

COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

Responding to climate-related disasters

We donated R300 000 to **Gift of the Givers Foundation** in South Africa to support drought-stricken communities in the Eastern Cape. The funds were used to install two boreholes in local communities, one of which was erected at a school in Butterworth supporting both the school and the community.



We donated AUD50 000 to **Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES)** in response to the worst bushfires Australia has experienced in the past decade. Australian army reservists were called up to help fight the fires, among them were a number of our staff.

Philanthropic initiatives

Understanding that there are many good causes that fall outside of our current key focus areas, we make available a budget for quarterly donations to charities and/or organisations that are not aligned to our corporate social investment mandate and strategy. The budget is distributed in the form of smaller donations in response to requests received for assistance across South Africa. These donations cover a range of sectors from early childhood development, environmental conservation, crime deterrence, sports development, arts and culture, to health and welfare. One such donation included assisting with the provision of a lecture hall and doctor's lounge at the **Prince Mshiyeni hospital**, a teaching hospital in Umlazi, KwaZulu-Natal. In the last financial year we made 71 ad hoc donations across South Africa to the value of R1.7 million (2019: 99 ad hoc donations; R3 million).

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Planted 1 500 trees

Environment Trees for Cities

Investec continues to partner with the charity **Trees for Cities**, offering a variety of volunteering opportunities to staff to plant trees in urban areas across the UK. Trees for Cities helps local communities and schools to plant trees and shrubs, and to grow food, reconnecting urban areas and residents with nature. In the past year, 266 of our staff volunteered 1 330 hours of their time planting 1 500 trees, 530 bulbs, and three edible playgrounds (made of herbs, vegetables or fruit) in various schools.

Philanthropic initiatives

In the past financial year, we funded several philanthropic initiatives. One such initiative was the provision of 500 hot meals for the homeless through the social enterprise, **the Canvas Café**, one of Investec Beyond Business's alumni. A second initiative was the donation of £3 000 to **The Lord Mayors Appeal** which brings together businesses, employees, neighbouring communities and charities to find solutions to some of London's most pressing societal issues. The donations are used to support the ground-breaking work of their charity partners. In addition, Investec UK's donation committee provided over £72 000 to non-partner charities through employee charity funding and external charity project donations.



For more information on our conservation efforts and our contribution to Birdlife South Africa and the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), please visit www.investec.com/en_za/welcome-to-investec/corporate-responsibility/our-environment.html



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