



# **Annual Report 2020**

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# Aim

**Souper Troopers is a public, non-profit organisation that helps homeless people in Cape Town reintegrate into society, and supports community organisations that provide meals and basic necessities to the most vulnerable in our society.**

# Objectives

- 1. To restore dignity to homeless people in Cape Town through fieldwork, collaborative services and programmes.**
- 2. To bring people with homes into contact with those who sleep on the street to change negative perceptions through personal interaction, and public education.**
- 3. To create opportunities for homeless and vulnerable people to earn an income while contributing to the building of an inclusive and sustainable society.**
- 4. To establish a centrally located human hub that will function as a comprehensive service centre and a first port-of-call for the homeless community.**
- 5. To support community leaders providing meals and basic necessities to vulnerable communities throughout the Western Cape.**
- 6 To lobby all three tiers of government to provide to all citizens the basic human rights enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.**

# Chair's Report

**Twenty20! The year in which our character and humanity was put to the test. A year that introduced us to a worldwide pandemic that continues to tear at the seams of our humanity. Through our clients' eyes, we experienced the injustice at the hands of authorities and communities. But, more importantly though, we bore witness to our philosophy of DIGNITY, LOVE and RESPECT through the actions of many strangers, reaching out and opening their bank accounts, their business premises, and homes to provide food, shelter, and care.**

**COVID19 showed us our resilience as an organisation, willing us to dig deep and adapt to the needs of our broader communities, raising more than R1 000 000, supporting more than 150 soup kitchens across the Western Cape. We helped to feed THOUSANDS of families during a time that will forever ingrain in us what it means to live the Souper way.**

**Being in lockdown, unable to reach out to our clients and help guide them during the early stages of the enforcement of the lockdown regulations, had us feeling helpless. However, the minute regulations allowed for support services, we sprang into action and started collaborating with the SEABOARD CAN to provide social services to the people still living on the streets. Together we experienced loss, fear, and desolation in our isolation from each other.**

However we, like our clients, remained tenacious, willing to survive the harsh year and activate FULL TIME fieldwork services in August. We also started negotiations with our collaborating partners (Mini Meltdown, Community Chest and Ladles of Love) in realising our vision – The Humanity Hub, for the streets, from the streets. This collaboration supported the appointment of an assistant for our Fieldworker and a part-time base for The Humanity Hub at The Community Chest two days a week. Our management team, – visionaries who continued to fearlessly and tirelessly speak up for the voiceless, the homeless community of Cape Town, on various social media platform where homelessness has often been portrayed as a crime. Even though the act of crime is the failure of all relevant spheres of both government and municipality to adequately provide for those most vulnerable – the homeless community.

I take this opportunity to thank our board members for your daily contribution to Souper Troopers and your participation in so many ways. Thank you Tas, our dedicated fieldworker and Moesh, your assistant, for your focus and energy to assist the our homeless clients. Thank you Chevone, for your vital role as head of admin and your focus on our financial reports.

And..... as always, a special tribute to the many, many donors from across South Africa and the world, whose support has ensured we achieve our goals. We are immensely proud of all that we achieved in 2020 and grateful that it set us on the correct footing to start 2021 with the realisation of our dream, the establishment of The Humanity Hub.

# Highlights



In response to lockdown in March 2020, we setup the Souper Troopers Hunger Relief Fund, which raised **over R1million** for over **150 community feeding schemes**. We formalised the application and vetting process with the help of a few amazing volunteers and managed to ensure hundreds of thousands of people had at least one good meal each day.



We widened our network **through collaborations** with The Gugulethu Seaboard CAN, Ladles of Love, Mini Meltdown, and the Community Chest of the Western Cape. This coming together of like-minded organisations and individuals enabled us to expand our vital work with homeless clients.



When it was safe to do so, our fieldworker, Tasneem Hoosain-Fielies, began doing outreach work along the Atlantic Seaboard. By August 2020 we were able to employ her **full-time to work with homeless clients** on the Atlantic Seaboard and in the City Bowl.



Tasneem became so busy, helping hundreds of clients each month, that we employed a **full-time assistant** for her. Moeshfiqah Bosch joined our team in December 2020.



We were asked to present on our experiences in the sector at the inaugural **Inkathalo Conversations on homelessness**, an engagement process to facilitate dialogue among stakeholders and gather public input.



Behind the scenes we worked on bringing our **Troopers coffee range** to market, a welcome addition to our **Souper Market**, a social business designed to generate revenue and allow clients to become productive.



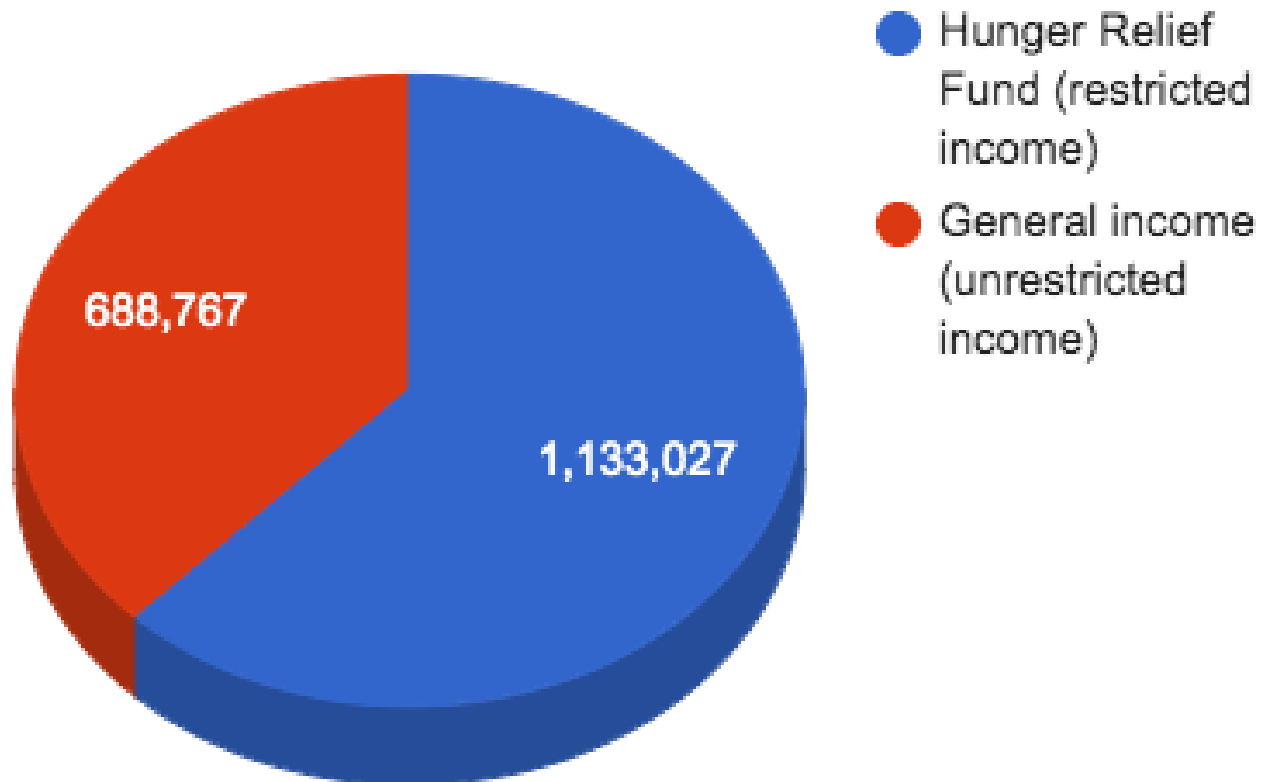
We ended the year on a high note planning for the opening of **The Humanity Hub**, our full service centre for homeless clients, early in 2021.



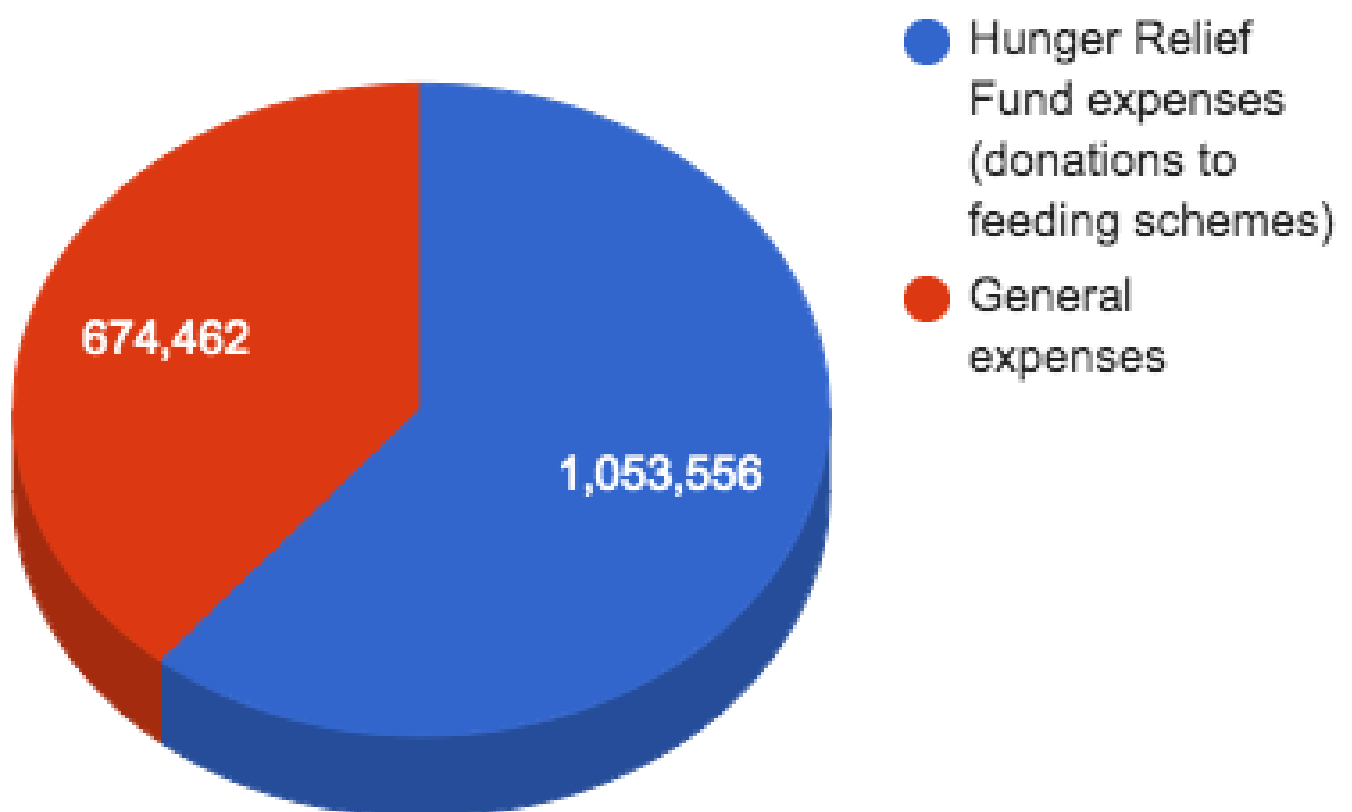
Tasneem and Moeshfiqah

# Financial overview

**Total income 2020 (in Rands) = R1 821 794**



**Total expenses 2020 (in Rands) = R1 728 018**





# Hunger Relief Fund





With grateful thanks to our donors, supporters,  
volunteers & collaborators. We couldn't do it without you.

We uphold the values of **Dignity, Love & Respect** in all  
that we do.

We are all human. We all have a story. Together we are  
the change.



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