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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1561. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether her department is still issuing the food parcels that were distributed at the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus to indigent persons and those whose income was affected; if not, why not; if so, what number of persons does the programme reach in each month?

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**REPLY:**

Yes, The Department is still issuing the food parcels that were distributed at the beginning of the lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus to indigent persons and those whose income was affected;

From the beginning of Covid-19 response till the end of Quarter 1 (April - June), the programme has distributed a total of **800 968 food parcels to about 4 004 840**persons.

The programme reach in each month is as follows:

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| **March food parcel distribution to households per province** | | |
| **Province** | **Food parcels distributed** | **Estimated number of people reached**  **(5/household)** |
| Eastern Cape | 0 | 0 |
| Free State | 0 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 807 | 4 035 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 0 | 0 |
| Limpopo | 0 | 0 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 0 |
| North West | 0 | 0 |
| Western Cape | 16 788 | 83 940 |
| **Total** | **17 595** | **87 975** |

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| **April food parcel distribution to households per province** | | |
| **PROVINCE** | **Food Parcels Distributed** | **Estimated number of people reached**  **(5/Household)** |
| Eastern Cape | 8 054 | 40 270 |
| Free State | 14 732 | 73 660 |
| Gauteng | 58 944 | 294 720 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 20 156 | 100 780 |
| Limpopo | 36 772 | 183 860 |
| Mpumalanga | 27 817 | 139 085 |
| Northern Cape | 25 554 | 127 770 |
| North West | 18 396 | 91 980 |
| Western Cape | 44 518 | 222 590 |
| **Total** | **254 943** | **1 274 715** |

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| **May food parcel distribution to households per province** | | |
| **Province** | **Food Parcels Distributed** | **Estimated number of people reached**  **(5/Household)** |
| Eastern Cape | 23 415 | 117 075 |
| Free State | 33 020 | 165100 |
| Gauteng | 106 598 | 532 990 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 12 120 | 60 600 |
| Limpopo | 52 692 | 263 460 |
| Mpumalanga | 56 212 | 281 060 |
| Northern Cape | 24 672 | 123 360 |
| North West | 7 638 | 38 190 |
| Western Cape | 22 780 | 113 900 |
| **Total** | **339 147** | **1 695 735** |

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| **June food parcel distribution to households per province** | | |
| **Province** | **Food Parcels Distributed** | **Estimated number of people reached**  **(5/Household)** |
| Eastern Cape | 860 | 4 300 |
| Free State | 860 | 4 300 |
| Gauteng | 129 190 | 645 950 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 18 184 | 90 920 |
| Limpopo | 18 245 | 91 225 |
| Mpumalanga | 860 | 4 300 |
| Northern Cape | 860 | 4 300 |
| North West | 860 | 4 300 |
| Western Cape | 860 | 4 300 |
| **Total** | **170 779** | **853 895** |