,
and Communications Committee

DISBURSEMENTS, PERFORMANCE, MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Disbursements, Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee assists the Board with oversight over the management, disbursement, and monitoring and evaluation of the Fund's resources to ensure that the Fund's mandate and strategic objectives are achieved. The Fund's strategic focus areas are in line with the National Government National Strategic Plan on GBVF.

Over the last year, the Committee focused its efforts on executing the first Request for Proposal (RFP1) since the Fund was established. The focus of RFP1 was on providing grants to community-based organisations and community-based intermediaries. The role of the intermediaries is to provide capacity building support to those CBO's that lack the organisational and human resources capacity to execute their mandate. This process involved assessing and shortlisting applications based on the Board approved criteria, and post approval from the Board, the disbursement of Funds to the selected grant partners and compiling the monitoring and evaluation plan and roadmap.

The Committee played a key role in ensuring the grant-making programme fulfilled the Fund's strategic objectives to attract and support CBOs in hotspot areas, deep rural areas and informal settlements, and those that ordinarily struggle to access funding, and supports them to be sustainable. To achieve this, the Committee engaged with various stakeholders before issuing the RFP for advice on how to reach these CBOs and those most in need. The RFP1 process was extremely successful, with 110 CBOs from all provinces and four intermediary partners being granted funding of over R69 million allocated over two years.

We have now turned our focus to monitoring and evaluation of the grants projects to ensure they are achieving the desired impact, using resources appropriately, and that the intermediaries are fulfilling the capacity building support to more nascent organisations. The Committee reports quarterly to the board on the performance of grants and supports the board in its reporting to donors and other key stakeholders.



Faith Khanyile
Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON:

Faith Khanyile

MEMBERS:

Dr Shaheda Omar

Ella Mangisa

Bafana Khumalo

To function effectively, the Committee was adamant that its members comprised a solid mix of skills and experience from business, those who have worked with CBOs, and those with knowledge of the GBVF space. This has helped the Committee keep its pulse on what's happening on the ground and make more appropriate decisions.

In the coming year, the Committee will continue to monitor the grant making process to its conclusion and focus on some key legacy projects that will have a lasting impact on the Fund's mission.

The Committee is immensely grateful to the Board and CEO, and the grant implementation partner, TSI, who have been so supportive and agile in the granting process, as well as the pro bono partners who have been so critical in supporting the governance of the disbursement process, ensuring these meet all due diligence requirements.



"The Disbursements Committee plays a bridging role between the communities we are supporting and the board, ensuring that funds are disbursed where they are needed, that they are being used effectively, and that the Fund's donors and key stakeholders are kept in touch with the communities they are supporting."

FAITH KHANYILE

Disbursements, Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee Chair



Dr Judy Dlamini
Chairperson

FORENSIC SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FSAC)

The Forensic Science Advisory Committee was established to advise the Board on the best solutions, both short- and long-term, to assist in the implementation of the NSP Pillar 3 – Justice, Safety, and Protection. As such the primary focus of the Committee has been in supporting the Fund’s strategic initiative to support the SAPS to address the enormous DNA backlog delaying the prosecution of thousands of gender-based violence and femicide cases.

The Committee is composed of leading forensic scientists and pathologists who provide their expertise and support on a pro bono basis. This invaluable support ensures that the Committee operates with the latest knowledge and developments and is best poised to make a real impact in utilising forensic science to strengthen the gender-based violence and femicide response.

The Committee has been instrumental in supporting the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG), bringing together the South African Police Services and the University of KwaZulu-Natal with a view to finding collaborative solutions to reduce the DNA backlog and making sure it does not happen again.

Going forward the Committee will continue to support and propel the TWG and the SAPS forensic initiative to ensure the partnership can help provide the police service with the forensic tools it needs while building its capacity in forensics.

The Committee would like to thank its members who have brought heart and creativity to create a strategic partnership that can have an immense impact in strengthening the justice system and helping to make the country safer for women, children and the LGBTQIA+ community.

CHAIRPERSON:

Dr Judy Dlamini

MEMBERS:

Tryphosa Ramano

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Prof Tulio de Oliveira

Prof Jeanine Vellema

Dr Antonel Olckers

Dr Siphon Mfolozi

GBVF TEAM

The GBVF Response Fundl is determined to ensure that as much of the funds it receives goes directly to its programming. The Fund therefore operates with a small, yet highly experienced team that have dedicated countless hours and huge commitment to supporting the core functioning of the Fund.

To complement this, the Fund receives invaluable support from its pro bono partners. Together they are making it possible for the Fund to fulfil its mandate and have a real impact in creating a South Africa safer for its women, children, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

GBVF RESPONSE FUNDI TEAM



Lindi Dlamini
Chief Executive Officer



Martina Letsoalo
Chief Operating Officer



Veliswa Notshikila
Chief Financial Officer



Tshepo Sefotlhelo
Executive Head: Marketing
and Communication



Robert Mokwena
Senior Accountant



SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These summarised financial statements are extracted from the audited financial statements, but are not themselves audited. The annual financial statements were audited by Deloitte, who expressed a qualified opinion thereon. The audited annual financial statements and the auditor's report thereon are available for inspection at the company's registered office and on our website www.gbvfresponsefund1.org. The directors take full responsibility for the preparation of the summary financial statements.

GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 NPC

Registration Number: 2021/359277/08

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
FROM DATE OF INCORPORATION ON
28 JANUARY 2021 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RAND
R'000

ASSETS

Non-Current Assets

Intangible assets	120
Property, Plant and Equipment	19

Current Assets

Other receivables	697
Cash and cash equivalents	76 427

TOTAL ASSETS

77 263

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES

Funds

Accumulated funds	72 934
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Liabilities

Trade and Other Payables	4 329
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TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES

77 263

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022	RAND R'000
Revenue	
Donations	107 743
Grant Disbursement to grant partners	(30 802)
Grant management fees	(1 959)
Operating and Administration Costs	(4 605)
OPERATING SURPLUS	70 377
Interest income	2 585
SARS Penalty and interest	(28)
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	72 934

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022	RAND R'000
Funds	
Accumulated Funds	-
Balance at 28 January 2021 - Opening balance	-
Total Profit and Comprehensive income for the period	72 934
BALANCE AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022 - CLOSING BALANCE	72 934

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022
**RAND
R'000**

Cash flows from operating activities

Cash receipts from donors	107 743
Cash paid to grant partners	(29 052)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(4 248)

Cash generated from operating activities
74 443

Bank Interest received	2 278
SARS Penalties and interest	(28)
Prepayments	(120)

76 573
Cash flow from investing activities
(146)

Acquisition of Intangible Assets	(123)
Acquisition of Property, Plant and Equipment	(23)

Net cash from operating activities
76 427

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	-
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD
76 427

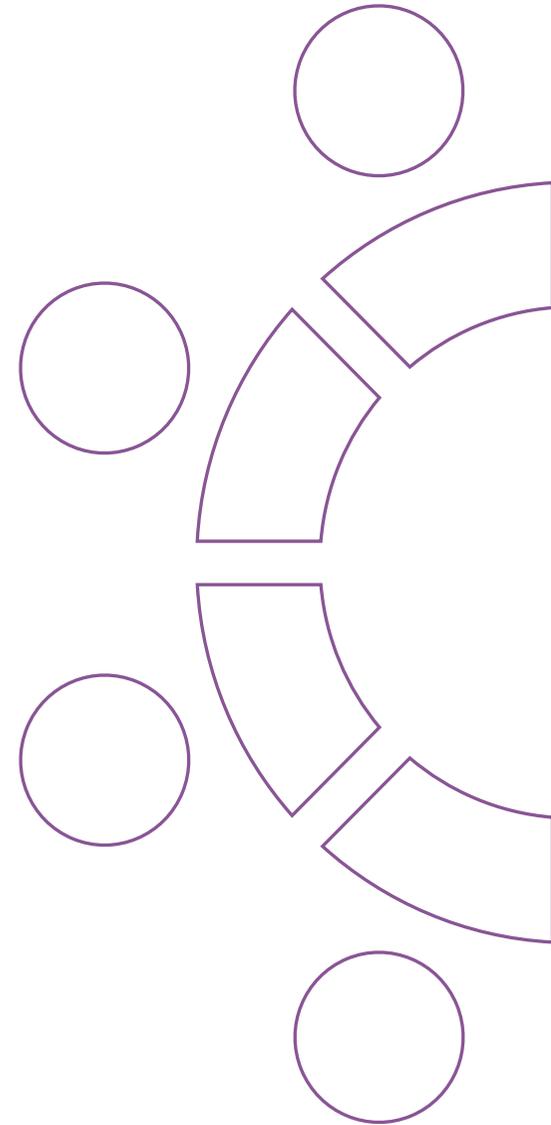
THE GBVF RESPONSE FUND1 IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO ENSURE SOUND FINANCIAL CONTROL AND OPERATES UNDER THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- Ensure decision making is guided by current and accepted policies and procedures
- Review and monitoring of compliance with all applicable tax legislation and regulations
- Assessment, management, monitoring and reporting of risks
- Ensure timeous and reliable reporting for decision making and to drive accountability and transparency.
- Provide an approved annual budget and revised quarterly reporting

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Fund's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and Interpretations as issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), and comply with the Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee (APC), Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC), and the requirements of the South African Companies Act, No 71 of 2008 (the Companies Act). The company has adopted all new accounting standards and interpretations that became effective in the current reporting period.



WAY FORWARD

In its second year the GBVF Response Fund¹ will continue to focus its efforts and resources to meet its mandate and help South Africa address the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide. In particular, the Fund will focus on the following key areas:

CORE FOCUS AREAS

Fundraising - Fundraising remains a key strategic focus and the Fund will intensify fundraising activities in line with the fundraising workplan and targeted fundraising approach focusing on the JSE 100 corporations, high net worth individuals, and philanthropic organisations.

Additional funding will enable the Fund to maximise its catalytic impact by progressing key strategic initiatives that will have a systemic impact on the fight against gender-based violence and femicide. Additional funding will also enable the Fund to issue another call for proposals in 2022 to support CBOs working in other under-funded pillars of the NSP, as

identified in multi-sectoral engagements, and as part of the feminist budgeting agenda.

Grant-Making Programme Monitoring and Evaluation - The Fund, leveraging the expertise of its implementation partner, has commenced with monitoring and evaluation of grant partners to ensure grants are implemented and funds utilised in the most cost-effective and impactful way. An M&E and annual programme report will be produced at the end of 2022 that will be used to assess the grant partners' eligibility for the second-year tranche payment.

STRATEGIC PROJECTS

DNA Backlog - The Forensic Science Advisory Committee (FSAC) was established to advise the Board on the best short and long-term solutions to assist in the implementation of the NSP Pillar 3 – Justice, Safety, and Protection. As such the primary focus of the Committee has been to support the Fund's strategic initiative to support the SAPS to address the enormous DNA backlog delaying the prosecution of

thousands of GBVF cases. Under the auspices of the FSAC, a study is being undertaken by the University of KwaZulu-Natal to determine the feasibility of the use of an extractor, which, if found to be fit for purpose, would benefit the SAPS FSL since it is much cheaper and processes much higher numbers of samples than the extractor the SAPS currently uses.

The GBVF Dashboard - With the aid of the University of the Witwatersrand, other researchers and academics, and civil society, the groundwork to develop the GBVF Dashboard that provides a consolidated view of data on GBVF from different sources has been completed as part of phase 1. To frame a narrative that will capture a fuller picture of the GBVF scourge, provide more accurate information, and lead to evidence-based interventions, the Fund will facilitate the engagement of data scientist with social scientist who know and understand the GBVF space, to expand the scope of the GBVF dashboard.

Expanding the footprint of Thuthuzela

Care Centres (TCCs) - the TCCs are one-stop victim-centered care facilities aimed at holistically reducing secondary victimisation and increasing perpetrator conviction rates by building a case ready for successful prosecution and reducing cycle times of GBV cases from reporting to finalisation (prosecution of perpetrator). The 60 TCCs currently active across the country are not enough to address the scourge of GBV in the country. Through the generous support of Vodacom, the Fund will be funding the installation of five additional TCC sites in areas of great need.

Digital / Technical Prevention Solutions

for GBVF - Even with the advent of the fourth Industrial Revolution, opportunities to investigate the use of accessible scalable digital innovations to prevent and reduce the spate of GBVF are underexplored. The Fund is working to understand the landscape of current apps and tools and investigating new digital tools and technologies that can be deployed to scale across the country (incl rural areas) at minimum cost to citizens, to curb or prevent GBVF. These include for example, wearables that can be used to alert authorities; apps that can be used to record incidences (evidence collection); apps that alert citizens about offenders on criminal

database in the vicinity; GBVF Hot Spot alerts; etc.

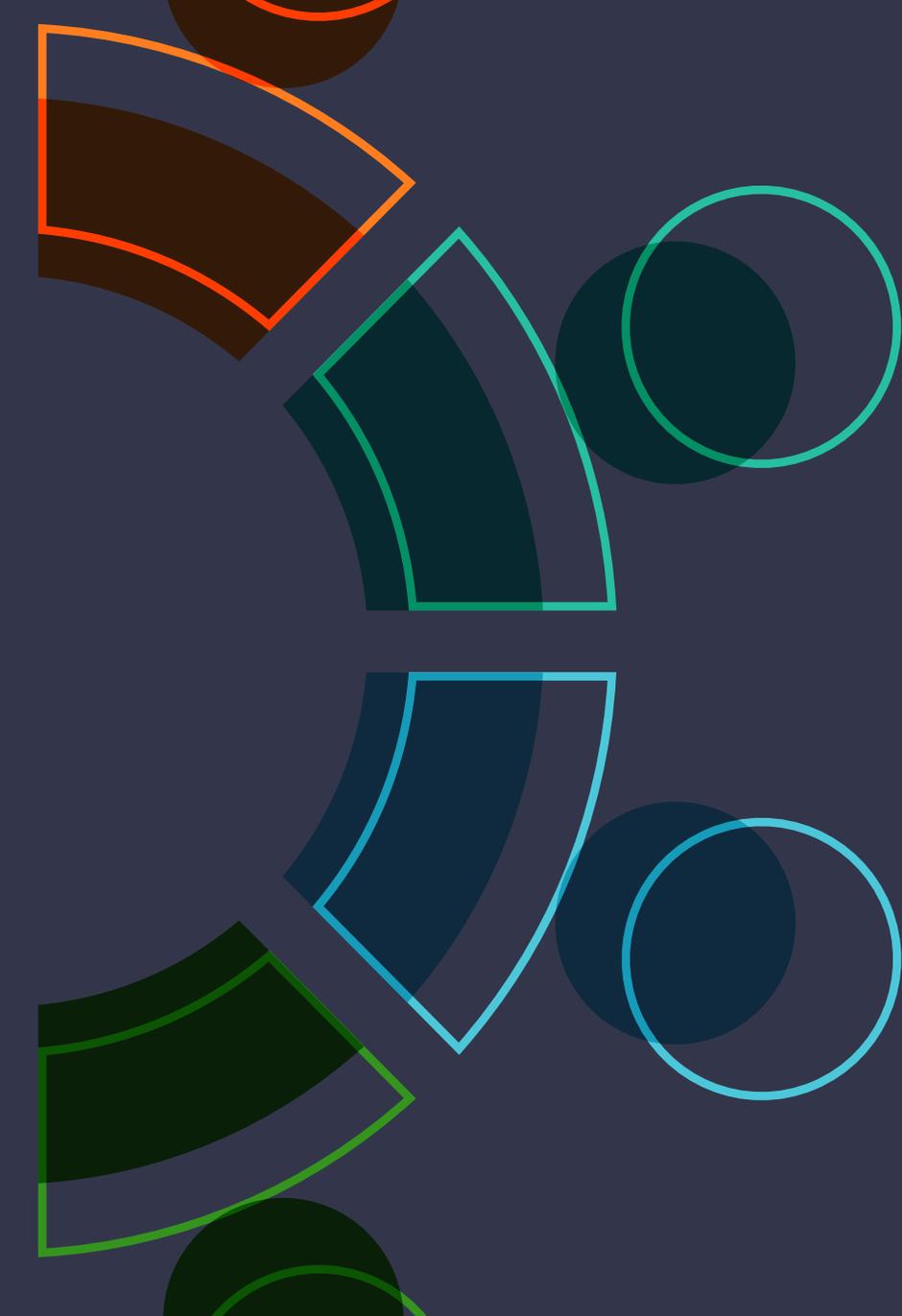
In its initial reviews of apps and tools in the space, the Fund has identified different “Emergency”, “Avoiding”, “Supporting”, “Reporting & Evidence Building” applications locally and some international examples. Going forward, the Fund will engage with app developers, assisted by a technical advisor, to investigate the most impactful and widely accessible solutions.

In its brief existence, the Fund has focused on being an accelerant of change, delivering on its mandate by:

- Establishing a clear culture and vision through holding multiple sessions with experts and stakeholders to codify our vision and way of working. This has ensured the Fund team is clear and works collaboratively towards a common goal, ensuring all efforts are transformative and innovative in objective.
- Partnering with organisations and service providers that are of the highest quality and integrity resulting in consistent delivery of Fund objectives. The Fund has also found significant benefits in driving public-private

partnerships focused on GBVF.

- Forming deep and collaborative donor relationships through avoiding transactional relationships with donors, and rather focusing on how best to collaborate and look beyond funding alone to advance anti-GBVF efforts.
- Focusing on the highest levels of accountability by developing robust processes and norms to ensure full openness and transparency through, amongst others, monthly reporting to the Presidency, multi-sectoral engagements, regular donor feedback, and public progress announcements.



ANNEXURES

GLOSSARY

ACRONYMS

APC Accounting Practices Committee	IASB International Accounting Standards Board	NPA National Prosecuting Authority
CBO Community-Based Organisation	IFRIC IFRS Interpretations Committee	NPO Non-Profit Organisation
CEO Chief Executive Officer	IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards	NSP National Strategic Plan
CFO Chief Financial Officer	IWFSA International Women's Forum of South Africa	RFP Request for proposals
CSOs Civil Society Organisations	KRISP KwaZulu-Natal Research and Innovation Sequencing Platform	SAPS South African Police Services
DFID Department for International Development	LGBTQIA+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and other extensions	SDGS Sustainable Development Goals
DOH Department of Health	LvA Lawyers Against Abuse	SEA Sexual exploitation and abuse
DPME Disbursements, Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Committee	M&E Monitoring and Evaluation	STATSA Statistics SA
FRSC Financial Reporting Standards Council	NC GBVF National Council on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide	TCC Thuthuzela Care Centres
FSAC Forensic Science Advisory Committee	NDP National Development Plan	TSI Tshikululu Social Investments
GBV Gender-Based Violence	NFSL National Forensic Service Laboratory	UK FCDO United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office
GBVF Gender-Based Violence and Femicide	NGO Non-Governmental Organisation	UKZN University of KwaZulu-Natal
JSE Johannesburg Stock Exchange		TWG Technical working group
		VOC Victims of Crime
		Wits University of the Witwatersrand

GLOSSARY

Domestic Violence: According to South African law, includes physical abuse; sexual abuse; emotional, verbal and psychological abuse; economic abuse; intimidation; harassment; stalking; entry into the complainants' residence without his/her consent or any other controlling or abusive behaviour taking place in domestic relationships.¹

Femicide: Also known as female homicide, is generally understood to involve intentional murder of women because they are women but broader definitions include any killing of women or girls. In South Africa, it is defined as the killing of a female person, or perceived as a female person on the basis of gender identity, whether committed within the domestic relationship, interpersonal relationship or by any other person, or whether perpetrated or tolerated by the State or its agents. Intimate femicide is defined as the murder of women by intimate partners, i.e. "a current or former husband or boyfriend, same-sex partner, or a rejected would-be lover".²

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): The general term used to capture violence that occurs as a result of the normative role expectations associated with the gender associated with the sex assigned to a person at birth, as well as the unequal power relations between the genders, within the context of a specific society.³ GBV includes physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse or threats of such acts or abuse, coercion, and economic or educational deprivation, whether occurring in public or private life, in peacetime and during armed or other forms of conflict, and may cause physical, sexual, psychological, emotional or economic harm.

Multisectoral Response⁴ refers to deliberate collaboration among various stakeholder groups (e.g. government, civil society, and private sector) and sectors (e.g. health, environment, and economy) to jointly achieve a policy outcome. By engaging multiple sectors, partners can leverage knowledge, expertise, reach, and resources, benefiting from their combined and varied strengths as they work

toward the shared goal of producing better health outcomes.

Persons with Disability includes those who have perceived and/or actual physical, psychosocial, intellectual, neurological and/or sensory impairments which, as a result of various attitudinal, communication, physical and information barriers are hindered in participating fully and effectively in society on an equal basis with others.⁵

¹ Domestic Violence Act 116 of 1998, Section 1

² Abrahams, N., Matthews, S., Martin L. J., Lombard, C. & Jewkes R. (2013). Intimate Partner Femicide in South Africa in 1999 and 2009.

³ Bloom, S. (2008), Violence against Women and Girls: A Compendium of Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators (Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation)

⁴ Salunka, S & Lal, D.K. (2017). 'Multisectoral approach for promoting public health'. In: Indian Journal of Public Health, vol 61, pp. 163 - 168

⁵ White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

ANNEXURE 1: LIST OF GBVF HOTSPOT AREAS

The list below shows the GBVF hotspot areas (areas with high incidence of GBVF) supported by the Fund. The top 45 locations were determined by overlaying the following two data sets. The advantages of this approach includes:

- Reported crimes/ SAPS data is official and often widely acknowledged as “official sources”
- SAPS data is used by government to determine allocation of resources provincially
- SAPS data incorporates case data and data from victim support centres and health facilities
- SAPS stats are made up of a more holistic definition of GBVF (i.e. do not single out sexual offences stats)

Data set 1:

SAPS crime statistics April 2019 - March 2020

This data includes holistic GBVF statistics (including rape; kidnapping with purposes of committing sexual offences; trafficking, for purposes of sexual exploitation; murder and attempted murder within the context of domestic violence and cases of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm). In compiling these stats, SAPS also factored in under-reporting by extracting data from Thuthuzela Care Centres health facilities (one-stop centres where rape can be reported and medical and psychological services can be accessed).

Data set 2:

30 stations recording highest number of rapes April 2020 – June 2022

These locations were prioritised for DNA evidence collection.

SAPS IDENTIFIED HOTSPOTS

LOCATION	PROVINCE		
Kwazakhele	Eastern Cape	Osizweni	KwaZulu Natal
Mthatha	Eastern Cape	Kwa Mashu	KwaZulu Natal
Butterworth	Eastern Cape	Ntuzuma	KwaZulu Natal
Bloemspruit	Free State	Ikageng	North West
Kopanong	Free State	Delft	Western Cape
Mamelodi East	Gauteng	Nyanga	Western Cape
Tembisa	Gauteng	Khayelitsha	Western Cape
Temba	Gauteng	Mfuleni	Western Cape
Alexandra	Gauteng	Mitchells Plain	Western Cape
Moroka	Gauteng	Kraaifontein	Western Cape
Dobsonville	Gauteng	Gugulethu	Western Cape
Diepsloot	Gauteng	Bellville	Western Cape
Honeydew	Gauteng	Harare	Western Cape
Orange Farm	Gauteng		
Umlazi	KwaZulu Natal		
Empangeni	KwaZulu Natal		
Inanda	KwaZulu Natal		
Plessislaer	KwaZulu Natal		

HOTSPOTS THAT WERE OVERLAYED

ONTO THE SAPS LIST (informed by SAPS stations with highest reported rape cases and engagements with the expert researchers)

LOCATION	PROVINCE
Lusikisiki	Eastern Cape
Ngqeleni	Eastern Cape
Libode	Eastern Cape
Mbizana	Eastern Cape
Ivory Park	Gauteng
Kagiso	Gauteng
Jeppe	Gauteng
Loate	Gauteng
Thohoyandou	Limpopo
Giyani	Limpopo
Seshego	Limpopo
Mahwelereng	Limpopo
Mankweng	Limpopo
Pienaar	Mpumalanga
Harare	Western Cape

ANNEXURE 2: CBOS APPROVED FOR FUNDING THROUGH RFP1

Akasosha Men's Forum	Connect Network	Ikhwezi Woman Support Center
Amangwe Village	Copessa NPC	Ilitha Labantu
Ambassadors4Change	Cross Connect Community Outreach	Incema
Azali Health Care	Diski Nine9 Africa	Institute for Women's Development (Nisaa)
Bathopele NGO	Dzekula Development Organisation	Iris House Children's Hospice'
Bet Sheekoom - House of Restoration	Ebenezer Multipurpose Intergrated Social Service Centre	Isizinda Sempilo Organisation
Bethlehem Child and Family Welfare	Emuhle All Artists	iThembaletu Outreach Project (IOP)
Bohlabela Resource and Advice Centre	Etafeni Day Care Centre Trust	Jelly Beans Foundation
Callas Foundation	Ethembeni Community Centre	Jersey Farm Advice and Information Centre
Cederberg Matzikama Aids Network	Father A Nation SA NPC	Justice and Women (JAW)
Child Welfare Bloemfontein & Childline Free State t/a Childline Free State (CLFS)	Fight With Insight	Khula Youth Empowerment Organisation
Childline Gauteng	FWC Welfare and Development Centre	Kids Haven
Children of the Dawn	Ga-Mokaba Reading Room	Kingshope Development Foundation
Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Drakensberg	Grassoot Soccer South Africa	Kitso-Ke-Lesedi Social Development Programme
Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Uitenhage	GRIP Greater Rape Intervention Programme	Kuhluka Movement NPC
Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad (CMR) Port Elizabeth	Gugu Dlamini Foundation	Lefika La Phodiso
Cincinantia Resoketswe Lebjaane	Health Opportunity Partnership and Empowerment in Africa NPC	Legal Centre for Gender Based Violence Association (trading name: Lawyers against Abuse (LvA))
Coastal Resource Centre	Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT)	Lifeline Free State
Community Keepers	I Protect Me	LifeLine Mafikeng

Lifeline Nelspruit	Opret Advice Office	Soul City Institute NPC
LifeLine Northern Cape - NPO	Phola	South Coast Hospice
LifeLine NW, Rustenburg Centre	Port St Johns Community Legal Advice Centre	The Edmund Rice Justice Desk (The Justice Desk)
LifeLine West Rand	Qholaqhwe Advice Centre	The Family Life Centre-FAMSA JHB
Litshani Vhana-Vha-de Foundation (LVVF)	Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust	The Great People of South Africa
Lungelo Woman's Organisation	Rekopane Drop in Centre	The Pebbles Project Trust
Mankweng Community Law Advice Office	Restoration of Hope - Trulife	Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme
Masibumbane Development Organisation	Restorative Justice Centre	Tholwana E Molemo
Masithethe Counselling Services	Rise Up Against Gender Based Violence	Thusanang Trauma Centre
Matla A Bana Trust	Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women & Children	Thuthukisa Abantulayo Community Development Organisation
Matlala Advice Office	Salt Lake Residents Action Group	Tshwane leadership foundation
Mikhulu Child Development Trust	Second Chance Group	Tshwane University of Technology
Molo Mhlaba NPC	Senwabarwana Victim Support Centre	Tygerberg Hospital Childrens Trust
MOSAIC Training Services and Healing Centre	Sinqobile CBO	Umtata Women's Support Centre
Mpumalanga Shelter Movement	Siyabonga - Huis van Danksegging	Usizo Community Development Projects
Namakwa Ontwikkeling	Siyakholwa Support Care Centre	Where Rainbows Meet Training and Development Foundation
New World Foundation	Siyazana Youth Development Fund	Witkoppen Health and Welfare Centre (trading as Witkoppen Clinic)
NICRO NPC (Association Incorporate under Section 21) - Eastern Cape	Social Change Assistance Trust	
Nomaxabiso Victim Support Centre	Social Justice Foundation NPC	
On Eagle's Wing Multi-Purpose Centre	Sonke Gender Justice	

STANDING TOGETHER, STANDING UNITED

Help us accelerate action and strive for a South Africa free from gender-based violence directed at women, children, and LGBTQIA+ persons. Your support results in real change. Change that saves lives. Change that restores hope. Change that contributes to ending gender-based violence and femicide.



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