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Food Parcels, blankets and face shields for Diepsloot community and Witkoppen Clinic

Food Security for vulnerable communities and protection of our front line workers remains a key priority as COVID-19 numbers continue to rise in Gauteng.

Kennedy Dembetembe, Senior Manager: Corporate Social Investment (CSI) at African Bank says that as the spread of Covid-19 continues, the one thing that is clear is that this pandemic is a vital reminder that human beings are on this planet to take care of each other – and business is a way we can leverage this purpose. “At African Bank we’ve worked hard at moving our CSI from simply a boardroom box ticking exercise into company culture and conversations and the results are so encouraging.”

This week the team, accompanied by Lindiwe Miyambu, African Bank’s Group Executive: Human Capital, and Dembetembe paid a visit to the Witkoppen Clinic to drop 100 food parcels and 100 blankets to beneficiaries of Witkoppen Clinic from the Diepsloot community.

100 face shields were also provided for front line workers at the Clinic. The Face Shields were produced by Regent Business School using their 3 D printers. They have also provided additional face shields that we will be donating to the Tambo Memorial Hospital in Boksburg and the Sterkfontein Hospital. “There is a concerning shortage of PPE at these clinics and hospitals leaving doctors, nurses and other frontline workers dangerously ill-equipped to care for COVID-19 patients,” he says.

“There is such a dire need for programmes like this and the need for greater compassion and humanity. I am thankful we can assist in some small way,” he concludes.

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