



## **STATEMENT: SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK CONTINUES AT DIAKONIA**

Diakonia Council of Churches, which for more than four decades has worked together with local churches and concerned citizens in Durban towards a just society, will continue its important programme work after the organisation has emerged from a recent hard-hitting financial crisis. While it is not through the woods yet it is able to keep its doors open.

When some key overseas funding sources changed their funding priorities, the organisation was at risk of closing its doors earlier this year. We have been overwhelmed by the love, prayers and generous support offered by the public, Friends of Diakonia and our partners. As a result, we have received diverse funding to enable us to keep our doors open.

The financial crisis has undeniably affected our staff and our operation, as we underwent a difficult restructuring process. Our social justice work is to be scaled down in the interim, until we completely overcome the crisis. While we have weathered this heavy storm, we are working on alternate means of earning income to sustain our much-needed social justice work.

We acknowledge and truly are grateful to the public, member churches and all others in the wider Diakonia family for your prayers and support in all forms, and request your ongoing support to improve our sustainability.

We do not exist apart from you, and we look forward to being able to walk into the future together to create the just world we envisage for ourselves, our neighbours and our children.

Contact Ms Nomabelu Mvambo-Dandala for further information to support the organisation in any way on 031 310 3500 or email: [the.director@diakonia.org.za](mailto:the.director@diakonia.org.za)

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