



URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT – FOLLOWING CYCLONE IDAI

Caritas have a primary mission through our Church to **serve, accompany and defend** the poor. There is immediate relief and support needed following the natural disaster last weekend of Cyclone Idai. We need to remember that we must accompany our neighbours and aid them with recovery and healing over time. Our colleagues from Caritas Internationalis and within the affected countries are already on the ground since last week assisting. We need to support them.

What you can do:

1. Financial Aid: The SACBC has already sent financial aid to the affected countries - more is needed. If you can afford; please send donations to :

Bank: Standard Bank
Account name: Caritas Pretoria NPO
Account Type: Current
Account number: 011805617
Branch code: 051001
Reference: Cyclone Emergency Relief & Name

2. Practical Aid:

- Collection of non-perishable foods, bottled water and other goods needed. See below for details.
- Volunteer your time within your local parish.
- Specialist assistance with logistics such as assistance with providing packing materials and transportation.

3. How?

- We ask that through your local parish churches, Catholic Organisations and Sodalities you arrange drop off points within your own community.
- Caritas Diocesan Team will then be in contact with you to arrange collection and onward transportation.

We will be working with our Caritas colleagues and their teams on the ground in the affected areas to ensure the goods are safely received and distributed to those in need.

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Thanking you for your support and prayers.

Archbishop W. Slattery OFM



The following list is not exhaustive but indicative of what is required. No perishable goods please.

Practical Goods Needed	Practical Goods Needed
Candles / Solar Lights	Toothpaste
Matches	Sanitary Products for women
Laundry Soap	Baby Nappies/Terry Cloth
Hand Soap	Vaseline and/or Vicks and/or Zambuk
Toilet Paper	Baby Bottles for feeding
Plastic Buckets	Sealable/Airtight Storage Containers – all sizes
<p>Also critical is - Shelter – such as tents, iron sheeting, tarp’ Seeds for planting food for the future</p>	
Food Items	Food Items
Bottled Water	Mielie Meal
Tinned /Canned Food – vegetables, beans, soups	Rice / Samp
Baby Milk Formula (e.g. Nan, Isomil, Lactogen)	Cooking Oil
Tea	Sugar
Long Life Milk	Salt
Clothing/Bedding Items	Note
Blankets	Ideally warm and washable
Clothing	All ages – babies, toddlers, children, adults, (male & female) – in decent condition please
Footwear	All sizes – male & female – including Wellington Boots
Bed Linen	Basic fitted sheets, pillows and pillow cases (not feather)
Towels	From face cloths through to hand and bath towels