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SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS POLICY

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1. BACKGROUND

The Council of the Umzimvubu Municipality is aware of the pressure placed on the institution to make financial contributions or grant in aid towards various towards various incidents caused by natural causes like fire, accidents and so forth. The purpose of the guideline is to provide advice on how disaster and incident management can be executed within the local municipality.

2. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

To make provision for relief to persons in distress by means of the temporary and immediate rendering of the material assistance to them

3. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

This policy shall apply to all Umzimvubu Local Municipality disaster and emergency situations

4. Definition

“disaster” means a progressive or sudden, widespread or localized, natural or human- caused occurrence which:

- Causes or threatens to cause :death, injury or disease, damage to property, infrastructure or the environment or disruption of the life of a community and
- is of a magnitude that exceeds the ability of those affected by the disaster to cope with it effects using only their own resources.

“disaster management” means a continuous and integrated multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary process of planning and implementation of measures aimed at:

- preventing or reducing the risk of disasters,
- mitigating the severity or consequences of disasters,
- emergency preparedness,
- a rapid and effective response to disasters and

Post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation

“Social relief of distress” means a temporary provision of assistance intended for persons in such dire material need that they are unable to meet their or their families' most basic needs.

SASA means Social security Agency of South Africa as per the South African Social Security Agency Act, No 9 of 2004.

“Social grant” means an award of financial assistance in the form of money by the government to an eligible grantee with no expectation that the funds will be paid back.

“Disaster Management Act”: The White Paper led to the promulgation of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002, which is the regulatory framework for disaster management in South Africa.

“Pauper / Destitute Corpse” Means a deceased person without a next of kin or an unclaimed body or whose next of kin are able to verify inability to afford funeral expenses due to poverty conditions that exist within that family.

“Pauper Burial Policy” means a process of ensuring that, the burial of a pauper Or destitute corpse is executed by the relevant authority or council in a manner termed as human dignified by making sure that all the basic requirements needed to burry a dead person are taken into account.

5. Eligibility of Social relief of Distress

Social Relief of Distress will be provided to Umzimvubu residents who have insufficient means and meet one or more of the following criteria:

Where the person have been affected by disaster as defined in disaster management act, although the community he or she lives in has not been declared a disaster area or by any other emergency situation.

As urgent and temporary relief during a natural disaster in the municipal area is limited to the provision of food to affected persons.

To assist with a pauper burial of a local family/person not covered by the Council's Pauper Burial Policy.

A person or responsible person does not receive assistance from any other organization or government.

To a person who is not eligible for related or unrelated grant from National, Provincial and Government agencies like SASA

6. PROCEDURES FOR SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

The municipality through Citizen and Community Services department disaster section will do the assessment of the affected households

The municipal manager or the delegated official may request for a social workers report with recommendation

After the assessment is made by disaster official, the municipality shall provide a grocery of R3000 to the qualifying household per disaster incident. It shall be limited to food parcels, blankets and mattresses.

The social relief of distress shall be a once off assistance to affected households

The qualifying households shall supply identify document, birth certificate, death certificate or an affidavit where there are no documents

7. COMMENCEMENT OF THIS POLICY

This policy will come into effect on the date of adoption by Council.

8. INTERPRETATION OF THIS POLICY

8.1 All words contained in this policy shall have an ordinary meaning attached thereto unless the definition or context indicates otherwise.

8.2 Any dispute on interpretation of this policy shall be declared in writing by any party concerned.

8.3 The Municipal Manager shall give a final interpretation of this policy in case of a written dispute.

9. PERMANENT/TEMPORARY WAIVER OR SUSPENSION OF THIS POLICY

9.1 This policy may be partly or wholly waived or suspended by the Municipal Council on a temporary or permanent basis after consultation the Management .

9.2 Notwithstanding clause No. 14.1 the Municipal Manager may under circumstances of emergency temporarily waive or suspend this policy subject to reporting of such waiver or suspension to Council

10. AMENDMENT AND/OR ABOLITION OF THIS POLICY

10.1 This policy may be amended or repealed by the Council after consultation with Management

11. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

11.1 It will be the responsibility of all Management, and Council to enforce compliance with this policy.

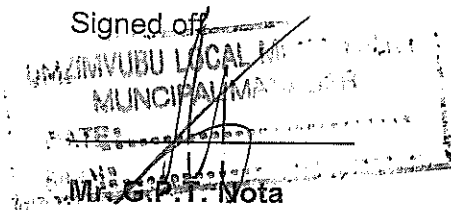
APPROVAL OF THE POLICY

The Municipal Council has approved this policy and amendments thereof.

AUTHENTICATION

The amendments of the policy and or the new policy was adopted by the Council on the
30-08-2019

As per Council Resolution number ULMC 036/19

Signed off

Municipal Manager

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Speaker of the Council

