



CASE STUDY

Responding to COVID-19

HIGHLIGHTS

R60 million committed by Tongaat Hulett

Board and exco committed a percentage of their personal income for 3 months to the South African Solidarity Fund

Employees and leadership together committed over R1 million of their salaries towards the response to COVID-19

Tongaat Hulett launched a number of key initiatives to support our communities and our people. Our total committed investment by 31 July 2020, of over R60 million, prioritised the safety of our employees and stakeholders.

South Africa

- We joined forces with NCP Alcohols, Spring Lights Gas, Nampak Rigid Plastics and Southern Lodestar Foundation to create a partnership aimed at donating a total of 250 000 litres of hand sanitiser to all provincial hospitals and clinics throughout KZN, with the assistance of the Department of Health. Called "Committed to Community: Health Partners during COVID-19", we supplied the molasses for the manufacturing of the sanitiser and made use of our milling footprint to distribute the sanitiser to clinics and hospitals. 60 000kg of instant porridge was distributed in areas with children in desperate need of support. The closure of schools in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic has had a negative impact on learners who relied on school feeding schemes for a daily meal. Thus, many children were going without nutritious food, and we believed that it is our duty to partner with other stakeholders and alleviate this crisis as much as possible.
- Together with the Southern Lodestar Foundation we also distributed 7 500 hygiene kits and 2 000 instant porridge packs in KZN, with the support of the KZN Department of Health. The food packages and hygiene packs were distributed through the Tongaat clinic, Ndwedwe clinic, Stanger hospital, Ngwelezane hospital and Catherine Booth hospital, which are frequented by Tongaat Hulett employees, their families and other stakeholders. The aim was to safeguard the health of several communities in and

around the Maidstone, Darnall, Amatikulu and Felixton sugar mills on the North Coast.

- We distributed 3 500 food parcels to families in Gauteng, Western Cape and KZN, providing food security for 2 months.

Zimbabwe

- The company donated 300 000 litres of ethanol over three months, from stocks available at our Triangle ethanol plant, which the government used for the manufacture of sanitising materials – both for bulk, decontamination and hand-held sanitisers. In addition, PPE and temperature guns were procured for distribution to district hospitals; COVID-19 isolation centres in Masvingo Province were upgraded and equipped while infrastructure at Chiredzi Hospital was being improved. This is in addition to the medical facilities that Tongaat Hulett operates in the areas around our Zimbabwean mills.

Mozambique

- Our interventions focused on supporting the local hospitals and clinics through the provision of PPE, the donation of 80 000 litres of ethanol for the production of hand sanitiser and the establishment of seven isolation centres for managing COVID-19 cases. The company also focused on hygiene practices through improving the accessibility of water, soap and hand sanitisers in the areas surrounding company operations and partnered with community leaders, the government's health emergency team and a local radio station to raise awareness of COVID-19 and the appropriate measures to guard against infection.