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Citizens in the SMME sector are very clear. The issue of SMMEs must not be about slogans and rhetoric. It must be about practical programs to uplift SMMEs in the country.

Citizens are willing and able to run their SMMEs, they just need support from the department.

The Department must provide solutions tailor made for the South African context. South Africa has a mix of both formal and informal economy.

The Department of Small Business only focuses on the formal economy and ignores the millions of citizens who ply their trade in the informal economy.

The requirements for funding and government assistance must be tailor made for the informal sector where citizens run business with less formal requirements.

Hawkers, car washes, spaza shops, saloons, must all receive funding and support from the government.

The Department must prioritize correcting the anomaly of 82% of the SMME sector in North West not being in the hands of the citizens.

This is the case all over the country and the silence of the Department in this anomaly is very concerning.

What's even more concerning is the report according to TimesLive that R6 billion made from Spaza shops leaves our economy to fund terrorists.

This is money that should be circulating in our economy in order to boost the economy and create jobs.

The Department of Small Business must have compliance division to ensure ALL traders trade within the law.

This division must also deal with the fake, expired foods that are fed to our citizens.

The Department must work with the Competition Commission in order to deal with the predatory business practices that completely wipe out local businesses in the SMME sector.



We cant allow South Africa be a banana republic and everyone does as they please. We can't allow native citizens of this country to be displaced from the economy. We can't allow black South Africans in particular to be relegated to a state of being grant dependents.

The Department must protect South Africans in the SMME sector. South African owned spaza shops, saloons, hawkers, general dealers, tarvens, hardwares must be protected from being completely displaced in the economy.

The Department must have a mission of ensuring South Africans dominate the SMME sector. South Africans must dominate all economic activities in our country, it is hatred of our citizens when majority of economic activities in the SMME sector are not dominated by citizens.

If South Africans aren't dominant players in the SMME sector, which other economy will they dominate in ?