



CONCEPT NOTE AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION APPEAL

Emergency Humanitarian Response to Support Victims of Xenophobic Attacks in South Africa and Affected Southern African Countries

Submitted by:
Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa (FOCCISA)

1. Background and Context

The Southern African region continues to experience the painful consequences of xenophobic tensions and attacks targeting foreign nationals residing in South Africa. These incidents have resulted in forced displacement, loss of livelihoods, separation of families, destruction of property, and urgent humanitarian needs among affected communities.

Foreign nationals from several Southern African countries have been impacted, with citizens of Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Mozambique carrying a significant share of the humanitarian burden. Many displaced families are returning to their countries of origin with limited personal belongings and require immediate assistance to restore their dignity and meet basic survival needs.

The situation has created an urgent call for compassion, solidarity, and coordinated humanitarian action from churches, faith-based organisations, civil society, businesses, and communities across the region.

The Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa (FOCCISA), as a regional coordinating body bringing together National Christian Councils in Southern Africa, is responding to this crisis by mobilising resources and coordinating support through its member churches and partners in affected countries.

**“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.” —
Galatians 6:2**

Guided by the call of Scripture to stand together in compassion, love, and solidarity, FOCCISA appeals to churches, individuals, and communities across the region to respond generously to the needs of our brothers and sisters who require support.

As members of one body in Christ, we are called to share one another’s burdens and to demonstrate practical love through acts of kindness, generosity, and service. Through this appeal, FOCCISA invites all partners to contribute towards alleviating the challenges faced by vulnerable communities.

2. Purpose of the Appeal

FOCCISA is launching an emergency humanitarian resource mobilisation appeal to provide immediate relief assistance to individuals and families affected by xenophobic attacks and displacement.

The appeal seeks to mobilise essential humanitarian supplies and financial resources to support vulnerable families, including women, children, and elderly persons who have been forced to leave their homes or communities due to insecurity and discrimination.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this humanitarian response are to:

- Provide emergency relief assistance to displaced and vulnerable families affected by xenophobic attacks.
- Restore dignity and hope among affected communities through compassionate Christian response and solidarity.
- Mobilise churches, faith-based institutions, businesses, and humanitarian partners to support regional relief efforts.
- Strengthen coordinated humanitarian action among FOCCISA member councils in affected countries.
- Establish longer-term support mechanisms for recovery, reintegration, and resilience-building among affected populations.

4. Priority Humanitarian Needs

FOCCISA is urgently appealing for donations of essential items, including:

Clothing and Personal Items

- New and gently used adult clothing.
- Children's clothing.
- Shoes and blankets.
- Warm clothing for displaced families.

Women and Children's Dignity Support

- Female dignity packs and sanitary products.
- Baby diapers.
- Baby clothing and essentials.
- Infant care materials.

Household and Emergency Relief Items

- Blankets.
- Bedding materials.
- Basic household supplies.
- Hygiene products.

Financial Contributions

Financial donations will be accepted to support:

- Transportation and distribution of relief items.
- Emergency humanitarian assistance.
- Support to affected families through FOCCISA member councils.
- Longer-term recovery and humanitarian programmes.

5. Target Beneficiaries

The immediate beneficiaries of this intervention include:

- Families displaced by xenophobic violence in South Africa.
- Returning migrants requiring emergency support in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, and other affected Southern African countries.
- Women, children, and vulnerable persons requiring protection and dignity assistance.
- Communities receiving returnees and displaced families.

6. FOCCISA's Role and Added Value

FOCCISA provides a trusted regional platform for coordinated Christian response through its network of National Christian Councils and churches across Southern Africa.

Through its member organisations, FOCCISA is able to:

- Identify affected communities and priority needs.
- Coordinate collection and distribution of humanitarian assistance.
- Ensure support reaches vulnerable populations through established church structures.
- Promote reconciliation, peace, human dignity, and social cohesion across the region.

The Christian faith calls communities to stand together during times of suffering and to demonstrate practical love, compassion, and solidarity. FOCCISA believes that this crisis requires a collective regional response that reflects the values of justice, peace, dignity, and care for one another.

7. Appeal to Churches, Faith-Based Organisations, and the Business Community

FOCCISA warmly invites churches, Christian organisations, faith-based institutions, companies, foundations, and individuals across Southern Africa and beyond to join this humanitarian response.

We appeal for your partnership through:

- Donations of clothing and essential relief items.

- Financial contributions towards emergency humanitarian support.
- Corporate social responsibility partnerships.
- Logistical support for collection, transportation, and distribution of donations.

Every contribution, whether large or small, will help restore dignity and bring hope to families affected by this crisis.

8. Long-Term Humanitarian Support

While the immediate priority is emergency relief, FOCCISA recognises that sustainable support will require longer-term interventions.

Future areas of support may include:

- Reintegration assistance for returning migrants.
- Community reconciliation and peacebuilding initiatives.
- Livelihood recovery programmes.
- Psychosocial and pastoral support.
- Strengthening regional mechanisms for protection of vulnerable migrants.

FOCCISA welcomes partnerships and funding support for both emergency response and long-term humanitarian recovery programmes.

9. Conclusion

The current xenophobic crisis affecting foreign nationals in South Africa is a humanitarian concern that requires a compassionate regional response. As churches and communities of faith, we are called to demonstrate unity, love, and practical support to those experiencing hardship.

FOCCISA appeals to all people of goodwill to stand with affected families by donating essential items and resources that can bring immediate relief and renewed hope.

Together, we can restore dignity, strengthen solidarity, and build a Southern Africa where every person is treated with respect and compassion.

Contact and Donations

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Donation Account Details:

Legal entity name FOCCISA HEALTH AND GENDER JUSTICE NETWORK
Name of accountholder FOCCISA HEALTH AND GENDER JUSTICE NETWORK
Registration/Identity/Passport number 267-120NPO
Account number 10187085089
Account type MYMOBIZ CURRENT ACCOUNT
Branch LADYSMITH KWAZULU NATAL
Branch code 057725
Branch code (electronic payments) 051001
SWIFT address SBZA ZA JJ

Collection Points for Donations

FOCCISA kindly requests individuals, churches, organisations, and communities wishing to support this appeal to submit their donations through the designated collection points in their respective countries.

To ensure effective coordination, accountability, and distribution of donations, all contributions should be delivered to the relevant Council of Churches in each country as follows:

- **South Africa:** South African Council of Churches (SACC)
- **Mozambique:** Christian Council of Mozambique
Conselho Cristão de Moçambique
- **Lesotho:** Christian Council of Lesotho
- **Eswatini:** Council of Eswatini Churches
- **Malawi:** Malawi Council of Churches
- **Namibia:** Council of Churches in Namibia
- **Angola:** Council of Churches in Angola
Conselho de Igrejas de Angola
- **Botswana:** Botswana Council of Churches
- **Zambia:** Council of Churches in Zambia
- **Zimbabwe:** Council of Churches in Zimbabwe
- **Tanzania:** Council of Churches in Tanzania
- **Madagascar:** Madagascar Council of Churches

Durban Collection Point

In Durban, South Africa, individuals and churches may also deliver parcels directly to: **FOCCISA Health and Gender Justice Network**
13 Albizia Grove, Mt Edgecombe, Durban, 4001

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Please note that **only non-perishable food items will be accepted**. Donors are kindly requested not to submit perishable goods.

FOCCISA appreciates the generosity and solidarity of all partners, churches, and communities supporting this appeal. Your contributions will assist in responding to the needs of vulnerable communities across the region.