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Toddlers Get One Square Meal A Day Thanks To Masibumbane Pre-School

Masibumbane Pre-school branch of Meals on Wheels, Umzinto, Scottburgh makes sure that toddlers from really poor families can look forward to one hot, hearty meal a day.

"Our branch serves 35 extremely poor children plus we also feed pensioners on pension day," says branch manager, Mrs Zodwa Hlongwa.

The staff of the pre-school - one teacher and one cook - are volunteers who earn a small stipend for the work they do, and there is concern that the stipend is not enough to keep the staff motivated. Staff who stay away from work make the pre-school difficult to run, and more funds are needed to make it worth their while for the staff to stay at work.

"We are in desperate need of a bakkie to transport the children to and from school," Mrs Hlongwa says. The school would also be grateful for an extra gas stove as the one they are using is a two-plate electric one.

Meals on Wheels is a charitable organization that provides meals for people too poor or infirm to fend for themselves. You can sponsor a hungry person via SMS – simply SMS the word '**MEAL**' to **39055**. Your SMS is billed at *R15.00*

For further information or for comment, please contact Mrs Zodwa Hlongwa on +2782 043 0184.

You can also visit the following websites for more info on Meals on Wheels for the Aged:

• Meals on Wheels website: <u>www.mow.org.za</u>

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- Twitter: <u>http://twitter.com/mowcssa</u>