



## THE MOOIPLAAS / SPRUIT COMMUNITY FORUM.

Mooiplaas or 'Spruit' as the residents call it, is an informal settlement of +/- 30 000 people living in the poorest of conditions.

Hunger is a huge issue in this community and a group of concerned citizens have rallied together to help those less fortunate. In doing so, we have created a network to work together now and sustainably into the future. Rotary Centurion has partnered with a group of NGO's and community service forums and 'The Spruit Community Forum' was established during lockdown level 3. Key in this process was setting up a network of leaders in the community with whom we are able to liaise.

**A number of projects accomplished so far, as part of this forum include:**

- Packing of vegetable hampers.



- Preparing PPE give-away packs.



- Assisting in the distribution of 10 000+ food hampers consisting of 10kg maize bags and vegetables.



- Special support and assistance to mothers with babies.

### **Responsible Giving.**

As donations diminished the emphasis has shifted to the needs of the elderly and unemployed mothers with babies and young children.

Being able to communicate with the community has become an increasing need and families are being registered with contact numbers, education details and skills levels in order for us to assist with donations and future skills development. We are working hand in hand with community leaders in the settlement to identify and register families in distress. This process is also aimed at managing the number of times recipients have received donations, and ensuring that specific donations are given to people with special requirements.

### **Providing for the Future.**

- 330 lemon trees were donated to the community to be planted at various locations.
- A feasibility study into the potential for permaculture is underway.
- Access to water through the provision of additional taps and water transporting methods, such as 'Hippo Rollers', are being investigated.
- Nutrition and Sanitization program in the Day Care Centres in the community.
- Further empowerment projects are being investigated.