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PROVIDING A MEAL A DAY, EDUCATION AND LOVE AND CARE

TO THE VULNERABLE CHILDREN OF MSUNDUZA AND MALAGWANE

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is special because:

- We reach out to the most needy children and provide essential food and support
- We encourage the community to get involved in our work and try to empower them to become self-supporting
- All of the costs incurred in the UK are borne by the Trustees and all money raised goes direct to the children

Thank you to everyone who has supported PIES during the year. It has been a busy time for both the UK Trustees and the two Centres at Msunduzi and Malagwane.

The new school year started at the end of January and 35 children from our pre-school began their education at local primary schools. We have provided them with a uniform, jumper and school bag. School reports have started to arrive for children who are being sponsored.



Both Centres held Christmas parties and a wonderful cake was made and donated by a friend of our local committee and Waterford School provided a Christmas tree. Each child received a small present and a good time was had by all.

We have managed to increase our funding for the Centres to enable a further 25 children to attend. This means that we are now providing a much needed meal each day for around 220 children at our two Centres.

We have extended our food parcel project which helps the guardians and families of the children who attend the Centres. The parcels are issued on a monthly basis and consist of basic necessities such as mealy meal, vegetables, rice, soap etc.



Life continues to be difficult in eSwatini (Swaziland). The country is suffering from budget deficits resulting from a lack of investment and the provision of work. Teachers at the schools are not being paid and the country's health system is failing. There is now a situation where teachers are not being replaced and it is common practice for classes to have between 50 and 60 children attending. This impacts on the Centre's work as poverty is becoming more pronounced and is resulting in a rapid increase in vulnerable children. Hospitals are operating without drugs and medical staff are at a premium. It is not unusual for patients to be turned away without being seen by a doctor.

Despite all the difficulties facing the children we care for they continue to work hard at school with many having 100% attendance.



Lunch time at Msunduzi

A number of our sponsored children completed their education in 2019 and have moved into work or further education. We currently have two children who have been accepted at the local college – no mean feat for children who are classed as vulnerable.

**Forthcoming events –
VE Day Celebration Party – 8th May
Pre-Wimbledon Strawberry & Fizz – 28th June
Windermere Garden Party – 6th September**

A big thank you to all our donors – we couldn't do this without you