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**Ms Tandi Nzimande
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Dear Ms Nzimande

**DONATION FROM THE SOLIDARITY FUND IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE PROCUREMENT
THROUGH THE COVAX FACILITY**

The offer of donation from the Solidarity Fund to support access to Covid-19 vaccine through the COVAX Facility, refers.

In the course of discussion between the National Department of Health and the Solidarity Fund, the estimated upfront cost required to secure access to vaccines through the COVAX Facility as soon as the vaccine becomes available was discussed and subsequently shared. Kindly advise if additional information is required in this regard.

The Department has requested guidance from National Treasury on the administrative and legal processes that need to be followed in accepting the donation. National Treasury has advised that the best mechanism for processing this donation is through the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) Fund. This is also in line with the Disaster Management Act Regulations section 2(6)(a)-(b) and the attached OAG Circular on donations for COVID-19 interventions.

For the purposes of the RDP Fund, the following is required:

1. that a financing agreement is in place between the Solidarity Fund and the National Department of Health (NDoH); and
2. that the Solidarity Fund formally notifies the National Treasury when the funds have been deposited to the RDP Fund and indicates the purpose of this deposit.

Furthermore, in the meeting it was agreed that funding received from the Solidarity Fund as a donation will only be used in support of purchase of the vaccine through the COVAX Facility and that a working team will be constituted to develop the financing agreement. From the NDoH, Dr Anban Pillay will be the lead in this regard.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank The Solidarity Fund your generosity and support, which the Department gratefully accepts. We look forward to partnering with you to make the Covid-19 vaccine available to the people of South Africa.

Kind regards

**Dr SSS Buthelezi
Director-General: Health
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