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Dear Sasbo Member

Re: Update & Feedback- Recent Spate of Riots, Looting and Attacks in KZN and parts of Gauteng

We hope that both you and your family are in good health and that you continue to stay safe.

We understand and appreciate that the recent spate of riots, violence, looting and vandalising of, amongst others, some of the Branches and ATM's in KZN and Gauteng, have disrupted both our work and personal lives and this will leave an indelible mark in our memories.

The untold impact this has had on our mental and physical well-being, is enormous. It has created in many respects a feeling of despair and helplessness, due in part to the fact that much of all that has/is transpiring in our communities and our country, the riots, looting and vandalism, the 3rd wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant lockdowns, the fragile state of our economy, etc. is out of our control.

Much has, however, been done to stabilise the situation and to take the relevant measures in order to maintain law and order, ensure that we are safe and that life returns to normality. This has not been easy though, considering the fact that basic essentials such as milk, bread, food and medicines are/were in short supply or not available at all. Essentials which we take for granted, has created much distress and anxiety for our members in KZN and parts of Gauteng.

We have been engaging the Financial Institutions and the positive feedback received thus far is that aid and relief in the form of food parcels and care packs have been made available to the most distressed amongst us, resulting from the aforementioned.

Whilst work is still being undertaken in assessing the extent of the damage and the work that will need to be undertaken to repair and restore the infrastructure, it is encouraging to note that many of the branches that were closed last week have since reopened and interim arrangements have been made to accommodate our members in branches that were not damaged and where it is safe & feasible to do so.

We have also requested that support be made available by the Financial Institution to our members in the form of counselling through the employee wellbeing program. We encourage our members to utilise this service to help you cope as this is crucial in ensuring your mental well-being.

We take this opportunity to reassure you, our members, that we are with you and that, together, we shall overcome, we shall prosper!

We convey our deepest condolences to our members that have lost loved ones and let's continue to hold in our prayers the bereaved and our members and their families who are currently off ill and wish them well in their fight against the Corona Virus.

We thank you, our members for continuing to observe the Occupational Health and Safety protocols (i.e. using your face masks, sanitising, practising social distancing). By so doing, you are safeguarding the lives of your colleagues, families and friends and together, we are protecting each other. **#SasboCares**

We take this opportunity to encourage our members to register on the EVDS, as the over 35's has opened up on 15 July 2021. We are delighted to advise that the worksite bulk upload has been undertaken by many Financial Institutions and that the Gauteng clinic, in Sandton, following the installation of the necessary equipment and personnel, opened up today, 20 July 2021, despite delays caused by the unrest in the province. Preparations for the Stellenbosch site are currently underway.

Please contact your nearest Sasbo Regional Office, should you have any enquiries or need more info.

Stay safe and stay strong! Remember this too shall pass!

Yours Sincerely

Modime Joe Kokela
General Secretary

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