Engen makes R6m commitment to fuel Gift of the Givers

Engen has committed R2m in fuel annually to humanitarian disaster relief organisation Gift of the Givers over the next three years.

Engen MD and CEO Yusa' Hassan and Petronas chairman Dato' Sri Syed Zainal Abidin hand over a cheque to Gift of the Givers founder and chairman Dr Imtiaz Sooliman.

"Given the challenging social context in South Africa, Engen is firmly committed to investing in sustainable development initiatives that offer tangible value to the communities in which we operate," said Engen chairman, Dato Sri Syed Zainal Abidin who attended the recent cheque handover ceremony.

"And given the wide reach and incredible national relief efforts of the Gift of the Givers', Engen sees much value in this partnership" he added.

Countrywide humanitarian relief

Gift of the Givers founder and chairman, Dr Imtiaz Sooliman said the enormous value of the fuel partnership became obvious considering that the organisation offers humanitarian relief in areas of South Africa as diverse as KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Limpopo, and the Northern and Western Cape.

"Already this month we have been in Alice in the Eastern Cape providing relief to victims of the flooding; Calvinia in the Northern Cape where farmers and farmworkers have no resources available for themselves or their animals; Graaff-Reinet to provide items crucial for the survival of drought victims; and Ntinini in KwaZulu-Natal to feed the hungry, amongst others."

Sooliman said their convoys travel long distances across the country to deliver relief to those South Africans most in need.

"This generous commitment by Engen to assist with our fuel costs is going to make a significant difference to the reach of our intervention efforts. A partnership with like-minded brands such as Engen, will enable us to strengthen our ability to make an impact to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people across South Africa. I applaud Engen for this commitment."

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