

Polokong Children's Village
South Africa
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Latest Situation

The financial situation of the Polokong Children's Village continues to dominate their lives to such an extent that a number of staff have had to forego their salaries in November and December. Future financial support from the SA Government is under review. In response to our enquiry, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees wrote the following:

"Yes, Polokong is in a very precarious situation. The intention is for Polokong to continue providing a home for children who are in need of its caring environment. Due to fewer donations, costs related to the drop in centre and satellite homes, challenges related to allocations of money to these different projects, and challenges from the Department of Social Development subsidies, Polokong is experiencing very difficult financial challenges. The board has decided to not renew Polokong's involvement with the drop in centre and to dispose of the satellite homes and to only keep the main home."

When specifically asked about the future viability of the Polokong project, the Chairman wrote:

"Apropos Polokong's continued sustainability, the intention is that it will, with God's grace and provision, but things are very difficult right now and creditors still need to be paid and there is a great deal of uncertainty on how that will happen in the short term. The disposal of the satellite homes may offer some financial reprieve to these debts, but the transfer of the proceeds from the sale are still pending."

Towcester Response

SVP Towcester view is that our continued support for Polokong after two decades of association is vital. We must do what we can to ensure the children's security and wellbeing during these uncertain times. Our latest tranche of funds, kindly donated by parishioners, is on its way now. This amounts to over £1.1k, and Polokong have expressed their deep gratitude to us for this contribution.

The Children Continue to be Supported

SVP South Africa have continued providing support and assistance to the Polokong Board, and indeed they paid for a Christmas party for the children. Some of the photos from this obviously happy occasion are shown below.

