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Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry
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NLC RESPONSE TO COVID 19 MEASURES – AS IT PERTAINS TO MANDATE PRESENTATION

Mr Cuthbert asked the Department to submit a full written list of all the non-profit organisations and non-governmental organisations that had received funds from the National Lotteries Commission.

## RESPONSE FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION (NLC):

The information requested is classified as grant information as defined in the Regulations of the Lotteries Act, No. 57 of 1997(Lotteries Act), as amended. The request has been assessed and is dealt with in strict accordance with Section 67 of the Lotteries Act, Regulation 8 and relevant legislation governing access to private information.

Section 67 of the Lotteries Act deals with access to information. It provides as follows:

- "(1) Subject to the Constitution, any legislation which may be enacted in pursuance of sections 32(2) or 33(3) of the Constitution or any other relevant law, no person, including the Minister, a member or employee of the board or the Department, or a former member or employee of the board or the Department, may –
- (a) in any way disclose any information submitted by any person in connection with any application for any licence, certificate or appointment under this Act; or



- (b) publish any information obtained in contravention of paragraph (a), unless ordered to do so by a court of law or unless the person who made such application consents thereto in writing.
- (2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence."

The legislation enacted in pursuance of sections 32(2) and 33(3) of the Constitution are Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 ("PAIA") and Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 Of 2000 ("PAJA"). The Protected Disclosures Act, 26 of 2000 ("PDA") and Protection of Personal Information Act, Act No. 4 OF 2013 (POPI) are any other relevant law because they deal with the disclosure of information.

Regulation 8 of the Regulations recognises rights of access to information and to publish information as envisaged in the Constitution, PAIA, PDA and any other law, which would include POPI. This takes into account the rights in section 16 of the Constitution, subject to the limitations under PAIA, PAJA, PDA and POPI. It is clear from section 2 of POPI that one of its purposes is to give effect to the constitutional right to privacy in section 14 of the Constitution.

The following information is provided within limitations of afore legislation.

As guided by Section 2A (3) of the Lotteries Act No 57 of 1997, as amended and the approved Pro-Active Funding Policy the NLC appointed 54 organisations across the country to implement the project as follows:

| Province     | Number of<br>Organisations | Total for the Province |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Eastern Cape | 5                          | R 1 400 000            |



| Free State     | 8  | R 1 050 000  |  |  |
|----------------|----|--------------|--|--|
| Gauteng        | 8  | R 1 750 000  |  |  |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 7  | R 1 750 000  |  |  |
| Limpopo        | 5  | R 700 000    |  |  |
| Mpumalanga     | 5  | R 650 000    |  |  |
| Northern Cape  | 5  | R 650 000    |  |  |
| North West     | 5  | R 650 000    |  |  |
| Western Cape   | 6  | R 1 400 000  |  |  |
| TOTAL          | 54 | R 10 000 000 |  |  |

## Impact of the Funding

The NLC evaluation of the project indicated that the relief fund had a significant impact on the lives of the vulnerable and provided much needed relief on their daily lives. The 54 organisations that were funded as mentioned above managed to distribute food parcels to around thirteen thousand, one hundred and seventy-seven (13 177) households with an average of five (5) people per household which translated into sixty-five thousand, eight hundred and eighty-five (65 885) people who benefited. The funded organisations cooked meals through soup kitchens and fed about twelve thousand, three hundred and thirty-six (12 336) destitute people while a total of forty-two (42) shelters were supplied with essentials such as hygiene stuff, blankets, mattresses and general toiletries. The table below shows the provincial breakdown of the impact.



| Province       | Food Parcels            |  | Number of people who            |          |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|
|                | Number of<br>Households | Number of people who<br>benefited (average of 5<br>people per household) | benefited from Soup<br>Kitchens | Shelters |
| Eastern Cape   | 1 104                   | 5 520  | -                               | -        |
| Free State     | 1 295                   | 6 475  | 476                             | -        |
| Gauteng        | 4 185                   | 20 925   | 410                             | 25       |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 1 191                   | 5 955  | -                               | 8        |
| Limpopo        | 1 000                   | 5 000  | -                               | -        |
| Northern Cape  | 505                     | 2 525  | -                               | -        |
| North West     | 850                     | 4 250  | -                               | -        |
| Western Cape   | 2 757                   | 13 785   | 11 450                          | -        |
| TOTAL          | 13 177                  | 65 885   | 12 336                          | 42       |



## **Assurance on the Process**

The Audit and Risk Division provided assurance on the process followed in providing the COVID – 19 pandemic relief program and it concluded that controls were adequate and effective as per the attached report.

Mrs Thabang Mampane

Commissioner

**National Lotteries Commission** 

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Prof NA Nevhutanda

Chairperson

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