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FRAUDULENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

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The Ministry of Finance has become a target of hoax, phishing scams and other fraudulent requests that are published on the internet or circulated on the social media and other channels of communication.

We would like to caution the public to be vigilant and not fall victims to these fraudulent requests.

The recent scam is being circulated on WhatsApp inviting people to apply for “COVID-19 Support Grant” of which first time applicants would apparently receive payments within 24 hours after approval (see the sample below). This so-called Grant Fund which is purported to be legitimate, has no connection at all with the Ministry of Finance in Namibia.

Last year the Ministry of Finance provided the Emergency Income Grant of N\$750 to Namibians who lost incomes due to COVID-19. The grant was a once off payment which ended in September 2020. In addition, various facilities were introduced to support business development in general as well as those affected by COVID-19 through the Development Bank of Namibia and commercial banks.

We urge members of the public to evaluate and verify any suspicious requests and avoid providing their personal details as it might result in identity theft. /END

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