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1. Introduction

The purpose of the The Fund-raising Amendment Bill, 2020 (“the Bill”), aims to rationalise the Fund-raising Act, 1978 (Act No. 107 of 1978) (“the principal Act”), by consolidating the Disaster Relief Fund, the Refugee Relief Fund, the Social Relief Fund and the State President’s Fund into the Disaster Relief and National Social Development Fund, so as to focus on proactive mitigation of disasters and promote the social development of communities. The consolidation of the Funds will streamline administrative processes and enable more efficient services to poor communities and reduce costs.¹ The purpose of this brief is to provide a socio-economic analysis of this Bill, with specific focus on the economic and social implications it might have.

2. Discussion

At a provincial level, the Portfolio Committee on Social Development has engaged extensively with the Gauteng Department of Social Development and Provincial SASSA offices on matters pertaining to their response whenever there are disasters that would require their intervention. Accordingly, there has been evince of response from these offices.

3. Envisaged Economic Implications

Whilst there is not much noted in the Bill pertaining to economic implications, the non-ending uncertainties with the economic growth of the Republic may to some extent create an expectation from the Fund administered through this piece of legislation, amongst others, to be a long-term solution when need arises.

¹ https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202011/b29-2020fund-raising7418.pdf

4. Envisaged Social Implications

Section 18 of the principal Act(a)(a)

(ii) to identify social development activities or empowerment projects and to provide, such assistance, in cash or otherwise, as the board may deem fair and reasonable.

It would be recommended for further outlining of these social development activities or empowerment projects, without imposing limitations to the process such that it would be easily identifiable (on what these activities or empowerment projects are), these can be identifiable through further regulations.

5. Conclusion

There were no major areas of concern raised in the Bill, however, it is hoped there would be more clarity on the social development activities, for ease of understanding to those who may benefit through this Legislation.

6. Reference

<https://justice.gov.za/legislation/constitution/SACConstitution-web-eng.pdf>

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