

Dear Friend

I hope you're all well. This is an appeal for help for the survivors of Cyclone Idai in Zimbabwe.

I'm sure you've all heard of the recent devastation of parts of Zimbabwe's eastern highlands (Manicaland Province) caused by Cyclone Idai. The loss of life has been tragic, and for the survivors, the situation is dire. Thousands of poor rural folk have lost their homes, their meager belongings, their few livestock and this season's food crop. Famine, starvation and disease await to claim more victims. We can help mitigate and avert this humanitarian disaster in this beautiful part of Zimbabwe. Every ounce of help matters.

I have successfully asked Medicins Sans Frontiers [MSF] (Doctors Without Borders) Southern Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa, to open an account for donations dedicated to the relief of the survivors of Cyclone Idai in Zimbabwe.

As I spoke to them yesterday, they were already having a team on the ground in Manicaland, doing a needs assessment. I worked with MSF in the early 1990s. They are good at emergency relief work, and they have excellent governance structures. MSF were awarded the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize for their humanitarian crisis relief work, globally.

For those who would like to donate to the Cyclone Idai relief effort, I give the MSF Southern Africa banking details below:

Account Name: Medicins Sans Frontiers Southern Africa

Account Type: Current Account

Bank: Nedbank

Account Number: 1944209425

Branch code: 198765

SWIFT code: NEDSZAJJ (For those making donations from outside South Africa).

To enable the tracking of your donation, and its appropriate allocation, please use the following reference:
[Mobile number]-ZimL

For example:

+27824463535-ZimL

At the end of the relief effort, MSF will provide a written report of all the donations received, and what they were used for. I will post it on this site. I also agreed that should there be any funds left over from the Cyclone Idai relief effort, MSF may allocate them to their other relief projects in Zimbabwe.

Every cent and every penny helps. I'm aware that most of the class in Zimbabwe have been making efforts to help the situation. Thank you very much!! We hope we - in the diaspora - will be able to complement your efforts through supporting the work of MSF for survivors of Cyclone Idai. We must restore the dignity and hope of the survivors.

If you know any others who would like to help but don't know how, please share this message with them.

I thank you all for your generosity, in advance.

Warm Regards

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*Please share with those of your networks in the Diaspora. And forward them the song, as well.

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