

# Team Sweden responds to devastation caused by riots in South Africa

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## Team Sweden calls on all partners to help #RebuildSA

Recent riots in two of South Africa's most densely populated provinces have left many of the most vulnerable in even more dire situations than before. The country's people have been left to pick up the pieces of a devastating aftermath of politically charged rioting followed by opportunistic looting by the impoverished. This has caused considerable damage to businesses and infrastructure – impacting employment, supply chain operations, essential services, and public property. Team Sweden in South Africa has joined to support those working hard on the ground. They are doing so by calling on their partners to take action and contribute to rebuilding and focusing on caring for those most impacted.

Team Sweden in South Africa is a network of public organisations, agencies and companies that promote Swedish exports and investments in Sweden. It is headed by Ambassador Håkan Juholt, and has partnered with The Gift of the Givers Foundation (<https://giftofthegivers.org/>), the largest disaster response, non-governmental organization of African origin on the African continent, to disperse donations where they are most needed. Their Assistance is provided unconditionally, assisting the needy, regardless of race, religion, class, political affiliation, or geographic location, restoring the hope and dignity of the most vulnerable in their time of need, rebuilding prosperous communities and empowering leaders of tomorrow.

Since its inception in 1992, the organisation has been responsible for the delivery of life-saving goods and on-the-ground support for innumerable people, collectively valued at some 3.2 billion ZAR, in more than 43 countries across the globe, including South Africa.

Ambassador of Sweden to South Africa Håkan Juholt says, "Sweden has a long history of standing by our friends in South Africa through struggle for freedom and equality and we are here to stay and continue to help rebuild South Africa through this struggle. Our organisations and businesses are not going anywhere, we are in it for the long haul, together for the future. It is very encouraging to see the values of Ubuntu playing out as the citizens of South Africa have unified to protect and reconstruct their communities. We call on all our Swedish and South African friends, businesses, agencies and other partners to donate to Gift of the Givers who will disperse all resources where they are most needed."

To donate as part of the #TeamSwedenforSA Campaign, send your contributions to:

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| Organisation:   | Gift of the Givers             |
| Bank:           | Standard Bank South Africa     |
| Account number: | 052137228                      |
| Branch:         | Pietermaritzburg, South Africa |
| Branch Code:    | 057525                         |
| SWIFT Code:     | SBZAJJ                         |
| Reference:      | #TeamSwedenforSA               |

If in South Africa, request your Section 18A certificates (tax deductible donations) by sending deposit slips to [donations@giftofthegivers.org](mailto:donations@giftofthegivers.org). For further information you can call toll free on 0800786911.

We thank you for your support in sharing and supporting this campaign.

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