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'Creating an enabling environment for community based responses to poverty eradication' Siyabhabha Trust

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Horn of Africa: Caritas Thanks You!

The facts around the crisis are as follows

- A fierce drought over a vast territory – Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.
- 11 million people affected, the most vulnerable being pastoralist communities, women and children
- An increase in food prices (200% in Somalia and 70% in the past four months in Kenya)
- Conflicts in the affected zones – 60% of the population of Somalia are not accessible due to the deterioration of the roads and the ongoing conflict.
- The movement of people in search of food and water.
- US\$1 billion needed to meet the needs of the affected people for the year and so far only half of it is secured

Over 1,000 hungry, exhausted refugees a day are streaming into several refugee camps in Kenya, to a place called Dadaab, not far from the border with Somalia. Together, all the camps were meant to hold less than 100,000 people. But over 573,000 refugees now crowd them—and spill out into nearby areas.

The people of South Africa have so far contributed R880, 000.00 to alleviate the suffering of the people who are in this desperate situation.



These are the people you have helped in the Horn of Africa

Caritas staff members from around the world are there too, working with the local Caritas partners to respond to the most urgent needs. The Caritas team includes experts in agriculture, water and sanitation, shelter, medical professionals and social workers involved in protecting children and women who are in dangerous situations.

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Siyabhabha Trust's programmes, a year of achievements



Klerksdorp ECD training workshop participants

that urgently need resources to upgrade and improve their facilities. In addition the diocesan development committees have been supporting the development of diocesan ECD associations to provide the ECD centres with an opportunity to develop a 'community of practice' and to share knowledge and resources within each diocese. At the Bishops' Plenary in August 2011 the ECD programme was used as a case study to highlight the importance of supporting ECD services as a strategic intervention for reducing child poverty.

The Siyabhabha Trust Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme:

The Siyabhabha Trust Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme was implemented in 5 dioceses; Aliwal, Bloemfontein, Klerksdorp, Polokwane and Oudtshoorn. It focused on those centres that operate within communities affected by poverty and supporting young vulnerable children (0-5 yrs). Each site was visited by the ECD programme coordinator and the local diocesan development coordinator. A baseline assessment was done and a database of the ECD sites was created. After analysing the data it was concluded that the ECD centres needed: Governance & Management, fundraising and financial management training. A total of 30 ECD centres participated in the workshops with an average of two participants from each ECD centre.

We are currently finalising the disbursement of funds for 33 ECD sites that urgently need resources to upgrade and improve their facilities. In addition the diocesan development committees have been supporting the development of diocesan ECD associations to provide the ECD centres with an opportunity to develop a 'community of practice' and to share knowledge and resources within each diocese. At the Bishops' Plenary in August 2011 the ECD programme was used as a case study to highlight the importance of supporting ECD services as a strategic intervention for reducing child poverty.



Soil Fertility Training in community

The majority of the participating households were already harvesting by June. All produce good quality vegetables, both root and leaf vegetables. Use of organic nutrients ensures chemical-free and healthier vegetables. A celebration of the success of this pilot took place on the 23 and the 24th of August. The 60 participants received certificates for participation. 10 people, 6 from Mafikeng and 4 from Kopela received prizes for best practices.

Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods programme:

In 2011, ST implemented a Household Vegetable Gardening Project. This pilot took place on two sites in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West Province, one in Majemantsho Village, Mahikeng Local Municipality, another in Kopela Village, Tswaing Local Municipality.

These communities fall under the Kimberley and Klerksdorp Dioceses.

- Total number of participant households: 60 (31 women, 29 men, 5 youth)
- Households having vegetable gardens for the first time: 42
- Households who practised vegetable before the programme: 18
- Total number of members of the 60 participant households: 326, including 50 orphans

Economic Strengthening programme. Get involved!

In 2011, Siyabhabha Trust launched the Life's Beads Project. This handmade jewellery project is an income-generating project working with unemployed women from Pretoria.

Since June 2011, **4 collections** have been designed by participants. Each design reflects contemporary expressions and identities in an urban style. By buying from the women in this project you can significantly improve their lives and encourage their work and creativity. If you would like to learn more about the project please follow this link: <http://www.siyabhabhatrust.org.za/economic-strengthening.html>

Button Love Collection



Pumpkin Flower Collection



String - Story Collection



Chunky Collection



When you buy these pieces of jewellery you can contribute towards*:

- Paying for school fees for one child for one month.
- Buying fruits and vegetables for one week.
- Buying 2Kg of maize meal and meat.
- Paying for candles and matches.

**As reported by women participants.*

We look forward to your orders! Email lifesbeadsproject@gmail.com (Tel) 012 323 7010 (Cell) 078 250 9391

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