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NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION PLEDGES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FLOOD-AFFECTED EASTERN CAPE COMMUNITIES

[Pretoria, 26 June 2025]. The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) is extending emergency humanitarian support to communities in the Eastern Cape that were severely affected by the destructive floods of 10 June 2025. The affected areas include Mthatha under the King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality in OR Tambo District, as well as Mnquma, Mbhashe, Great Kei, and Amahlathi municipalities in the Amathole District. Lives were lost, families displaced, and basic services such as water, electricity, and access to healthcare and education were significantly disrupted.

The NLC leadership led by the Board Chairperson, Prof Barney Pityana and accompanied by the Commissioner, Ms. Jodi Scholtz will on Friday, 27 June 2025 visit flood-affected areas in the Eastern Cape, OR Tambo District Municipality and AbaThembu King Buyelekhaya Dalindyebo at the Nkululekweni Royal Residence, from 11h00 am-12h30 pm. The purpose of the visit is to officially inform His Majesty and the royal house and other key government stakeholders about the National Lotteries Commission pledge to financially support the flood-affected eastern cape communities.

“In response, the NLC is activating its Research-Based Funding Model, as outlined in Section 2A (3) of the Lotteries Act (as amended). This model enables the Commission to fund worthy good causes without a formal application process, particularly in response to emergencies, crises, and disasters that adversely affect communities. Emergency interventions are conducted following a rapid needs assessment and are implemented in partnership with qualified not-for-profit organisations appointed to our national panel of strategic partners,” Prof Pityana said.

Under this model, the Small Projects Foundation (SPF) has been appointed to implement a high-impact relief intervention valued at R10 million. SPF is a registered non-profit organisation with over 36 years of experience in the Eastern Cape, and has worked extensively in health, education, and social development across both the OR Tambo and Amathole Districts. SPF has long-standing relationships with government departments, local municipalities, clinics, and schools, and a proven track record of

delivering emergency and humanitarian support in collaboration with national and local stakeholders,
“said NLC Board Chairperson, Prof Barney Pityana.

“Our interventions include the distribution of food parcels, clean water, clothing, school uniforms and supplies, sanitary pads, and essential healthcare support. The relief will reach thousands of displaced and vulnerable households through a coordinated and accountable process supported by trained field teams across nine municipalities, said NLC Commissioner, Jodi Scholtz.

The Commission aims to restore dignity, bring relief, and contribute to the recovery and rebuilding of lives disrupted by this disaster.

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