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SIOC-CDT FLOOD RELIEF FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY RECENT ADVERSE WEATHER IN SEVEN MILES, GA-SEGONYANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

SIOC Community Development Trust has over the past weekend engaged itself on a mission to provide relief to the households affected by recent floods in Seven Miles community of Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality. These households have suffered the aftermath of the recent floods experienced in the area and were in dire need of relief.

Climate change is a reality and adverse, unpredictable weather patterns causing natural disasters will continuously be experienced in most parts of our communities. The community of Seven Miles have had their houses flooded, with resulting damages to housing structures and furniture. Some of the houses have suffered serious damages due to flooding and water clogging, making it difficult for the families to live in. Damages to road infrastructure also made inaccessibility to this and other communities very difficult. Through its Emergent Needs portfolio, SIOC-CDT, provides rapid and relevant response to communities affected by disasters focusing on floods, fire and drought and to achieve this, we aim to understand the depth and breadth of the problem enabling us to respond with precision by directing relief exactly where it's needed. While the approach of the Emergent Needs portfolio aims at rather building resilience and adaptive capacity to climate related hazards and natural disasters within the beneficiary communities, we cannot ignore immediate needs when disaster strikes. We achieve these ambitions in collaboration with the local authorities and other relevant stakeholders.

SIOC-CDT triggered a rapid response to assist the community and provided grocery hampers to the more than thirty-two (32) most affected households, as well as additional materials to one of the needy elderly person. These beneficiary households have been identified across Block E and F Seven Miles. The Trust also offered logistical support to move the municipal yellow equipment to strategic points enabling the municipality to deploy for flood water clearance and possible road infrastructure repairs.

We believe this assistance brings comfort and relief to the community and the authorities as they continue with efforts to get the community back normalcy. The climate change crisis is a global reality, and it is important that communities, authorities and other role-players work together in making sure that we build the required resilience within our communities, centred around information and knowledge to care for our environment limiting the potential catastrophic results posed by this phenomenon.

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