

Counting pennies

Our work is funded entirely by your generosity through private donations and bequests. Each year projects must re-apply for funding, and report on how funds were spent. 100% of net funds raised goes directly to projects and is fully allocated on an annual basis. At Breadline Africa we do not invest in reserves. We believe that the best investment for the future is helping people help themselves.

Our administrative costs are kept below 5% of funds raised. Audited annual financial accounts are available from our UK office:

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Your
footprints
in the
sands of
Africa

Report-back on 2003



Who Breadline Africa supports

Breadline Africa is about partnerships - about compassionate people from the North like you lending a helping hand to people in dire need in the South. We work closely with projects that are owned by and directly involve the beneficiaries, in both rural and urban communities.

List of projects supported

In 2002/2003, Breadline Africa supported the following projects:

ACFS Community Education and Feeding Scheme — Feeding
Biblioref — Literacy
BRAM Care Centre — Care of sick and dying
Business Skills and Development Centre (BSDC) — Skills development
Cape Town Refugee Centre
Caring Network — Care of sick and dying
Catholic Community Service — Feeding
Centre for Creative Education — Preschool education
COSAT — Centre of Science and Technology
CFA — Containers for Africa
CWD Catholic Welfare and Development
Dominican Convent School in Belgravia — Care of orphans and vulnerable children
Edmund House — Taking in and assisting people off the street
Friends Day Centre — Care of profoundly handicapped
GARC — Goedgedacht Agricultural Resource Centre
Goedgedacht Trust — Rural development
Hamlet — Workshops for the handicapped
Hlanganani Ngothando Organisation — Care of the profoundly handicapped

Holy Cross Aids Hospice — Care of ill and dying
Immanuel Centre for Disabled — Workshop for handicapped
Kannaland Mobile Library service — Literacy
Klein Karoo Bronnesentrum — Training of educare workers
KoMani Catholic Development — Rural Development
KOOR — Katolieke Ontwikkeling Oranjerivier - Development
Etafeni programme — Care of HIV positive mothers and children
Maradadi Handicraft — Skills development
Masibambane Christian Development Centre — Rural development
Mbekweni Community Health Project — Care of aged sick and youth
Men on the Side of the Road — Job creation
Methodist Church of southern Africa
Grahamstown — Feeding
Nababeep Advice & Development Office — General development and job creation
Namaqualand Association for Pre-school Education — Preschool training
NAMKO — General development and life-skills
New Life Centre — Assistance to young pregnant mothers
NOAH — Neighbourhood Old Age Homes — Aged
RDSP — Rural Development Support Programme — Rural
Salesians- Love Matters Programme — Youth Aids Awareness
Umthathi Training Project — Rural development skills
Valley Development Project — General development
West Coast Community Foundation — Rural development
Western Province Sports for Physically Disabled — Disabled
WARMTH — War on Malnutrition, Tuberculosis and Hunger — Feeding
WIN — Women In Need — Women's crisis
Winelands & Employees Savings and Credit Co-operative — Job creation
You and Your Money — Assistance to people in debt with skills on how to become debt free

As I write this letter, I think of so many more stories to share with you about the wonderful work that you make possible with your generous support. You have helped to give so many people in desperate need a hand-up and not a hand-out.



But at times I am sure you feel like I do - that in the face of such massive need your contribution is just a drop in the ocean. Believe me, when people are counting every penny, every penny you give counts.

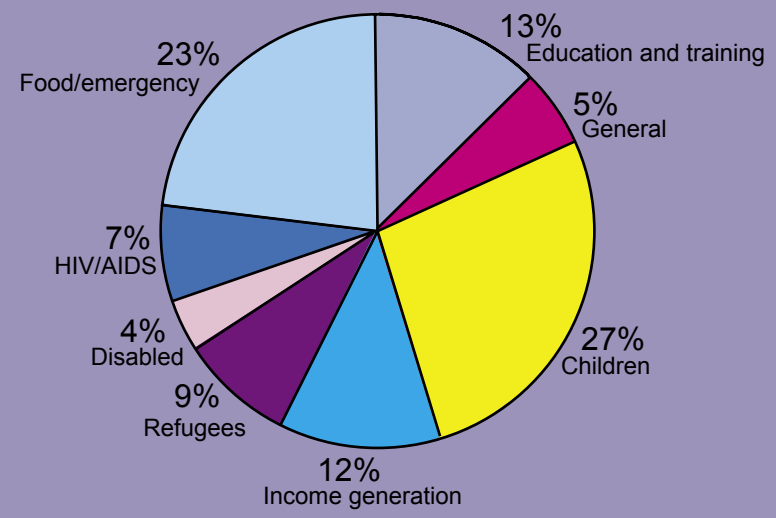
As someone once said, "if you feed a woman you feed a family!" Too often, women and children bear the burden of poverty. And HIV/AIDS is adding to that burden. That's why we support so many programmes that feed people and teach them to grow their own food. And with so many people out of work, we also support many projects that teach people skills so that they can support themselves. I see the results every single day in my work. Thank you for joining hands with Breadline Africa and making a difference.

Yours sincerely
Edna

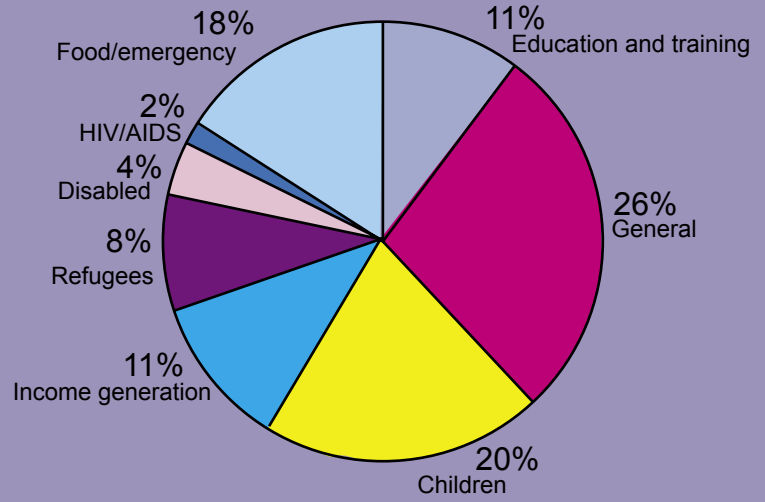
Edna Titus
 Project Officer

Together we are working towards a better future!

Republic of Ireland themes and money raised



UK themes and money raised



Dear friend

It's been such a busy year! I have so much good news to share. What I love most about my work is that every day I get to see how your generosity brings hope back into people's eyes. I wish you could see for yourself! Thank you for caring and helping so many people to a better future.

1. Container soup kitchens

Your generous assistance has helped to convert containers into community kitchens, feeding thousands of hungry people. At just one of these kitchens in Khayelitsha near Cape Town, up to 700 children are fed daily. For many of them, this is their only meal each day! And these community kitchens are helping more and more women who run them to also make a living for their own families.



2. Fire

Fire is always a danger with so many poor people living in crowded conditions in shanty towns with no electricity or running water. Last year I wrote to you about

my visit to the Wallacedene settlement after a fire had devastated this community. I felt so helpless seeing people desperate after losing their homes and meager possessions. But your warm response to my appeal has helped this community to rebuild their homes and lives.



3. Hungry students

Earlier this year your generous donations bought meal vouchers for the keen students at Cape of Good Hope College — about whom I wrote to you. Many of these young people walk miles to and from school each day, often without breakfast or lunch. Believe me, those much-needed meal vouchers fed more than hungry stomachs! They also fed these young people's keen dreams for a brighter future. From all of them, a huge thank you!



4. A safe haven for children

Every child has the right to safety and love. But sadly, too many children in Africa don't have the sanctuary of a loving home. When I visit Thea's home, I am always inspired to see how one person's faith and love can change so many lives. Thea and her family have opened their hearts and home to care for abandoned and orphaned children, many of whom are HIV positive. With the help of dedicated volunteers, there's enough love to go around, but you can imagine how much their huge family costs! Thank you for helping them to do their wonderful work. In the last ten years, Thea has found happy homes for 309 children in need.

5. Sister Cathy

Life for everyone in the remote, arid area of the Karoo is hard. But it is especially so if you are bedridden or terminally ill. That's why one exceptional woman, Sister Cathy, has devoted 20 years to setting up hospice clinics in this vast rural area. But many people are too sick to even get to the clinics. So Sister Cathy trains caregivers who often walk for hours to provide love and care to people dying at home. With your invaluable help, Sister Cathy has set up a new clinic to reach even more people in need of loving care.





6. Beach outing

Holidays are like any other day for many children in Africa. Not enough food to eat and no one to care for them. So a day of fun in the sun at the seaside seems like an impossible dream.

I wish you could have been on the beach the day that dream came true for hundreds of children. It was the first time many of them had ever seen the sea. I can still hear their squeals of delight as they explored the rock pools and splashed about in the waves. And after such fun, no one wanted to go home! So you can imagine how their faces lit up again when they each got a small surprise gift. With all my heart, thank you for making a dream come true!

7. Barefoot vet

With three out of five people living below the breadline in South Africa, most people are battling just to make ends meet. But it's not just people who are in need. Thousands of animals are also in desperate need of professional care.

Thanks to your help the "Barefoot Vet" has set up an animal clinic in Khayelitsha, near Cape Town. This clinic helps people to better look after their animals, and also trains people to start small-scale poultry farms. For many, this provides a wonderful opportunity to make a living.



8. Family-to-family appeal

Christmas with my own family is always a blessed time of joy. But last Christmas I shared the joy of so many other families when they received your gift of a food parcel. Your wonderful response to my 'family-to-family' appeal made Christmas a special day for them. Thank you for showing that Christmas is the season of goodwill.