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Office of the Head of Department (HOD)

Gauteng Department of Social Development

Attention: Ms Matilda Gasela

Office of the Regional Director (RD)

Gauteng Department of Social Development

Tshwane Region

Attention: Ms Mpho Mokoena

Office of the Acting Group Head (AGH)

Community and Social Development Services Department

City of Tshwane

Attention: Mr Felix Rajuili

## KITSO LESEDI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- SERVICES TO 2 STRUBEN SHELTER AND 430 MADIBA

Good Day Esteemed

We hope this email finds you well.

As Kitso Lesedi Community Development, we would like to inform the department again (25<sup>th</sup> October 2023) that we have not received the 3rd quarter tranche as per our signed agreement. We have not received any written communication with regard to the non-release of the tranche.

We have signed SLA with department to render psychosocial services and provision of meals to 282 beneficiaries residing at No.2 Strubben and 63 beneficiaries at 430 Madiba. Due to challenges of sanitation, the organization through the funding of social development, manage to provide mobile toilets and water tanks at both residential facilities. At No.2 Strubben we provided six mobile toilets to women and at 430 Madiba

we provided two mobile toilets and two water tanks (5000 litres water tank).

We would like to inform the department that due to the depleted funds, the organization will not be in a position to provide any services to both facilities as agreed in the signed SLA for 2023/24 financial year as of the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. We will therefore inform the two shelters tomorrow 31 October 2023 accordingly.

As the organization that has been serving these beneficiaries, we are mindful and worried about the negative impact it would come with the withdrawal of our services. It is unfortunate that we do not have financial support to continue rendering these services. Gauteng Department of Social Development has been the sole funder and as a result, the delay of payment have a negative impact.

There are various types of beneficiaries residing at No.2 Strubben, the most vulnerable are:

- 1. Older persons
- 2. People with Disabilities
- 3. Pregnant women, women and Children

The Organization has not paid wages (stipends) and salaries of the staff members for the month of October 2023 despite the services been rendered.

It would have been better if the Department had engage our Organization with regards to delays in payment, however it has been Kitso Lesedi trying to reach out to the department with no way forward.

Your favourable response will be supremely appreciated.

Yours in Community Development

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Founder & CEO

Kitso Lesedi