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UPDATE AND CLARITY ON ISSUES AROUND THE APPLICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY INCOME GRANT UNDER THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND RELIEF PACKAGE

The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the public that people who are receiving social grants on behalf of others such as vulnerable children and other relatives do not qualify for the Emergency Income Grant (EIG).

The EIG system does not allow for double benefits for any person whose ID number is registered for any sort of social grant and those who will attempt to apply will be declined.

We are aware that such social grant might not be of their own use and we encourage them to be patient and wait for an appeal opportunity that will be provided through the regional councils. The appeal modalities are being worked on and will be announced at later stage. We therefore encourage recipients of any grant to avoid taking part in this process.

We further wish to clarify that students irrespective of being recipients of NSFAP loans and grants do not qualify for the Emergency Income Grant. This is because students are not economically active and have not lost any livelihood during the COVID-19 lockdown period. We thus encourage students not to apply as this will amount to fraud which will be punishable in terms of the law.

The Ministry of Finance further urges qualifying applicants to make sure that they have applied and not to provide their identity documents to someone else they don't trust to apply for them. Applicants are also encouraged to apply for themselves and to use their own cell phone numbers or those of their trusted persons.



All Namibians are warned to desist from every temptation to use anybody's personal identification without authorization to avoid criminal and corruption charges.

As of Sunday 18h00, more than 350 000 applicants have been verified and ready for payment on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Finance in collaboration with MTC and MobiPay is working hard to improve the system, and it is expected that tomorrow most applications will go through without huddles.

Government remains committed to deliver on its promises of assisting those who became vulnerable during the COVID-19 lockdown and the nation is urged to remain calm and continue observing the lockdown regulation to stop the further spread of the Coronavirus in the country and save the economy.

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