COVID-19 Relief Feeding

Nutrition for Education

Since 2005 the Lunchbox Fund (LBF) has responded to the education crisis faced by millions of children in South Africa by offering targeted nutrition in early childhood settings, primary and secondary schools and after-school programmes. LBF started simply by feeding 100 children most in need at a high school in Soweto. We are currently reaching 30,000 food insecure children each school day, at 800 schools nationwide.

Organisational Governance:

The Lunchbox is registered with the CIPC as a Non Profit Company: Registration number 2012/168298/08. The organisation is registered with The Department of Social Development: 136-386 NPO and holds Tax Exempt status with SARS as a Public Benefit Organisation: PBO: 930042075

Lunchbox Fund is independently audited, annually, by Crowe Horwath Leveton Boner. Annual Financial Statements are recorded with CIPC and SARS and an Annual Report provided to Funders and stakeholders.

Constitutional Mandate

Lunchbox Fund’s memorandum of incorporation defines the Objects of the Company as being (excerpt): “The programs and activities to be undertaken by the Company shall be those listed in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Ninth Schedule to the Income Tax Act No, 58 of 1962, as amended, and shall include, without limitation:

i. The provision of poverty relief (with the supply of daily meals at school on school days): and

ii. community development for poor and needy persons and anti-poverty initiatives, including the promotion of community-based projects relating to anti-poverty, as well as the provision of support or assistance in this regard.”

Within the italicised remit outlined above, and anticipating participation in relief feeding efforts as part of a Covid-19 Pandemic response, Lunchbox Fund applied for and was issued an Essential Services Certificate by CIPC on Monday 30 April, 2020 (attached)

Relief Feeding

Lunchbox Fund is a lean, nimble machine and able to pivot our current ‘school’ model into a broader and varied delivery system easily and effectively. We currently provide into a variety of interventions that range in size from 6 - 1700 children. Our reach is national - all 9 provinces, and we work in urban, peri-urban and rural settings.

Lunchbox Fund is setting up a dedicated fund for relief feeding efforts around COVID-19 that will be separate from our school feeding funds and ensure the best possible tailored response. The heightened food-insecurity that is quickly unfolding will require a distinct approach that is pro-active but also able to
respond to new circumstances as they evolve. We are as ever mindful of an approach that will ensure our food reaches those who need it and is not wasted.

Our school-nutrition food distribution model is being re-purposed to be able to reach families in all the areas we work. Targeting will be dependent on funding availability and stakeholder liaison to reach the most vulnerable with the highest potential impact. We are contacting all our education partners - which include ECDC forums, Non Profits, pre-schools and schools and community-based organisations - to establish our initial work nodes. Our partners have indicated they are ready and waiting to distribute family food parcels, and are able to identify and reach the families known to be most in need in the face of the crisis. Our logistics partner is standing by for our usual to-door delivery to partner schools and to scale up as funding becomes available.

We are confident our long-standing relationships with the schools and communities we support will facilitate a relevant and deep-reaching relief feeding model.

Food Provision

In anticipation of a relief feeding response Lunchbox Fund compiled two x 28 day relief feeding boxes priced at R400 and R450 respectively. These boxes are designed to answer the basic nutrition needs of either individuals or families.

Cost per meal per day ranges from R2.60 for breakfast to R3.90 for an adult meal. These costs are averaged across age and portion size.

Each meal is fortified* with a full range of macro and micro-nutrients, vitamins and minerals: providing up to 50% of daily requirements:

**Meal Boxes** include a range of products which can be formatted in various configurations to address program requirements. Products these include: Maize Meal, Samp and Beans, Rice, Lentils, Soya Mince*, Soup*, Gravy*, Rice and Vegetable Biryani, Milk*, Cooldrink*, Porridge*, Cooking Oil, Spices

Daily Necessities and comfort items such as toilet paper, soap, salt, sugar, tea, creamer, hygiene products will also be included.

Meal boxes provide meals to a family of four for a month and are available at R400 per box.

**Breakfast Boxes** contain fortified Porridge* in two flavours (wholemeal and vanilla). These will be packed for either family or individual use and can be split accordingly. Breakfast boxes are available at R450 per box. (Porridge can be dispensed to individuals at R90 per 28 days.)

**Weight:** Boxes are configured to weigh below 12kgs so that they can be easily carried by beneficiaries.

**Ordering:** LBF will meet need indicated by partner schools and organisations. Donations will carry a reference C-19 designating them as being for relief feeding. These funds will remain independent and distinct from the School Nutrition Program. Organisations requiring assistance are be able to order online via the Lunchbox Fund website.

**Distribution:** Boxes will be delivered to centralised community nodes manned by our partner grassroots organisations, ECDC Forums, school principals, program stakeholders and education NPOs. They will be collected by beneficiaries and lockdown/social distancing and hygiene protocols as mandated by the government will be followed.
Indicative Costs:

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Quality Audit: The content of Lunchbox Fund’s Nutrition Program is audited bi-annually by the Nutrition Institute at Stellenbosch University to ensure optimal delivery of macro- and micro-nutrient within a cost-efficient, single meal, per day, plant based menu.

Supply

The Lunchbox Fund ensures constant supply even in times of scarcity through a carefully managed forecasting, ordering and delivery system. To guard against the impact of fluctuating food availability and prices, food demand is carefully anticipated across a three-month window, and our internationally accredited and 30-year experienced supplier actively maintains stock levels to ensure constant supply even in times of shortages. LBF’s supplier handles the sourcing, manufacture, warehousing and packaging of our food, under our bespoke NutriBright label.

Logistics

Food boxes will be delivered once per month. LBF partners with Value, a reputable transport and logistics firm that works nationally and employs an interactive vehicle tracking system and on the ground signing protocols. Delivery is made to the door of each distributing school/NPO/program and food parcels arrive intact and on time.

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