



Scatec Solar supports frontline health workers, district municipalities, and local communities with a coordinated and collaborative response alongside IPPs and local government in the Eastern and Northern Cape

Cape Town, 07 July, 2020 - In coordination with both the Eastern Cape and Northern Cape Department(s) of Health and the Provincial Disaster Management teams, Scatec Solar obtained a list of medical and personal protective equipment (PPE) in to protect the local health care workers from contracting the virus and spreading COVID-19 further. We have supported the departments and those medical and health professionals who are at the frontline directly – as this has been agreed as the most important need. Together with other Independent Power Producers (IPP) in the Northern Cape, meetings were coordinated to streamline efforts in the procurement and supply of these medical supplies/protective gear.

Knowledge, document, and supplier sharing continues – with a memorandum of understanding structuring the coordinated efforts of the IPPs, provincial, and local Northern Cape government. This was done in coordination with the Provincial Health Departments to correctly identify specific district and community needs – again to maximize impact and increase the reach of collective IPP support in the provinces. Scatec Solar invested in the Joe Gqabi District (Eastern Cape), Pixley ka Seme District (Northern Cape), and ZF Mgcawu District (Northern Cape) with total support for medical PPE, equipment, face mask production and SMME support amounting to roughly R3.2 million.

Integral to Scatec Solar South Africa's Sustainability Strategic Pillars, is the well-being of community members. We acted to ensure the nutrition of a healthy population. Scatec Solar investigated the most beneficial process to support communities, and to date has funded around R900 000 in nutritional support through soup kitchens in the Northern Cape and hopes to roll out more activity in the coming months across more plant locations. The direct and indirect support of Scatec Solar has no doubt assisted the fight against COVID-19, but we must note the true importance of collaboration.

IPPs attempted to create shared value and maximize social return of investment in the funding of these goods in the Northern Cape. It was a targeted response. Directly embedded in our strategic pillars and aligned to United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal 17, Partnerships for the Goals, highlighting the strength in a global partnership for sustainable development. “As electricity production is a necessity in both normal and extraordinary times, Scatec Solar has been shielded from some of the negative effects many other businesses are facing. However, we all have a joint responsibility to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, to protect the health of our employees, their families and society at large. At the same time, we are implementing all necessary measures to ensure continued delivery of much needed power to our customers,” says Raymond Carlsen, CEO of Scatec Solar.