

*SUBJECT: (ECD) Stimulus Relief Fund update*

*17 March 2022*

Dear all

The Western Cape Department of Social Development (DSD) appointed a service provider to assist with the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Stimulus Relief Fund payments to those eligible ECD centres and programmes that are still waiting to receive funding. Through the Department's Supply Chain Management process, CK Audit (Pty) Ltd, has been contracted as the service provider to conduct bank, site/ service and staff verifications, as well as to manage duplicate applications.

CK Audit will produce an original signed off letter of authorization from the DSD as evidence that they are authorized to request details such as bank confirmation letters, staff contracts, registration certificates etc in order to facilitate the stimulus package applications. This is for the period 16 March to 31 August 2022.

We wish to assure the ECD sector that the payments of the ECD Stimulus Relief Fund will extend beyond the current financial year and will not be impacted by the ECD migration from Social Development to the Western Cape Department of Education on the 1st of April 2022.

During site visits we request all parties involved obey COVID 19 health and safety protocols and prevention strategies such as observing social distancing, wearing of masks and use of hand sanitisers. Your cooperation with Ck Audit will be highly appreciated. The Department wishes to express appreciation to all ECDs and programmes for their co-operation and support in the process.

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