

URGENT APPEAL

FOOD AND FLUIDS — FOR LIFE

With Christmas just around the corner, our minds are turning to thoughts of time off relaxing with our family and friends during the festive season.

Meanwhile, in Zimbabwe, the humanitarian situation continues to decline. People are starving and a cholera epidemic is killing many people.

In response to this crisis Cosmos

HealthCare is launching a FOOD AND FLUIDS—FOR LIFE Appeal, which will aim to provide relief in three ways; immediate food relief, provision of IV fluids to help treat cholera victims, and provision of seeds to assist with long term food needs.

We are aiming to raise \$30,000 in 3 weeks. Yes this is a big ask but despite all the upheaval in the

world we still live in the lucky country. Let's be bold and see how generous we can be; together we can make a HUGE difference to Christmas in Zimbabwe this year.

While we cannot hope to feed the entire nation we can make an impact in a small way.

Blessings
Jason James,
Executive Director



FOOD

The main focus of our appeal is to purchase a **30 Ton load** of maize meal from South Africa and transport it to Bulawayo in Zimbabwe. This food will then be distributed via a partnership we have with a well established network run by the local Churches of Christ. This gift will feed around **3000 people for one month.**

FLUIDS

Zimbabwe is in the middle of a Cholera outbreak, this disease caused by contaminated water has struck over 10,000 people and killed around 1000 people across the country. There is a HUGE need for INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS, without which many more people will die from dehydration. The severity of the outbreak is increasing rapidly and will worsen as the rainy season approaches.

Recent reports from Doctors in Zimbabwe desperately trying to deal with the situation have been heart breaking and honestly very disturbing. Wards are overflowing

and people die waiting to be seen by a doctor. Unfortunately many large NGO's are choosing not to enter Zimbabwe due to the political uncertainty - Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors without borders) is an exception. This lack of response is costing lives!

Cosmos HealthCare will link with the Christian Medical Fellowship of South Africa (CMF). CMF is well placed and have access to IV Fluids and other supplies. **They can purchase IV Kits which include IV Fluid, lines, needles and gloves, each kit costs \$7.50 AUD!** For around the cost of two cups of coffee you can help save a life.



These kits will be transported in by Doctors from South Africa and used by Celebration Medical, a Christian organisation who hosted us in Harare last year. They are currently mobilising 180 doctors across the country to help deal with this crisis.



SEEDS

Alongside our food aid into Bulawayo, we will arrange for the distribution of packages of Moringa seeds.

Moringa is a fast growing plant which provides a lasting source of highly nutritional food for people and livestock.

www.moringanews.org.

Cholera is an acute, diarrheal illness caused by a bacterial infection of the bowel. Approximately one in 20 infected persons has severe disease characterized by profuse watery diarrhea and vomiting. In severe cases rapid loss of body fluids leads to dehydration and shock. Without treatment, death can occur within hours.

Source: CDC USA

**You can make donations to this appeal
using the form on the next page**

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Special Appeal Donation Form

Please post completed form with cheque (if applicable) to **Cosmos HealthCare,**
PO Box 8161 South Perth WA 6151 or fax to **(08) 9367 7288**



Donations to this appeal are tax deductible if directed through our partner organisation Global Mission Partners (GMP). *NB: GMP will retain 5% of funds for their administration costs, and they will issue a tax receipt to the name and address you supply below.*

Date:/...../.....

Payment method (*circle*): CHEQUE DIRECT DEBIT CREDIT CARD

Amount of donation \$.....

Would you like to receive our bi-monthly email newsletters? YES / NO

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BSB: 105 - 029 Account number: 063 988 740

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DIRECT DEBIT (*internet transfers*)

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BSB: 036 - 037 Account number: 255730

Please enter your name in customer reference line.

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