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MEDIA RELEASE: Lack of funding delaying readiness for Level 3

The Community Constituency Covid-19 Front is disappointed by the slow pace of engagements with National government departments following the NEDLAC meeting with President Ramaphosa where the lack of funding and support for the non-profit sector was discussed.

"Lack of funding and delayed engagements with the Departments of Social Development, Health and the Solidarity Fund mean that the sector is unable to extend its current work on behavioural change towards getting communities ready for level 3 by 1 June", said Covid-19 Front Co-Chairpersons Steve Letsike and Thulani Tshefuta

In the meeting with President Ramaphosa on 15 May, the following commitments were made:

- Government to fast track financial support for civil society organisations including formations such as the Community Constituency Covid-19 Front and others
- The Solidarity Fund to provide financial support for civil society organisations including faith-based organisations who have expressed a dire need
- The Department of Social Development has been requested to speed up with its commitments to provide financial support to civil society. By doing this, the Department can be supported by active civil society organisations in communities to meet their commitments as per the disaster management plans.

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About the Community Constituency Covid-19 Front

The Community Constituency Covid-19 Front was established (by the NEDLAC Community Constituency and the SANAC Civil Society Forum) as a formal advisory body to facilitate the participation of civil society sectors and networks, including those represented in the national response and implementations of Community-Based Measures in response to the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). The Community Constituency Covid-19 Front promotes an inclusive, competent and responsive civil society that effectively serves the needs of communities by linking and diversifying civil society actors, expanding the sector's response and ensuring better coordination, thus improving operations, and enhancing connections between civil society organisations with government, business labour, their stakeholders and beneficiaries.

The Covid-19 Front aims to provide a hub of information and contacts for distribution and engagement through our members across the country.

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