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**899. Ms M S Khawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities on 19 May 2020:* [🟊174] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]**

What are the reasons that women are not receiving food parcels in Ward 75 in (a) Lamontville Spingo and (b) KwaMashu hostels? NW1162E

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**REPLY:**

Social Relief of Distress (SRD) is provided to an applicant, both male and female, who meets the eligibility requirements as set in the Social Assistance Act, 2004. SASSA has not issued food parcels only to males in the areas noted, as is illustrated in the summary below:

(a). **WARD 75: ISIPINGO AND LAMONTVILLE:**

**1. PERIOD APRIL 2019 TO MAY 2020**

Of the total of 152 citizens who received social relief of distress in this period, 77 were females, while 75 were males.

**2. PERIOD APRIL 2020 TO MAY 2020:**

During this period a total of 56 food parcels were issued by SASSA, Provincial Department of Social Development and Ethekwini Municipality. Of these, 48 went to females and only 8 were issued to males.

**(b) KWAMASHU MENS HOSTEL: WARD 39:**

**1. PERIOD: MAY 2019 TO MARCH 2020:**

For this period a total of 294 qualifying citizens received social relief of distress. Of this number, 150 were female and 144 were male.

**2. PERIOD APRIL 2020 TO MAY 2020**

For the period from April to May 2020 a total of 47 food parcels were issued, of which 32 were issued to females and 15 to males. The food parcels were issued by both SASSA and Ethekwini Municipality.