



## **Trustees Report**

Period: March 2019 – Feb 2020

The 2019/20 Fiscal period has seen CityHope Disaster Relief showered with the abundant blessings and provision of God as we continue to put Him and His ways first. During this 12-month period CityHope was able to positively impact approximately 13,747 individuals. In total, we have responded to 51 disasters, most of them locally across South Africa, and two international responses to Malawi and Zambia. The year has seen us respond to 20 Fire Disasters across South Africa as well as to drought, floods and storm damage, including the extensive floods that hit KZN in April 2019 and the tornado that wiped through New Hanover and Mpolweni in November 2019. We count it a privilege to be the hands and feet of our Lord through providing relief aid to those that need it so desperately!

### ***Malawi Flood Response***

On Friday 8th March 2019, the Government of Malawi declared a State of Disaster in the country following relentless, heavy rains and flooding associated with Cyclone Idai, which later hit Mozambique on Thursday 14th March. The Cyclone resulted in major flooding across Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. As a direct result, close to 60 people lost their lives, and approximately 90,000 were left without vital basic needs such as shelter, food and safety in Malawi alone. CityHope, in partnership with Crown Ministries, identified the regions and communities that were most desperate for assistance and food relief following the devastation that had been caused in their villages. With the financial backing of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) in the United States, plans were made to locally procure twenty tonnes of food relief, consisting of maize flour, rice and beans. The team was welcomed by a community of over 2,000 men, women and children who were lifting their voices and hands in praise for the blessing that God had delivered to their village through CityHope. As each family came forward to receive their 20kg portion, they were individually blessed by the powerful prayers of the ministering team of ladies from Iris Relief. Once the distributions had been completed it brought a great sense of joy to each individual that had played a part, as it was a privilege to be involved in making a significant difference in the lives of so many individuals. [For Further Information](#)

### ***KZN Flood Response***

A few weeks following Cyclone Idai the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal was struck by heavy flooding that resulted in over 70 fatalities and thousands of displaced families and destroyed buildings. Within the first two weeks following the floods, CityHope Disaster Relief supported over 2,000 individuals across 11 communities including Stockville, Marianhill, Chatsworth, Umlazi, Klaarwater and Molweni. With the substantial cash donations that were received from the public, as well as from two reputable JSE listed financial institutions, the PBO was able to continue their work into these communities as they turned their focus to rebuilding homes and fixing damages to infrastructure in schools. The organisation took a handful of families under their wing to ensure that the children were cared for and were able to return to school to continue their education. Each of the selected families was provided with new school uniforms and school essentials for their children. CityHope also embarked on building four two-bedroom brick homes for these families to replace the structures that were destroyed. [For Further Information](#)

### ***Pinetown Traders Fire Damage***

Approximately 300 informal traders in Pinetown, KZN, lost their stock to a fire that spread from the railway line through their storage facilities on Thursday 25th July 2019. The following day City Logistics assisted with transporting some replacement stock to the Town Hall in Pinetown where the vendors had been gathered. CityHope was able to support the 200 vendors that were present by providing a Hope Kit, a packet of new clothing, a pack of toothpastes and some extra meals from Rise Against Hunger. The City Logistics team was very generous with their time as they assisted us with the distribution and then returned the remaining stock to the premises in Hillcrest. [For Further Information](#)

### ***Xenophobic Attacks***

In September 2019 violent and unjust attacks against foreign nationals in Northern KZN resulted in hundreds of individuals being displaced. At this time, a network of faith-based organisations involved in disaster management and response work partnered to formalize the KZN Disaster Response Team. The team includes CityHope Disaster Relief, The Domino Foundation, The South African Red Cross and Zoë Life. The team pulled together their various resources to supply support to the group of displaced foreign nationals in the form of food, clothing, blankets and hygiene supplies.

### ***New Hanover Tornado***

The towns of New Hanover and Mpolweni were flattened in November 2019 when a highly destructive tornado tore through the towns, resulting in entire villages being destroyed and leaving hundreds of families without shelter. The KZN Disaster Response Team once again united to respond and support the families with food supplies, blankets and plastic sheeting for temporary shelter. CityHope then continued to raise funds to support the community further and was able assist the local church with replacing many of its internal furnishings that had been destroyed.

### ***Zambia Food Relief***

Zambia is experiencing its worst drought in a century. Adverse climatic conditions have left more than 2.3 million people in Zambia severely food insecure. That translates to 19% of the total population. Large parts of southern and western Zambia received their lowest seasonal rainfall totals since at least 1981 when records began, which has resulted in poor harvests. CityHope Disaster Relief was able to secure sufficient funding from the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) to provide 25kg bags of breakfast meal for 175 families. The distribution was facilitated by the David Livingstone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Livingstone, Zambia in January 2020 to a selection of the neediest and the elderly in the community. The community members were overwhelmed by the support and were most grateful for the relief that met their current needs. The church members were grateful for the opportunity to pray with and minister to the community and used the opportunity to encourage them to persevere and keep their eyes on Jesus in these trying times.

The impact that CityHope makes across South Africa would not be possible without the support of the local churches, organisations and volunteers who not only facilitate the storage and distribution of the relief aid, but also connect, pray and support the victims in their time of need. CityHope has developed strong relationships with Cornerstone Church in Bedfordview as well as The Warehouse in the Western Cape and relies heavily on these valuable relationships. We are also most grateful for the streams of volunteers locally that lighten the load in so many ways. These volunteers tirelessly commit to the ongoing packing and replenishment of our Hope Kits and sorting through donated items in the storage container. Every volunteer plays a vital role in the effectiveness of this organization.

This work that we are able to accomplish would not be possible without our incredible partners. We would like to thank CityHill Church, City Logistics, CBN Africa, Investec, ActionCOACH, East Coast Radio, FNB, Hirt & Carter, Rise Against Hunger, The Church of Latter-Day Saints, Pailpac and Marina Salt for your ongoing support in both cash and kind.

We are so incredibly excited about what the future holds for our organisation, as we strive to be the hands and feet, heart and provision of our Lord Jesus Christ, for those who are affected by disasters. If you have not yet already joined us on this quest, we would love to partner with you!

### Donations in Kind

#### Operating Expenses

CityHill Church	Rental & Utilities	R 214 382,88
ActionCOACH	Business Coaching	R 124 200,00
East Coast Radio	Advertising	R 122 095,50
City Logistics	Logistics	R 67 945,34
Hirt & Carter	Printing	R 18 824,21

**R 547 447,93**

#### Hope Kit Contents

Lindt & Sprungli	Chocolate	R 422 200,00
Rise Against Hunger	Rice Meals	R 100 368,00
Unilever	Chicken Spice	R 72 000,00
Pailpac / Newmantle	Buckets	R 55 858,19
Marina Salt	Salt	R 26 800,00
Nation Changes	Agape Meals & Clothing	R 10 500,00
Kairos Nutrition	Peanut Butter Sachets	R 6 500,00
AMI Recycling	Black Bags	R 6 000,00
FNB	Tinned Beans	R 5 000,00
Ciro Coffee	Coffee Sachets	R 4 747,00
Joekels Tea	Tea	R 4 384,00
Miracle Textiles	Blankets	R 760,00
Illovo	Sugar	R 660,00

**R 715 777,19**

#### Disaster Response

South African Retailer	Clothing and Household	R 168 500,00
Leomat	Construction	R 57 250,00
General Public	Food, Clothing, Furniture	R 51 679,00
Marco Pauselli	Engineering	R 23 000,00
Paragon Paint	Paint	R 2 400,00

**R 302 829,00**

**Total: R 1 566 054,12**