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## MEDIA RELEASE: Food Security and Human Rights

There is a generalized need for access to food especially in black communities because of the high number of unemployment. A great majority of the black community are workers in the formal and informal economies. However, we are also aware that South Africa has 17,443,99 people depended on the Social Grant as their sole income or a supplement to their income affected by the lockdown. This means that lack of nutrition will also have an adverse impact on uptake of treatment during the lockdown making the community vulnerable to Covid-19.

A Civil Society we have always been conscious of the need for this support. Through Community Constituency Covid19 Front, we have strengthened our network that will include a mechanism of ensuring food security and as well as other needs are met. Our Nerve Centre has established a tool that will give us direct access of the issued taking place in people's homes and the ability to escalate response through to the Department of Social Development of households that are child headed, social grant receivers and the vulnerable. Through that information an automated database can be extrapolated which will be able to identify need at district level and distribution at a specific address.

We also monitoring the Right to Health for both rural and urban areas in terms of how the government is addressing issues especially on testing.

Date: 16 April 2020

Time: 12:00

Venue: SANAC Building, 333 Grosvenor Street Hatfield, Pretoria

### **About the Community Constituency Covid-19 Front**

The Community Constituency Covid-19 Front was established 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.



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### CAMPAIGN

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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