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MOLEFE DIMISTIFY ALLEGATIONS FOR SPENDING R7 MILLION ON WATER BOOTS IN DEELPAN

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality is firm that the allegation that the Municipality spent R 7 million on water boots is a misleading twitter from a certain "Kagiso Monyadiwa" is a hallucination and fictional. "This story is not true, it is a fabrication, as only around R16 000.00 was spent to procure 90 water boots that were distributed to Matriculants at Badibana Secondary School in Deelpan" : Executive Mayor, Cllr Khumalo Molefe clarifies.

During the Deelpan Disaster, the Municipality issued various media statements and advisories on all activities also highlighting all stakeholders as well as role players which were inclusive of Gift of the Givers who were even taking all their sponsored items on-site.

The Executive Mayor further expressed his disappointment on how a discussion between the Municipality and the Portfolio Committees for the Provincial Legislature is twisted to suit the Author of the article doing round on media.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality confirms that:

- For the Financial Year 2021/22, an amount of **R 2' 635 '371.00** was approved on the 31ST of May 2021 and adjusted on the 28th of February 2022 by Council for Disaster Relief Material not necessarily for Deelpan, but for the entire District.
- Upon the stride of floods heated Deelpan in March 2022, the Executive Mayor reported to Council increased the budget on Disaster Relief Material to **R 5,624,208.40** and reported to Council an **UNFORSEEN AND UNAVOIDABLE EXPENDITURE** as empowered by Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulation of 2008, regulation 71 which states that -
 - 1) The mayor of a municipality may authorize expenditure in terms of section 29 of the Act only if-
 - a) The expenditure could not have been foreseen at the time the annual budget of the municipality was passed; and the delay that will be caused pending approval of an adjustments budget by the municipal council in terms of section 28(2)(c) of the Act to authorize the expenditure may –
 - i. result in significant monetary loss for the municipality.
 - ii. cause a disruption or suspension, or a serious threat to the continuation, of a basic municipal service.
 - iii. lead to loss of life or severe injury or considerable damage to property; or obstruct the municipality from instituting or defending legal proceedings on an urgent basis.

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Therefore, the Municipality on Deelpan has spent only **R256 300.00** on mobile toilets which were placed at entrances of the area in providing communities access to sanitation services as well as ninety (90) Boots amounting to **R16 784.00** to be exact for matriculants of Badibana Secondary School in Deelpan.

It must be placed on record that the Department of Community Services in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality procured shacks and other relief materials not necessarily for Deelpan only, whereby at the time due of the crises, the Municipal Portfolio Committee on Finance conducted an in situ inspection to assess what was procured.

The Executive Mayor concluded that: "Where there are acts of corruption, we will act on them without fear or favor, and we are ready to account."

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