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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1937. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What total number of Social Relief of Distress (SRD) vouchers have been provided to victims of the KwaZulu-Natal floods;

(2) what is the total value of SRD vouchers that have already been provided to victims of the specified flood;

(3) whether (a) her department and/or (b) the SA Social Security Agency made any food parcels available; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what is the total monetary value of the food parcels in each case;

(4) whether she will furnish Ms B S Masango with a list of locations that have already been assisted; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2276E

**REPLY:**

(1) The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) has issued **9 520** Social Relief of Distress vouchers between 2022/04/12 and 2022/05/23.

(2) The total value of these vouchers is R16 264 216.

(3)(b) SASSA has not disbursed any food parcels as it has relied solely on the use of vouchers for the purposes of providing Social Relief of Distress. This enables the agency to provide relief in a much more timely manner, and also enables the recipients to select their own relief items from the voucher.

(4) SASSA also provides meals at 72 shelters across the province. Refer to the attached list of shelters for further details.