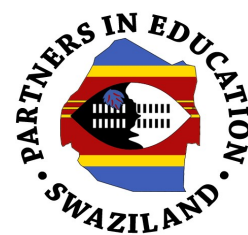


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UPDATE – OCTOBER 2020

COVID-19:

Whilst COVID-19 continues to be a serious health issue, the consequential result of lockdown has dramatically increased the problem of poverty and starvation. The statistics for Eswatini appear to show that the virus is under control, however accurate information is difficult to substantiate.

Lockdown restrictions were eased on 12th October and the borders with South Africa re-opened.

Through the Kirsh International Foundation emergency grants of £35 per month have been made to starving families. Currently the Government estimates there are 301.762 starving people in the country out of a population of 1.2M.

We're on the Web!
www.piescharity.org.uk

Msunduzza & Malagwane Centres

There have been no cases of covid-19 at either of our Centres.

We are currently feeding around 240 children each day by operating the centres as a soup kitchen. Children attend each day and are given a substantial packed meal to be consumed where they are living. The Centre Co-ordinators and volunteer cooks are working hard to ensure each child gets a square meal. Two oranges per child per week are also included. We are grateful to the wonderful volunteers at the Centres who cook and care for the children.

Food parcel continue to be distributed to the most needy families.

As you will be aware we work closely with the Rotary Club of Mbuluzi Mbabane who have provided handwashing stations for each Centre together with a supply of soap. This will allow the children to wash their hands at the entrance before collecting their packed meal and prevents the possibility of children congregating around the kitchen area.

Unfortunately the roof at the Msunduzza Centre has been leaking and needed immediate replacement. This will cost in the order of £3,500. We have been unable to fund-raise since March so this is a blow which has to be dealt with.



SPONSORED CHILDREN

Schools have been closed since April although attempts have been made for home schooling via lessons in the local newspapers and radio. Unfortunately the majority of the children we are sponsoring have no access to either of these media. However we have arranged for the provision of radios for the children in the hope that this will assist them with their studies. The final year students in both primary and high school are now back in school to enable them to complete their studies and take the final year examinations. Examination fees for high school children have been paid. No clear indication of the position of the remaining majority of students has yet been notified by the Government.