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CityHope Disaster Relief, a Public Benefit Organisation based in Hillcrest, KZN, has responded into the Sim Place Informal settlement in Effingham following the devastating fire that consumed 23 shacks in the area on Tuesday 4th June. The organisation distributed food parcels, blankets and clothing to the families that had been displaced as a result of the raging flames. The community is already hard at work in rebuilding the shacks and neighbours have rallied together to support where extra hands and expertise are needed.

CityHope responds to natural and man-made disaster situations across South Africa by providing immediate relief aid to communities that have been left helpless following devastating circumstances, such as flooding, political unrest or spreading fires.

The CityHope disaster response team has been influential in responding to the recent floods that struck KZN in April this year and have supported over 2,000 individuals with immediate relief aid and are supporting a handful of families with rebuilding their homes. The team has also been supporting Tyburn Primary in Chatsworth with clearing and restoring the school premises following the destruction that was caused to the property by the heavy rains.

The CityHope team has recently returned from their trip to Malawi, following Cyclone Idai, where 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. In the immediate aftermath of the floods, the PBO dispatched a team of relief workers to oversee aid distribution efforts. With the financial support of their humanitarian partner The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), the team distributed 20 Tonnes of food aid to over 1,000 families in three affected districts.

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