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The City's Disaster Risk Management Centre is tapping into Cape Town's extensive NGO network and relationships with various sectors to lend a helping hand to those in need. Read more below:

The City, as part of its Disaster Operations, has set up dedicated channels to facilitate donations to vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Beneficiaries will include street people who are being moved to the City's temporary shelter in Strandfontein, residents at old age homes and frail care centres and the indigent.

The call for donations comes after an exercise to establish a network of Non-Governmental Organisations that are available and able to partner with the City during this time.

The City realises that donation drop-offs will have to be done differently to ensure adherence to the lockdown regulations.

To this end, the Disaster Risk Management Centre has established a dedicated number – 021 597 6004, as well as an email address, which is disaster.donations@capetown.gov.za

One of the NGO partners, the South African Red Cross Society, has also established a point of contact for donations. The public can contact them on 021 797 5360 or via email: info.wc@redcross.org.za

'A critical need that has been identified is blankets. The City realises that, because stores are closed, residents are not able to buy blankets. So we appeal for any spare blankets from your home that are clean and in good condition. There is also a list of food items that will be used to make food parcels for indigent residents. Trolleys have been made available at Shoprite/Checkers and Pick 'n Pay stores, so we ask the public to deposit any food donations in these trolleys when they leave home to top up on essential goods.

We will also ask that trolleys be made available for single donations of blankets. However, anyone who is in a position to donate larger quantities is asked to please reach out to our Disaster Management Centre or the Red Cross Society using the contact details provided, so that we can arrange for collection,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

A list of recommended foodstuff is outlined below:

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Flour (bread or cake)	2.5kg	Powdered Milk (no tea/coffee creamers)	1kg	Onions	1kg
Carrots or fresh vegetables	1kg	Macaroni	500g	Peanut Butter	410g
Cooking Oil	750ml	Maize Meal	2.5kg	Pilchards in Tomato	400g
Corned Beef	300g	Dried Soup Mix	500g	Potatoes	7kg
Instant Coffee	250g	Lentils	500g	Rice	1kg
Jik	Bottle	Jam	450g	Salt	500g
Long life milk	1 litre	Oats (instant or traditional)	1kg	Samp	2.5kg
Soup Powder	500g	Textured Veg. protein (Soy mince)	250g	Tinned beans/corn	410g
Spaghetti	500g	Tea	100 bags	Yeast	10g
Sugar	2.5kg	Tinned Food Bake Beans	410 g	Fresh fruit	
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The City further appeals to donors to please ensure the integrity of the packaging of donated goods and to be mindful of food safety guidelines. Packaged food should be donated in the original, unopened packaging with ingredient labels.

Do not donate:

- Canned foods with dented and/or rusted tins
- Foods in opened or torn containers (e.g. crushed boxes or packaging) exposing the food to potential contamination
- Leaking packaging

'The COVID-19 pandemic is unrivalled in terms of its impact, not just in terms of the threat to human health, but it has also inflicted unprecedented economic hardship on so many in our country, and in fact many countries around the world. However, what has become apparent in the last week is the sense of solidarity between South Africans and the willingness to help others. Cape Town has an established track record as a very giving city and we appeal to our residents who are able to spare something extra during this turbulent time, to build on that track record and please reach out and help where they can,' added Alderman Smith.

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