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To All Concerned Persons,

As you know the economic, political and security situation in Zimbabwe is in a highly precarious situation and for the vast majority of the people of that country, life has become a nightmare of avoiding physical violence whilst foraging both in the countryside and the towns for food and basic commodities. Life expectancy is now the lowest in the world at 36 years.

There is no known precedent in the world for the level of inflation in Zimbabwe and its currency is all but worthless.

Naturally this implosion has not escaped the Jewish Community numbering some 320 souls of whom many were once financially sound and retired in comfort are now struggling to make ends meet. Access to decent medication, medical treatment and endless queues for anything from ATMs (when they work) to supermarkets (when supplies are available) and fuel adds to the daily grind of survival. Power and water failures can last for weeks at a time.

During 2007 the "ZIMBABWE FUND" was initiated by the African Jewish Congress supported by several international donor organisations and individuals to provide direct distribution of food, medicines, and other supplies to the Jewish Community of Zimbabwe and several such transfers have already taken place. Needless to say community members have expressed warm and heartfelt gratitude for this lifeline of support that has been extended to them. The Jewish old age home in Bulawayo, Savyon Lodge has also been the beneficiary of campaigns to raise funds from organisations like Chai SouthAfrica.

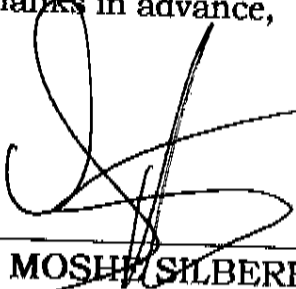
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Despite its own problems the Jewish Community in Zimbabwe is still reaching out to try and help the wider Zimbabwe population with support for various AIDS programs, handicapped children and victims of violence.

The funds are depleting under ever-facing increase in needs and demands from the community and we appeal to you to reach out and lend a hand to this tiny community trying to survive amidst the closest thing to absolute chaos that humankind can experience in the 21st Century.

With thanks in advance,




RABBI MOSHE SILBERHAFT
PRESIDENT - AFRICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ZIMBABWE FUND

Food and medical distribution

Account Holder - "Central African - JDC Welfare"

BANK: Standard Bank of South Africa

Branch - Killarney

Code 007 205 35

Account Number 00164 9868

REF: (your name)

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CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES NO. 2

BANK: STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA

BRANCH: KILLARNEY

ACC. NO.: 200 282 816

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REF: (your name)

Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation

BANK: Standard Bank of South Africa

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Branch Code: 007205

Account Number: 200 301 365

Account Name: CENTRAL AFRICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES - BHC

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