



# **GAUTENG PROVINCE**

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Ms Dimakatso Tselapedi  
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Dear Ms Tselapedi

## **WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR RENDERING OF SERVICES AT NO. 2 STRUBEN SHELTER**


The letter is forwarded to you following the visit of the Head of the Department of Social Development, Ms Matilda Gasela, at No. 2 Struben Shelter on 9 October 2023.

The living conditions of the residents at the shelter were found not to be conducive to human habitation. The building that is occupied by the residents is dilapidated and in need of renovations. Amongst the residents, there are vulnerable groups of people, e.g., older persons, persons living with disabilities, people on chronic medication, pregnant women, and women with children, whose safety and health are adversely affected by continuing to stay in an unhygienic environment. There is a heap of refuse piling up on one side of the premises; filthy water is flowing from one building into the yard; the interior of the building is dark, which affects visibility as there is no electricity; and there is a foul stench within the premises. Based on the above reasons, No. 2 Struben Shelter is declared to be non-compliant in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993. Assessments of residents were conducted by social workers from the Department of Social Development and Kitso Lesedi Community Development as per instruction from the Head of Department from 13 October 2023, with the view of relocating residents to alternative and conducive buildings. Unfortunately, the process was stopped – while in progress – by residents of No. 2 Struben Shelter on 16 October 2023.

The Department of Social Development is therefore withdrawing funding for Kitso Lesedi Community Development to render services at No. 2 Struben Shelter until the living conditions of the residents at the shelter are improved and conducive to human habitation. The Department of Social Development's Tshwane Region will continue to work in partnership with and support the City of Tshwane Municipality towards ensuring that renovations are done at the shelter.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

  
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