



**GAUTENG**  
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**The Secretary**

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Dear Sir,

**RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTIONS. 5 SD020**

**With regard to the distribution of food parcels:**

**(i) who are the organizations that are busy distributing food, whilst food banks are not;**

Response

Food relief is distributed to the vulnerable by the Department utilizing a myriad of methods through compliant and approved Non Profit Organizations (NPOs), which include Drop-in Centres, Home Care Based Centres (HCBCs), Community Nutrition Development Centres (CNDCs) and the Food Banks. It is therefore not true to suggest that food banks are not distributing food as per the question alleges.

**(ii) when did they get contracted (please provide dates);**

Response

NPOs distributing food through various mediums as mentioned above got contracted after their successful adjudication for funding for the financial year 2023/2024.

**(iii) what are the details of the work that they are supposed to be doing and for how long**

**Response**

The Department provides the following food relief programs to the vulnerable people of Gauteng:

- Food banks -Provide mainly Food Parcels
- CNDCs – Provide mainly nutritious Cooked/ Prepared Meals
- HCBCs – Provide mainly Food Parcels
- Drop-in Centers -Provide daily cooked meals

- The department also funds NPOs implementing various programs where cooked meals are provided on daily basis e.g Old age homes, CYCCs, Shelters for Victims of GBV, Homelessness shelters etc.

**(iv) which publications (print or online) was this request for proposal/business plans advertised and dates;**

**Response**

The advert for funding to NPOs for the 2023/2024 Financial Year was published on 30 September 2022 on platforms such as The Daily Sun, The Sowetan and other digital communication platforms of the Department including social media Pages.

**(v) how much is each organisation being paid in rands and cents; and**

**Response**

As of on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 expenditure on food relief programs was as follows:

Food Parcels (Households)- R16,926,917.00

Food Parcels (ART Clinic)- R1,920,500.00

CNDCs- R58,612,032.00

Food Banks- R17,810,166.00

Drop-in Centres- R27,017,311.00

Food Parcels (CHBC)- R55,574,112.00

HCBC – R7,858,400.00

**Total: R185,719,400.00**

**vi) why was the department continuing to pay food-banks while not giving them items to distribute to beneficiaries?**


**Response**

As it pertains to the distribution of food by food banks.

The Department has procured food through a deviation and food banks are distributing food parcels accordingly.

It must be noted that the availability of food in the food banks fluctuates depending on availability and demand. In this regard through the myriad of food relief programs the Department has; the vulnerable are catered for through either NPOs or our food banks.

Yours sincerely

  
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