



 Lunchbox Fund

2020 Annual Report



“Child malnutrition is a slow form of violence that lingers largely unseen until the child’s health is seriously compromised. It slowly eats away at children’s potential, eroding their physical health and cognitive development and undermining their education and economic prospects – and it drives an intergenerational cycle of poverty, malnutrition and ill-health that comes at a huge cost for individual children, their families and the South African economy.”

Professor Julian May, Director DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security



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Vision and Mission

The Lunchbox Fund provides a nutritious daily meal in school to children who would otherwise go hungry. We work in townships and rural areas across South Africa, helping children get the education they desperately need to build a life free of poverty for themselves and their families. All education efforts are wasted if a child is too hungry to focus, participate and learn. We believe no child should be kept from learning by hunger.

Lunchbox Fund supports children at all stages of education; preschool, primary, secondary and after-school. We work in urban, peri-urban and rural settings. Our daily meals provide nourishment for physical health and growth and aid mental concentration. They offer an incentive for a child to attend school daily, and for their families to support their educational progress.

The schools and preschools we serve are situated in poverty-stricken communities, home to the most vulnerable and food-insecure children in South Africa. They are either ineligible for government support or require additional support to alleviate food shortages.

Improving food security and educational attainment for children in poverty cannot be approached in isolation; the two issues are integrally related. We believe nourishment and education can help children grow to be healthier young adults, equipped with the skills and knowledge to build brighter futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



"The world is facing an education catastrophe that could rob generations of a promising future."

UNESCO, WFP, UNICEF, and WHO

Founder's Note 2020

None of us could have anticipated the speed at which South Africa's Covid-19 lockdown in March impacted food security in our country. The overnight loss of jobs and immediate decimation of the informal economy imperilled 75% percent of the population who live hand to mouth. The closure of schools and early childhood education centres meant that food-insecure children who usually receive a daily meal at school were no longer receiving this critical nutrition. At the same time their caregivers were tipped from vulnerability into poverty.

Within days Lunchbox Fund adapted our School Feeding model into a Hunger Relief program. We mobilised our national network of schools, partner non-profits and grassroots organisations to identify families in need and designed supply and distribution protocols workable during lockdown restrictions. Together with Sizani Foods and Value Logistics, Lunchbox Fund overcame supply chain challenges, cost escalation, truck hijacking, national curfews and inclement weather.

Between April and December 2020 we delivered over 180 000 boxes into the hands of 724 000 beneficiaries, providing almost 22 million meals.

When schools re-opened, our Nutrition Program kicked back into gear, ensuring children received quality meals each school day. Pre-schoolers who weren't able to access education for the majority of 2020, received relief porridge packs to take home – replacing the meal they no longer received at school.

Regardless of the challenges national lockdowns posed: no delivery was missed, no area (however remote) was unreachable. It was a nine month ultramarathon – and one that we celebrate as being an unprecedented achievement for us all. Lunchbox Fund's business model was robustly stress-tested and found to be solid, manoeuvrable and scalable at speed.

I could not be more proud of the South African team – their dedication to the children we serve and the country we love was unstinting, and I salute them. I am also happy to report we were able to sustain our core staff, Food Mamas and Fieldworkers who all continued to earn crucial incomes allowing them to support their own families.

None of this could have happened without our funders, both long-term and new. They trusted Lunchbox Fund, in a time of unprecedented crisis, to put their money to work cost-effectively and efficiently. Our supporters responded again and again with extraordinary generosity. They were the fuel to our fire: we could not have reached as many people as we did without them.

The knock-on effects of economic constriction and unemployment, together with many children not being fully back at school, means that family food-insecurity continues to escalate. We have seen the crushing impact this has had on the Early Childhood Development sector in particular. Strong and long-operating schools have closed their doors: the result of staff losses, halved capacity, Covid infection fears and parents no longer able to afford fees. The pandemic is still devastating the most vulnerable communities and keeping their children from education.

But we know that, in time, schools will rebuild and reopen. Parents will send their beloved children back to gain the education they so desperately need to build lives free of poverty. And Lunchbox Fund will be there each school day to underpin that education with a hot, delicious, nutritious meal that will see them playing, singing, learning and thriving once again.

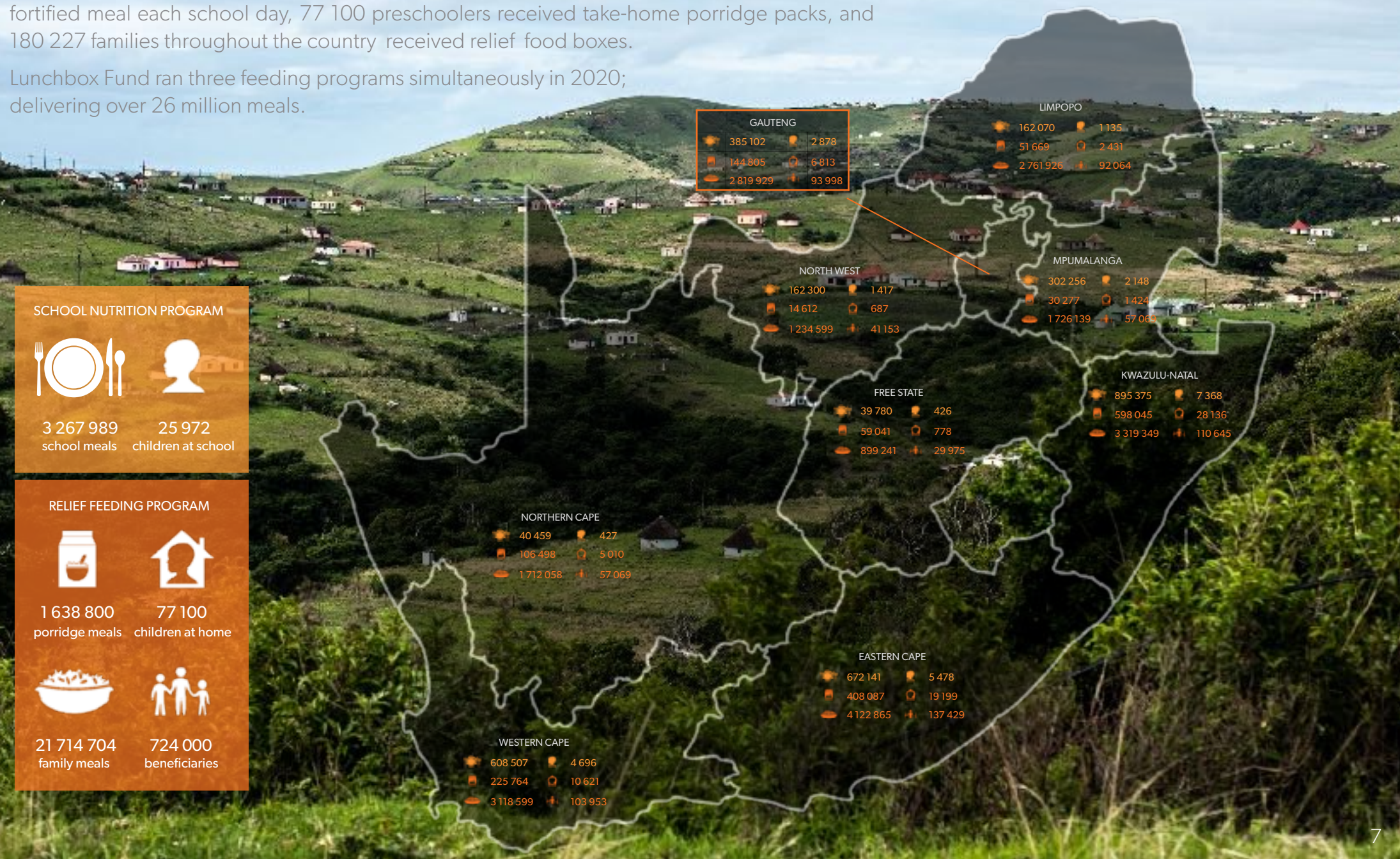
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Where We Worked

The Lunchbox Fund undertook school and relief feeding in all nine provinces of South Africa, and in all settings – peri-urban, township and deep-rural. 25 972 children received a hot fortified meal each school day, 77 100 preschoolers received take-home porridge packs, and 180 227 families throughout the country received relief food boxes.

Lunchbox Fund ran three feeding programs simultaneously in 2020; delivering over 26 million meals.





Covid-19 Relief Feeding

The closure of primary and secondary schools, preschools and playgroups during COVID-19 lockdowns meant millions of food-insecure children, who usually rely on a daily meal at school, were no longer receiving this critical nutrition. At the same time caregivers lost their jobs and livelihoods overnight. The collapse of the informal economy left even more people with no income, and government support systems struggled to keep up.

Lunchbox Fund rapidly pivoted our school nutrition program to provide emergency food relief in the face of this hunger crisis. In partnership with the HCI Foundation, Solidarity Fund, and many long-term and new funders who donated into our dedicated COVID-19 Relief Program, we provisioned over 180 227 boxes of critical food relief for families across all provinces and settings in South Africa – remote rural areas, peri-urban settings, informal settlements, and metros. In all, our Relief Programme reached nearly 721 000 vulnerable people with over 22 million meals.

Relief Feeding Achievements



180 227

Family Relief Boxes
delivered nationally



22M

relief meals
provided



724 000

individual
beneficiaries



400

community based organisations
and NPOs partners





Relief Feeding Funders

SOUTH AFRICA

CORPORATE, TRUST AND FOUNDATION GRANTS

African Sea Cadets — Ball Foundation — Breadline Africa - Cecil Jowell Family Trust — Chris Pinkham — Click Foundation — Citibank SA — Citiq Prepaid — Connectdale — Cape Wine Auction Trust — datacentrix — Dorper Wind Farm — E & M Osrin Charity Trust — Epoch and Optima Trusts — FlyFleet — Harry Crossley Foundation — HCI Foundation/eNCA — MetriTrust — Investec Cape Town (IW) — Investec/DG Foundation — Isiqalo Foundation — Karoshoeck Solar One — Lancet Laboratories — Liberty Malls — Life Healthcare — Maratholi Outreach — Maria Marina Foundation — Megafreight — Molteno & Sterkstroom Community Development Trust — Moshal Foundation — Nedbank (Free State) — Old Mutual (Free State) — Oppenheimer Foundation — Mary Oppenheimer and Daughters — Pep Stores — Pick'n'Pay — Ramsden Trading — Rob Light Productions — Rosebank Wealth Group — Rotary — Sanlam — Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town — Sedibelo Platinum — Siemens (Limpopo) — Siemens Mobility (Gauteng) — Solidarity Fund — SOSA — Storm — Surfer Kids — True North — Truworhs

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School Nutrition in a Pandemic

Ongoing school closures, especially in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Sector required Lunchbox Fund to devise new ways of delivering daily school meals to vulnerable pre-schoolers.

Our funders gladly pivoted their grants into relief provision, and together we were able to distribute 38 500 packs of relief porridge to replace school breakfasts for pre-schoolers and their siblings.

When Primary and Secondary schools and ECD centres reopened, we ran the School and Relief programs in tandem.

During 2020 Lunchbox Fund delivered provisions to 559 schools, enabling Food Mamas to prepare hot, delicious meals for 25 000 children each school day. A meal they needed more than ever.

The on-going impact of the pandemic is deepening child hunger and eroding school readiness and child development.

Addressing this gap through nutrition support in schools will have a profoundly positive affect on the health, education and morale of children and their caregivers.

School Feeding Achievements



25 972

children served each day
when schools were open



3M

school meals
provided



38 551

take-home porridge packs
delivered



77 102

children fed at home
while pre-schools were closed



1,6M

at home breakfasts
served



58

Staff, Food Mama and Fieldworker
jobs sustained through 2020



School Nutrition Funders

SOUTH AFRICA

CORPORATE, TRUST AND FOUNDATION GRANTS

Add Hope/KFC Social Responsibility Trust — African Born Safaris — Khadijah Akojee — Albany (in kind) — Askona Wholesalers — Anonymous — Cape Wine Auction Trust — Cecil Jowell Family Foundation — Chaba Winds of Change Community Development Trust — Citiq Pre-Paid — Crowe Horwath (in kind) — Customer Equity/Kantar — David Graaff Foundation via Graaffs Trust — FedEx — Futurethis — R B Hagart Trust — Mia Kruger — Lorenzo and Stella Chiapini Trust — Maria Marina Foundation — Mi Pato — Milliman Pty Ltd — PB Moshal Scholarship Program — Molteno & Sterkstroom Community Development Trust — NCT Forestry Co-operative — E Newby — Numata Business IT — Odini Trading — Old Mutual Free State — Powafix — Robert Niven Trust — Hayley Rubin — Shoprite Checkers — Sizani Foods — SmartStart — The Spur Foundation — TNT Express — Frederick Wartenweiler Charity Trust — Woolworths My School Card

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Financial Summary and Sustainability

In 2020 Lunchbox Fund ran a national Covid-19 Hunger Relief Program in tandem with our School Nutrition Program, reaching all of South Africa's nine provinces.

Lunchbox Fund maintained distinct accounting protocols to ensure clear differentiation between those funds received for Hunger Relief and those always intended to support School Nutrition.

This income and expenditure split reflects independently on the tables below.

Lunchbox Fund's core administration and staffing costs are covered by donations and funding designated specifically as being for this purpose.

Funding for our Food Mama Program is raised through grants made for socio-economic and female empowerment programs.

100% of all other funds raised: via trusts, private donors, foundations, grants and corporate social investment programs, is channelled directly into the provision of nutrition programmes for children in educational settings.

In 2020, Funds raised into both the Nutrition Program and Relief Feeding initiatives came through:

- Grants and Donations made by Legacy, Privately held, Community or Family Trusts
- Corporate Partnerships and in-kind donations
- Strong, sustained relationships with Private Donors and Funders
- Monthly private donations via website
- Repeated and once-off donations made via EFT and Snapscan

Financial Tables

Revenue, Program Expenses and Operating Expenses

	LBF SA	
	RAND (\$1 = R16.46)	USD
	REVENUE	
Grants: School Nutrition (incl. Relief Porridge)	R11 718 404	US\$711 932
School Nutrition LBF US Disbursement to LBF SA	R8 266 285	US\$502 204
Grants: Covid-19 Relief Feeding	R56 822 964	US\$3 452 185
Covid-19 Relief Feeding LBF US Disbursement to LBF SA	R7 411 932	US\$450 300
In Kind Contributions	R772 120	US\$46 909
Smaller/Other Donations	R288 562	US\$17 531
Other Income - Discount	R821	US\$50
Interest Income	R336 360	US\$20 435
TOTAL REVENUE	R85 617 448	US\$5 201 546
	PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Nutrition Program Food/Transport	R11 257 218	US\$683 914
Volunteer Stipends Food Mamas	R946 463	US\$57 501
Relief Feeding Program Food/Transport	R55 336 912	US\$3 361 902
Fieldworker Fees	R932 951	US\$56 680
Program Materials/Costs/Translations	R17 829	US\$1 083
Staff Training	R0	US\$0
External Program Evaluation (Food)	R0	US\$0
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	R68 491 373	US\$4 161 080
	ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATING EXPENSES	
Accounting Fees/Governance	R40 675	US\$2 471
Bank Charges	R26 067	US\$1 584
Computer Expenses/Website	R30 208	US\$1 835
Salaries and Benefits	R1 524 669	US\$92 629
Entertainment	R0	US\$0
Travel (Fundraising)	R4 574	US\$278
Finance Costs	R2 412	US\$147
Utilities (Phone, Fax, Internet)	R50 576	US\$3 073
Postal Box, Postage and Delivery Fees	R890	US\$54
Printing and Stationery	R5 129	US\$312
Advertising/Marketing/Fundraising	R0	US\$0
Liability Insurance	R8 543	US\$519
Rent	R0	US\$0
TOTAL ADMIN/OPERATING EXPENSES	R1 693 743	US\$102 902
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	R70 185 116	US\$4 263 982
NET REVENUE	R15 432 332	US\$937 564



“The closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic is putting at risk the futures of millions of children globally, affecting not only their ability to learn, but also their access to nutritious food and health support schemes.”

World Food Program

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Tax Exemption Status: Section 18A (SARS)
PBO: 93004275

UNITED STATES

Registration Number: 2653536
Enterprise Type: Registered Public Charity
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