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SPRING TIME

Spring is in the air! The change in seasons often brings erratic even inclement weather. But on the 13th September gale force winds and runaway fires from the surrounding SAPPI tree plantations resulted in devastation in the Ufafa valley. Traditional homes with thatch rooves are particularly vulnerable. Fortunately no one died but 8 homesteads were destroyed, and many livestock burned to death.

Gugu Shabalala, from Mthakhathi village, living with her 5 children, lost everything, her 4 school going children's' uniforms, clothes, blankets, mattresses, cooking and eating utensils, water containers, bathing basin, foodstuffs. It was midday on Sunday and Gugu was at church when she heard that her rondavel was on fire. Despite all the neighbours rallying around to help, the fire was too ferocious. Nothing could be saved.

When Woza Moya delivered food parcels to all 8 affected families, Gugu broke down and wept in gratitude. Her oldest son, the only breadwinner in their home, lost his job as a gardener, since covid- 19. They are now trying to survive on x3 child support grants (R440 each), R1320 per month. Gugu's neighbours, as poor as herself, have been sharing food, clothing, blankets.

Woza Moya Paralegal submitted a report on these 8 homes, to Disaster Management, at our local Ubuhlebezwe Municipality; he continues to apply pressure. It has been 17 days, and only 2 of the 8 homes have been visited thus far. Only Gugu has received help, in the form of 4 blankets and 2 mattresses. However a week ago Gugu received an unexpected visit from a lawyer who cross-questioned her. He was brought to her by a local security guard who works in the SAPPI forests, watching out for fires. Gugu says he was aggressive and unkind to her and "did not care that she had lost everything in her life." Woza Moya Paralegal will continue to monitor this situation.



ALSO IN SEPTEMBER:

- Thank you to HollywoodBets-Ixopo for donating tables and chairs for our training room
- Rudene Gerber completed a 1st Aid Training Course for 12 members of our team. According to Rudene everyone passed with flying colours!
- Our Crafters were thrilled to receive an order for 1000 masks from MAMAS. It is wonderful to see everyone being productive again
- MAMAS Alliance CSI team arranged for a great donation of sanitary towels from Stanlib. Many young girls are unable to afford sanitary pads resulting in them missing 4/5 days of school every month
- Our ECD team met with the guardians of our crèche children and after much discussion, a decision was taken to reopen the Woza Moya crèche at the beginning of October



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