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South Africa is in its third month of lockdown due to the outbreak of COVID-19. In order to keep supporting our families in this time, we have appealed to the community for assistance. (See page 2)

### Three2six in the news

In April, Three2Six was featured on national TV, on eNCA, where our team talked about the impact of the virus on the project's activities and on the lives of its families. It also showed how critical the support received from HCI in the form of food parcels was.

Three2Six was also featured in both the Daily Maverick and the Marists of Champagnat blog. In addition, Heather Mason and the 2Summers blog featured our mask drive. You can find all the links to read here:

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-04-23-refugee-children-get-a-learning-lifeline-from-three2six/>

<https://champagnat.org/en/refugee-children-get-a-learning-lifeline-from-three2six/>

<https://2summers.net/2020/05/09/lockdown-journal-day-44-mask-fashion>



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## Food parcel drive



We have received support in the way of food parcels from a number of generous donors. We were pleased to have the Lunchbox Fund in partnership with the HCI Foundation and EnCA News, the South African National Zakah Foundation (SANZAF), CAN Observatory, the Turquoise Harmony Institute and the West Street Mosque help us to provide food for our children, families and teachers. Our parents at Sacred Heart College have also given generously towards our emergency feeding scheme, as well as the Holy Family Sisters and various private donors.

The parcels were distributed to our families who were in dire need of food relief and expressed their gratitude for the support.

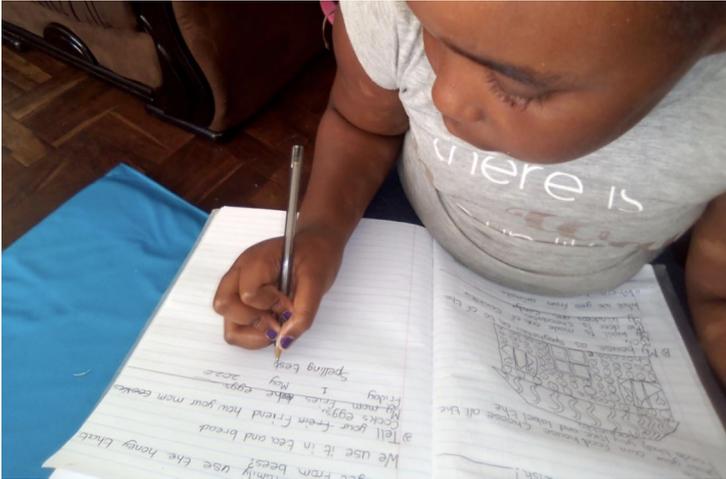
## Mask drive



Our children will need masks when they go back to school, in accordance with the South African government's COVID-19 regulations. To provide for our children, we launched a Mask Drive! We asked for support on social media and the response was overwhelming. Laurice Taitz and Johannesburg in Your Pocket launched a campaign for the project on social media. As such, we received parcels of masks from the 10 Million Mask project and soaps from the French Lemon company as well.

We have also received generous donations from the Sacred Heart College parents and from Bridge Books, Joel van Vuuren and Vuuren House.

## Learning from home through Whatsapp and Radio Veritas



When the schools closed, we faced the challenge of providing lessons to our children. Most of our families do not have access to wifi and smart devices at home. We found a solution in the Catholic radio station, Radio Veritas. Lessons are hosted every Friday by the radio station. Each week, children can tune in and listen to an hour long programme which is a combination of educational, social and fun elements.

During a recent food distribution drive, our team handed out the children's text books and stationery for them to study more

efficiently from home. Our teachers kept in touch with them via Whatsapp to send them instructions and check on their progress. We received their pictures and neatly written work with pride.

## Thank you!

We would like to thank all our partners and all the private donors who have recently made a financial contribution towards our COVID-19 response and our catch-up programme. These include Misesan Cara and the Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland.

We are also very thankful to the funders who have agreed that we redistribute some of their funds towards our emergency response, to cover the costs we have incurred since the start of the lockdown and which were not budgeted for.

Thank you so much also to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) and to the Harris Matthews Charitable Trust for their renewed support of the project this year. We are very grateful for their generous donations which will contribute to the running of our activities in 2020.

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