



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SCAM ALERT

**“ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
(E.D.F.F.S) PROGRAM”**

This notice serves to inform the general public that, it has come to our attention that there is a scam in a form of Hoax emails that is being sent in bulk emails. This malicious scam is purporting that the Ministry of Finance is offering what it termed to be **“entrepreneurship development funds and financial support. (E.D.F.F.S) program”**

The hoax email appearing to be from Ms Ericah Shafudah, whereby victims are invited to complete an application form and submit their information to [“madamericahshafudah@gmail.com”](mailto:madamericahshafudah@gmail.com)

The hoax email reads as follows:

“Greetings, I am Madam Ericah from the department of Finance and grants committee. My office certainly received your application showing interest in the recently advertised funds in partnership with the USAID to help promote economic development and reliance among entrepreneurs in the country. I am pleased to inform you that the description and nature of your project seemed viable hence your application made it through to the final step. For the purposes of accountability and further vetting, I have attached the official grants form for your use, read through it carefully, download, print and fill in the required fields then send it back to my email address for verification and possible approval should it meet the minimum threshold.

As mentioned earlier, the grants committee holds the right to adjust the applicable amount (Maximum of NAD 520,000) upwards or downwards depending on a number of factors including the grants policies. You will also be required to send a copy of your national identification and passport size photo for the purposes of office documentation and paperwork. Kindly note that forms that are not fully filled, signed and submitted before the April 8th will be nullified. Once again congratulations on your shortlisting hoping that the funds you will receive from this project will help in achieving the goal of economic independence and self-reliability in our great Nation”.

We would like to inform the public that such emails are not authored by Ms Ericah Shafudah, the Executive Director of Finance. Thus the Ministry of Finance would like to distance itself from such email/s. Further to state that the Ministry of Finance does not offer such kind of products/projects or any form of grants, not now or in future.

The public is highly advised to resist these type of scams and most importantly to refrain from exchanging personal details via malicious platforms.

Please stay vigilant, as fraudsters have many ways of phishing information which are to their benefits.

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