COVID-19 Solidarity Fund

Communique

The public is hereby informed that the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund has approved financial assistance to a first batch of individuals and organisations/institutions.

2. Applications for individuals and organisations/institutions were screened using the following criteria:

(a) Criteria for Individual applicants

(i) applicants should be households;
(ii) no duplication of assistance, such as the Wage Assistance Scheme and the Self Employed Assistance Scheme; and
(iii) applicants are affected by COVID-19.

(b) Criteria for Organisations/Institutions

(i) applicants should be compliant either with their appropriate regulatory body or with the National Social Inclusion Foundation (NSIF);
(ii) the proposed programmes should be non-profit initiatives, related to COVID-19; and
(iii) the organisation/institution should report on the implementation of the programme on a regular basis.

3. The COVID-19 Solidarity Fund has approved the payment of Rs 5,100 to each of the eligible household.

4. The COVID-19 Solidarity Fund has also approved financial assistance to two programmes, listed below:

(a) Programme targeting the homeless:

(i) a programme to provide accommodation, food and health support for the homeless to prevent the spreading of COVID-19; and
(ii) a rehabilitation programme for integrating these persons back to normal life.

(b) Programme for vulnerable children:

(i) a programme to provide remedial courses to primary school children of poor and vulnerable families till August 2020;
(ii) IT equipment will also be provided for these courses; and
(iii) the programme will also cater for packed food to these children, while attending remedial classes.

5. The Solidarity Fund is continuing the screening process and will inform the public on all applications approved.

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