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UPDATE ON FUNDING OF GAUTENG NPOs

On the 18 of March 2024, Gauteng MECs for Social Development, Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment Mbali Hlophe and the MEC for Finance Jacob Mamabolo met to discuss the politically engineered outcry by the NPO Sector, rooted in mistruths peddled by the opposition.

The MECs would like to assure the public and the NPO beneficiaries that the provincial government has no plans to defund NPOs and that the allocations for 2024/25 will still be processed by the Social Development Department as previously assured.

While it is important to note that funding of NPOs anywhere in world depends on availability of funds, compliant NPOs should not panic.

Those NPOs whose funding was stopped as a result of their non-compliance still have to ensure compliance, in order to qualify for funding.

Compliance is an important anchor of governance, transparency and ethos, and remains the responsibility of NPOs to be always in good standing, ensuring safe keeping and care of our beloved beneficiaries.

The NPOs who, for one reason or another, are rejected may make representations and if there are justifiable reasons to reconsider, the Department will certainly do. This will be on a case by case basis.

Furthermore, it must be considered that new NPOs will also be considered, subject to meeting all prescribed procedures, and availability of funds as set out for each advertised programme.

As communicated previously, Departmental budgets were only announced and confirmed two weeks ago at the Budget Speech by the MEC of Finance and in this regard the Department of Social Development is working tirelessly to ensure that by the end of month of March the adjudication of applications will be concluded, inline for the allocations anticipated end of April.

“We strongly condemn the misinformation and the panic which the Democratic Alliance has unashamedly and consistently caused in the NPO sector all for political electioneering”, said MEC Mbali Hlophe.

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