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Office of the Regional Director

Tshwane Region

Attention: Mme Mpho Mokoena

Dear Mme Mokoena

As Kitso Lesedi Community Development board and management we would like to provide you with an update regarding the third quarter tranche of the 2023/24 Financial Year.

We have signed a Service Level Agreement with Gauteng Department of Social Services to render psychosocial services and provide meals to both No.2 Struben (282 beneficiaries) and 430 Madiba Street (63 beneficiaries). We would like to inform management that we have continued honoring the Terms of the SLA as outlined, by providing services to date.

We would like to acknowledge the visit by the HOD on the 9th October 2023 in which she informally shared and expressed her dissatisfaction about the living conditions at No. 2 Struben.

We as the NPO have raised concerns to City of Tshwane on numerous occasions requesting intervention in terms of improving and maintaining the building as it belongs to them, and the response was not forthcoming as expected. We also believe that providing psychosocial services and meals in a condition like the one in No.2 Struben is not favorable despite having positive outcomes of reuniting some beneficiaries with their families and referrals of substance abusers to rehabilitation facilities.

We would like to continue working with the Department in curbing these challenges. The department has provided us with parkhomes which has been completed and ready for occupation, however, we have not accommodated anyone because we have embarked on fundraising funds with the intention of furnishing the parkhomes.

Our concerns are as follows:

- 1. The delay by the Department to pay the quarterly trench has an impact on operational expenses of serving our beneficiaries and payments of salaries to the staff
- 2. Non communication by the department regarding a way forward is impacting us in terms of planning and decision making on operational priorities and activities
- 3. Should payment not be done, we are going to be phased with Litigation by employees against NPO.

Your favourable response will be supremely appreciated.

Yours in community development

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Founder & CEO

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