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**1072. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What are the relevant details of the (a) recruitment and screening process and (b) criteria and qualifications needed by the 1 200 volunteers recruited by the National Development Agency during the Covid-19 lockdown to assist her department in food distribution, educating families on Covid-19 presentations and verification of applicants for the special Covid-19 Social Relief of Distress grant to fast-track the process of the specified grant over the next six months;

(2) what (a) is the (i) allocation of volunteers for each province and (ii) impact of the specified volunteers to date and (b) are the contact details of the volunteers? NW1367E

**REPLY:**

1 (a) - When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in early March 2020, the NDA crafted a quick response to the pandemic at a time when there was lack of information about the virus, particularly in townships and rural areas. A Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) Volunteer programme was initiated to build the capacity of civil society organisations to provide community-based responses to challenges facing them.

* The NDA identified CSOs who were already implementing community-based programmes through volunteers and field workers. As a result, CSOs enlisted volunteers from their own organisations including beneficiaries of their normal programme activities.

Honourable members to note that the programme was implemented in two phases. Phase 1 is comprised of 580 volunteers and Phase 2 is still to be implemented comprised of 2000 volunteers.

1 (b) - The volunteers were not required to provide qualifications. However, they have the following relevant skills for the work to be done:

- Communication skills, including reading and writing in order to assist communities in interpreting and explaining the information on Covid-19;

- Ability to assist community members to apply for Social Relief of Distress Grants and other social protection services provided to communities;

- Knowledge of the communities in which they work, including identification of most vulnerable households.

Additionally, the CSOs and volunteers were provided training by already established provincial teams which include the Departments of Social Development, Health, SASSA and Municipalities.

(2) (a) (i) – the allocation of volunteers per Province is as follows:

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| **Province** | **Number of Volunteers** |
| Eastern Cape | 90 |
| Free State | 51 |
| Gauteng | 13 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 130 |
| Limpopo | 61 |
| Mpumalanga | 50 |
| North West | 36 |
| Northern Cape | 49 |
| Western Cape | 100 |
| **TOTAL** | **580** |

(2) (a) (ii) impact of the specified volunteers to date:

The volunteers have reached a total number of 76 679 households and have done the following:

* assisting communities with distribution of food parcels, support of elderly and disabled persons;
* dissemination of Covid-19 information at hot spots as well as door-to-door within communities. The volunteers also provide translations of the advocacy material
* data collection in the households on useful information which can be shared with relevant departments and entities e.g. household sources of energy data for donation of safe energy products.
* at an advanced level, and based on their competence, others are assisting with community screening interventions, counselling for gender-based violence cases and assisting people who need access to chronic medication to visit the health care facilities.
* assisting communities with the various registrations to access government relief funds such at the SASSA social relief of distress funds and the Department of Agriculture Disaster Relief Fund for small scale farmers.

(2)(b) what are the contact details of the volunteers?- Refer to List below with the contact details of the CSOs.

**LIST OF CSOs for the NDA Covid-19 Response Programme**

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Province** | **District** | **Name of CSO** | **Contact Person** | **Contact Details** |
| **Gauteng** | Jo’burg Metro | CONECKT | Contact Person: Kholofelo Baloyi  Naomi Schauer (CEO) | Contact Number: +2765992730  Mobile: +27762678665 |
| **KwaZulu Natal** | eThekweni Metro | Kusekhaya | Solomon Gumede | 073. 965-4787 |
| ILembe District | Isibonelo | Sibonelo Ngcobo | 0728172260 |
| UMzinyathi District | Dundee Youth Prosperous Club | Kwenzakwenkosi Chagwe | 079. 631-5475 |
| King Cetshwayo | Qalekhaya | Mrs. Ntuli | 071. 138-8450 |
| UGu | Network Action Group | Bria Liggett | 079. 435-7158 |
| Amajuba | Indosa Development Agency | Ntokozo Mhlungu | 067. 091-5374 |
| UMkhanyakude | Akehlulwalutho | Thobile Sizani | 076. 315-1042 |
| UThukela | Kuyasa Development Agency | Mrs. Nomkhosi | 078. 042-9279 |
| Zululand District | Slindokuhle | Nkosingiphile Mbatha | 083. 517-9362 |
| Harry Gwala | Khanyiselani | Sbongile Mafoka | 079. 249-3250 |
| Siza Sechaba NPO | Vuyani Msomi | 079. 664 9568 |
| uMgungundlovu | Khulugqame | Mrs. Buthelezi | 073. 225-3601 |
|  | Ethekwini, Ugu, uMgungundlovu, & uMkhanyakude | Youth Inter-Active ( YIA) | Nkosikhona Mpungose | 073. 735-0861  [mpungoseNW@outlook.com](mailto:mpungoseNW@outlook.com) |
| **Limpopo** | Capricorn District | Limpopo Disability Empowerment | Paulina Malope | 0818442868  Mokgadimalope2@gmail.com |
|  | Legacy Giving and Mentoring Centre ( LGAMC) | Kgomotso Komape | 065. 976 3712 |
| Mopani District | FAMSA | Liza Van Der Merwe | 0153074833/0836301165  [admin@famsalimpopo.co.za](mailto:admin@famsalimpopo.co.za) |
| Vhembe | Chavani Care for the Elderly | Ms Sybil Khubayi | 0717424687/0663274185  [khubayimhaka@gmail.com](mailto:khubayimhaka@gmail.com) |
| Sekhukhune | Jane Furse VEP | Ms Grace Dikotope | 0722285699  [lim.janefurse.up@saps.gov.za](mailto:lim.janefurse.up@saps.gov.za) |
| Waterberg | Mokopane VEP | Mt Tony Tloubatla | 0824728594  [Mokopanevep9@gmail.com](mailto:Mokopanevep9@gmail.com) |
| **Western Cape** | Cape Metro | Ilitha Labantu | Ella Mangisa | 076 615 0638 |
| Cape Winelands | Kulisa Food Security Project | Phumza Zotwana | 0716790798 |
| Eden | Real Life Commit | Susanna Spires | 076 042 4259 |
| **Mpumalanga** | Enhlanzeni | Mpumalanga Institute of Civil Society Organisation | Mr. Regional Kgoedi | 079 232 0693  072 584 4178 |
| Collective Nkomazi Art School | Ntimba Moosa Strydom/ Mabaso Mandlakhe Sifiso | 079 623 3628  076 501 8035  [mandlakhe.smabaso@ymail.com](mailto:mandlakhe.smabaso@ymail.com) |
| Gert Sibande | Masakane Trust | Mrs Grace Thanjekwayo | 082 950 4668 |
| LIGHASI (Apogee of Art) | Dorka Thibela | 071. 950 – 9401  [anelelastborncele@gmail.com](mailto:anelelastborncele@gmail.com) |
| Nkangala | Phidisa Community Project | Ms. Somto Nkosi | 013 656 1322  0836647356/ 0790583150 |
| **Eastern Cape** | BCM | Shalom CNDC | Nomabele Ngalo | 082316 4518 |
|  | O.R Tambo | Umthatha Women Support Centre | Koliwe Nongawuz | 0815726300 |
| Joe Gqabi | Men against crime  150 – 624 NPO | Mr Dimakatjo R Mogale | 082 6611 339 |
| Nelson Mandela Bay | Sinethemba Development Community Centre | Pheliwe Mdingi | 0780033052 |
| Alfred Nzo | ASAP Foundation Trust  (African Solutions for African Problems) | Noluthando Zimande | 0737199545  noluthando@africansolutions.org |
| Amathole District Municipality | AFGAT Community Development Foundation | Nonkoliso Ruselo | 0781856910 |
| Chris Hani | Ilitha Community Psychological Services | Ms Ntombizodwa Finca | 0734929050/0780810768  Email: ilithacps@gmail.com |
| Central White Door of Hope | Ms Bekeka Myeko | 078 749 9285  Gcinizwi44@gmail.com |
| Sarah Baartman | Kliplaat Soup Kitchen and Dedevelopment Centre | Christo Williams | 072 489 3033  Christowilliams400@gmail.com |
| **Free State** | Mangaung Metro | Realeboga Bakubung Training and Development | Ms. Alice Phirime | 082 9512453  Alice Phirime [maphirime@gmail.com](mailto:maphirime@gmail.com) |
|  | Thabo Mofutsanyana | Ntsoanatsatsi | Ms Kate Molefe | 083 479 1461/ (058) 713 0353  Kate Molefe  [katemolefe6@gmail.com](mailto:katemolefe6@gmail.com) |
| Fezile Dabi | Rampidise Education Training & Development Centre | Amelia Ramatshikhopha | 081 881 0730 |
| Lejweleputswa | Changing Lives Initiative  NPC | Mr Action Setaka | Cell no: 0731301465  Email: setakal@gmail.com |
| Xariep | Free State Care in Action | Mr Hannes Swart | Cell: 082 825 6510  Hannes.swart25@gmail.com |
| **North West** | Dr Kenneth Kaunda | Walk a mile in my shoe (Klerksdorp) | Brian Saul | 081 350 6613 |
|  | Bojanala | One New man  NPO | Bishop Manasa Kabelo | 082 936 9866  [manaskabelo@yahoo.com](mailto:manaskabelo@yahoo.com) |
| Losikwa Duvha cooperative | Zack Zebulon | 072 722 3595 |
| Ngaka Modiri Molema | Tswaraganang barolong project | Mrs. Mmapule Euphemia Lebakaeng | 076 978 8036 or |
| Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati | Dithakwaneng Home Based Care | Gothusang Shadrack Selekong | 0731305977 |