

Small Businesses in South Africa are on their knees, and the ANC couldn't care less

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Covid -19 claimed many lives and livelihoods that could have been avoided. There is no doubt in my mind that the ANC has blood on their hands.

During Covid-19, South Africa's families are vulnerable and Small Businesses even more.

The Department of Small Business Development failed their mandate; they failed Small Businesses.

South Africa has one of the highest failure rates for start-ups and entrepreneurs, due in part to the stranglehold that regulatory burdens - red tape have on entrepreneurs and small businesses. Small businesses continue to struggle to operate in a highly inflexible and rigid regulatory environment.

The department introduces even more red tape with the application process for small businesses to apply for Covid relief from the Government. The incapable SEFA send applicants from Pilar to Post, the Department of Labour is still struggling to pay out TERS, and sole proprietors are hanging in the air because the department of trade and industry don't have a plan to accommodate them in their system.

Covid-19 wounded Small Businesses, but the ANC lead Government gave them the final death blow.

Hundred thousands of Small Businesses are connected in one or another in the value chain with the alcohol industry. The ANC thought is a good idea to lock the sale of alcohol in – another final blow to small businesses, hence blood on the incapable state's hands.

A caring state, Minister Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, will make sure that those trading in alcohol-related goods are taken into consideration before the National Coronavirus Command Council take an irrational decision which the President announced two Sundays ago.

Even the Chairperson Grandstanding in the portfolio committee on how she supports the President announcement. Sonder om 'n flenter om te gee. 'n Klap in elke Klein besigheid se gesig.

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It is more important for the cabinet to protect ideology, that was fifty years ago the order of the day and proven around the world as a failure than to reach out a hand of support to our desperate small businesses. The cabinet will somewhat protect the incapable ANC than the

citizen of South Africa that are wounded by Covid-19 – There is blood on the hands of the executive! The ANC doesn't care for the poor!

Der duisende kleinsake smee om hulp. Hulle staar met honger en wanhopige oë na die regering en soebat vir hulp. Die slegte nuus is dat daar nie hulp op die horison is nie, want nie net is die ANC beheerde regering nie daar toe in staat om effektief vir al sy inwoners te regeer nie, maar het ook toegelaat dat die koffers voor die pandemie deur skurke geplunter is. Die DA is die enigste Party wat 'n daadwerklike plan op die tafel het om die slagveld van Covid-19 om te skakel in 'n groeiende en suksesvolle Suid Afrika vir al sy inwoners.

The Government needs to show their commitment to all SMMEs so that the millions unemployed South Africans can get a job to restore their dignity. Unemployment is at crisis levels, and we cannot afford a puppet President to make unprecedented announcements inconsistent with business principles.

The DA will continue to fight for the survival of small businesses. South Africa deserve a Government that cares for all SMMEs, that empower entrepreneurs to be successful so that they create jobs for the millions of unemployed South Africans

The DA reject the budget.