



Media Statement

NLC directs R 50 million in relief of Coronavirus

For Immediate Release

25 March 2020 – The National Lotteries Commission (‘the Commission’) has availed 50 million rands through its **Proactive Funding** mechanism, to assist in efforts to cushion the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on South Africans.

The funds will be used to provide much-needed relief to beneficiaries of the Solidarity Fund that was announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 March 2020, as he informed the nation of the imminent lockdown intended to curb the spread of the global virus.

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Ebrahim Patel, has in consultation with the National Lotteries Commission board made the request in line with the Lotteries Act of 1997.

Proactive Funding

The Commission’s Proactive Funding Policy is implemented as per the Lotteries Act No 57 of 1997, as amended, and has been approved in line with sec 2A (3) of the Lotteries Amendment Act 32 of 2013. The Act states that the Commission may, upon request by the Minister, Board or on its own initiative in consultation with the board conduct research on worthy good causes that may be funded without lodging an application. This includes emergencies.

Through this mechanism, funding is able to reach the most vulnerable members of society and provide much-needed relief in emergency situations.

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