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*Second Grant Report: March – July 2014*

## INTRODUCTION

In July 2013, Forix Foundation Awarded The Lunchbox Fund a grant in the amount of \$6 400 / R64 000.

Per the grant Approval Letter: *"The purpose of the grant is to cover the expenditure for the program costs as relates to purchase of supplies and food preparation for the expansion of the program into additional schools."*

## PROGRESS REPORT MARCH 2014 – JULY 2014

### Overview

Following on from the request for assistance in providing both provisions and equipment by the Department of Basic Education in South Africa (detailed in our report of February 2014) – The Lunchbox Fund has responded by supplying both Feeding provisions and help with equipment in a series of schools across the Greater Gauteng Area.

### Roll Out and Timeline

Due diligence was completed in April 2014. A LBF Fieldworker visited each school, accompanied by a representative from our food supplier, Sizane Foods. Their aim was to establish actual need in both areas of the Department of Basic Education's request. We established that 5 129 children needed immediate feeding – and conversations with the women who prepare the meals, our "Food Mamas" established that while the kitchens were mostly furnished with the necessary gas stoves - a number of schools were most in need of an upgrade of Preparation and serving equipment.

### Feeding Programs:

Lunchtime meal provision was implemented immediately and as of 1 May: 5129 children started receiving a hot meal on every school day at lunchtime.

### Equipment Provision:

- Pricing and Sourcing of Equipment began on 1 May with delivery scheduled for the week of June 9.
- Rollout began on Tuesday 10th June – with The Lunchbox Fund delivering the items personally, on behalf of Forix Foundation, to each school. Kitchen and storage equipment was sourced to meet each school's particular requirements.
- Due to the fact that we were buying in bulk, and from suppliers associated with the Government's national School Nutrition program – we were able to meet the needs of all of the schools within the amount granted us by Forix Foundation.

### Observations:

Items that each school needed in common were:

1. Health and Hygiene items: hand and surface sanitizers, hairnets, aprons, general cleaning materials
2. Practical Preparation items: large pots, storage buckets, large washing up basins for use outside, sturdy wooden spoons, serving spoons
3. Serving items: plastic plates, forks and spoons, drinking cups

*Schools Supplied Were:*

GEDPU Schools		Supplies Provided
Johannesburg West	1521	
Meadowlands/Tumang Primary	150	Whole Range
Braamfisher/Braam Fisher Primary	400	Health and Hygiene/Practical Preparation
Tshepisong/Lufhereng Primary	850	Whole Range.
Tshepisong/Tshpisong3 Primary	121	Health and Hygiene/Serving Items
Johannesburg East	3608	
Alexandra/Minerva Secondary	300	Health and Hygiene/Practical Preparation
Alexandra Realogile Secondary	600	Health and Hygiene/Practical Preparation
Ivory Park/Dulcie September Primary	100	Health and Hygiene/Serving Items
Ivory Park/Dr M Motshekga Primary	1681	Health and Hygiene/Serving Items + 2 x serving tables
Ivory Park/Kaalfontein Primary	120	Health and Hygiene/Practical Preparation
Ivory Park/Kanana Primary	150	Health and Hygiene/Practical Preparation
Ivory Park/Sedi Laka Primary	600	Whole Range
Ivory Park/David Makhubo Primary	57	Health and Hygiene
<b>Number of Schools receiving Equipment</b>		12
<b>Total Children Added to The Lunchbox Fund Feeding Program</b>	5129	

*Note:*

The need for actual kitchen upgrades is chronic. One of the schools had no running water in the kitchen. They had no piped in electricity and were 'hoisting' it from a local pylon. The townships around Johannesburg are ever growing as the economic crisis and ongoing civil war in parts of Africa drives people to seek refuge and the hope of employment in Southern Africa itself. Within South Africa itself, there is a constant influx of people from rural parts of the country into the major cities – desperate to find work. They bring their families with them, and those children often receive their only meal of the day at school. There is still much work to be done to ensure we reach them all.

## *Conclusion*

The Lunchbox Fund was delighted to provide the Schools and “Food Mamas” with the equipment they need to deliver the children with a well prepared, piping hot, nutritious meal each day. We didn’t try to change anything – we simple added what was needed. By keeping our intervention simple, cost effective and easy to implement - we have become part of a recognised solution to an enormous problem.

We thank Forix Foundation for sharing our vision and for helping to make it a reality.



Ready to Serve



*Dr M Motseka Primary:* Supplementary Feeding Program provided for 1 681 children: served each day from a kitchen in a container. The school was supplied with a full range of Health and Hygiene Products and Serving Items, and we provided two serving tables (seen behind the students pictured left) to ease the bottleneck at the feeding grill.



*Lufhereng Primary:* Supplementary Feeding Program provided for 850 children each school day. The school has no running water in the kitchen and they have 'hoisted' electricity from a nearby pylon. The image of the benches is the intended 'dining area'. Lufhereng was supplied with a full range of Health and Hygiene Products, Preparation Items like long handled wooden spoons and to new pots plus Serving Items.