



**Golder Trust  
for Orphans**



## SNAPSHOT

**Name of the Project:**  
Thembisa Embo Community Project

**Type of Project:**  
One Time Grant Funding Project

**Location:**  
Durban, South Africa

**Number of Orphans Being Supported:**  
300+

### Overview

The Thembisa Embo Community Project is a project located outside of Durban, South Africa that strives to support AIDS orphans.

It's primary objective, achieved through donations from individuals and various organizations, is to provide safe, loving homes for HIV/AIDS orphans by ensuring each child has a primary caregiver, a suitable dwelling, nutritious food, education, access to health care and counselling.



### Dwellings

The project has been able to patch badly damaged homes very successfully as well as building a few houses. The project has, through generous donations, been able to provide cement, roofing and wood to a number of caregivers. Most importantly, the project also co-ordinates volunteers to assist with labour as the caregivers are often old and unable to do any building themselves.

### Food

This project was the pilot project of Thembisa and remains an essential part of the organisation. It partially relieves the burden on the caregivers who are feeding many children, and also provides a sense of belonging to Thembisa. The project receives food from local churches, individuals and private companies which it distributes every Wednesday. The project also has a successful vegetable garden.



### Education

The project is able, through the generosity of individual donors, to pay school fees for a number of the orphans. This year Thembisa partnered with World Changers Academy to present a successful life skills program.

### Health

Thembisa promotes the mental and physical health of all the family members by ensuring they have access to health facilities. This may involve calling and directing an ambulance or transporting people personally. Caregivers and children are referred to appropriate centres for counselling and advice.

### Details and Recent News Caregivers Support

The project recognizes that every child has the right to a caregiver. Thembisa supports the caregivers by providing access to social services, a support network, skills training and practical assistance where required. Industrial sewing machines and automatic knitting machines provide opportunities for caregivers to learn a skill and when proficient to earn money.



### Where to Find More Information

<http://thembisa.com/>