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## **Media Statement**

## NLC sets the record straight on NSPCA & funding priority areas

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The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) regulates the Lottery industry in South Africa, it is through this regulation that the NLC generates proceeds to maintain operations, as well to distribute funds to good causes.

On average, the NLC distributes R1.5bn each year and the Charities Sector accounts for almost R700m of these allocations, which is 47% of the total budget. Each year, more than 14000 applications are received in this sector, requesting more than R10bn in funding.

It is clear that based on the needs the NLC funding cannot address every organisation's needs, it was for this reason that the Board resolved on having focus priority areas on a yearly basis.

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The focus priority areas for this financial year have been communicated through the NLC's advert, and are as follows;

Strategic Funding Programmes	Projects to be funded
Prevention, Early intervention and protection for the Vulnerable.	<ul> <li>Home Community-based care services for vulnerable people with chronic illnesses, orphans/children and older persons. Out of home services for abused and vulnerable which include women/men and children. (Including destitute and abandoned).</li> <li>Infrastructure and maintenance for children's homes, shelter for children and aftercare services, adult and rehabilitation centres. (Excluding Infrastructure for Early Childhood Development Centres-ECDs).</li> <li>Projects focusing on stimulation Programmes for people with disabilities and older persons to improve their quality of life.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Prevention and intervention programmes that address crime reduction.</li> <li>Substance abuse.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interventions for people (including children) in conflict with the law, including diversion and offender integration programmes/projects.</li> <li>Early interventions for gender-based violence, as well as violence against children, the elderly and people with disabilities.</li> <li>Drug, alcohol and substance abuse interventions (including in-and out-patient programmes).</li> </ul>
Social Enterprise Community based Programmes.	Programmes/projects that promote job creation, youth development, women and people with disabilities as well as income generation activities with a strong emphasis on mentorship. This is an integrated service offered by existing organisations to promote organisational sustainability. (Excluding Private/Family Trust, Profitmaking entities and Co-operatives).

The issue of the NSPCA is not unique and many other organisations are affected. This however does not mean that they cannot apply for funding in the future or they will not be covered in the future priority areas when they are reviewed. We also continually urge our beneficiaries to generate income from other sources as funding is not guaranteed.

The NLC must also express its disappointment in the manner in which the NSPCA handled this matter. The NLC has an internal mechanism of dealing with disputes and one of them is for the declined organisation to make application for review to an Independent Review Committee.



Unfortunately, the NSPCA opted to resolve this matter through media instead of exploring our internal process in dealing with this matter.

A meeting has been arranged with the NSPCA early in March to iron out the issue.

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