



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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SIU SECURES RECOVERY OF MISAPPROPRIATED LOTTERY FUNDS AND EXPOSES PATTERN OF ABUSE

The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has secured the full repayment of R3.2 million from a National Lotteries Commission (NLC) related beneficiaries who unduly benefited. The SIU has received R1.5 million that was misappropriated by Todi Media Development Foundation NPC and R1.71 million unduly awarded to Zibsiflo NPC. These cases highlight a coordinated scheme in which public funds meant for community upliftment were diverted into private pockets and toward property purchases.

Under Proclamation R.32 of 2020, the SIU was mandated to investigate maladministration in the affairs of the National Lotteries Commission (NLC). Two investigations revealed that the same network of individuals misused grants intended for media development and women's soccer clinics.

Todi Media NPC

The SIU found that the NLC granted Todi Media an R1.5 million grant (2018) intended for a media project that included covering journalists' accommodation, car hire, catering, equipment rental, guest speakers, marketing, security, etc.

Instead, the SIU found that money was diverted to:

- Unscripted Communication, whose director is Makhudu Sefara, received R550,000
- Black Dungaree, whose director is Daniel Matome Malatjie, received R900,000, which was used to purchase a property, Bassonia Rock Extension, Johannesburg.

As a result, Khutso Daniel Makwela, the director of Todi Media Development Foundation NPC, admitted misuse, signed an Acknowledgement of Debt (AOD), and repaid the full R1.5 million on 30 March 2026.

Zibsiflo NPC – R1.71 million grant (2019–2020)

The NLC also granted Zibsiflo NPC R1.71 million grant for Women’s soccer clinics in the Free State (transport, accommodation, facilitators, publicity).

The SIU’s investigation found that Black Dungaree, owned by Daniel Matome Malatji, received R1.36 million, and Charles Malatji received R200,000. The SIU also found that approximately R900,000 was used to acquire property in Bassonia under Matlala Martha Malatji and Ngwako Moses Malatji.

As a result, Khutso Daniel Makwela, the director of Zibsiflo NPC, admitted misuse, signed an Acknowledgement of Debt (AOD), and repaid the full R1.71million.

The project was never implemented. This recovery demonstrates the SIU’s commitment to protecting public funds. Money meant to empower communities was instead diverted into private enrichment schemes. The SIU has ensured repayment. Repayment and settlement agreements do not absolve one of the SIU's obligation to make a referral for evidence of criminal conduct.

In line with the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996 (SIU Act), the SIU will refer any evidence of criminal conduct uncovered during its investigation to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for further action.

The SIU is also authorised to initiate civil proceedings in the High Court or a Special Tribunal in its name to correct any wrongdoing uncovered during its investigation and to recover financial losses suffered by the State, including funds paid for services not rendered.

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