



EFF STATEMENT ON THE EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS THE ADHOC COMMITTEE ADOPTED AT THE JOINT SITTING IN PARLIAMENT

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) notes the adoption of the Joint Ad-Hoc committee for specific oversight of the emergency flood relief programmes and funds following the floods in Kwa-Zulu Natal and Eastern Cape.

In this regard, the EFF will robustly and diligently represent the people who are to benefit from the relief funds in the AdHoc committee given that we are up against government looters who have a passion for stealing from the poor. South Africans have recent experience during the COVID-19 pandemic that this corrupt government remains unmoved even in the face of mass deaths, and is energized on all the possible looting activities it can instigate.

However, South Africans can be assured that the EFF will match the energy of the corrupt government to ensure that our people fully benefit from the relief funds and timeously so.

It is the state that must lead rebuilding of communities and infrastructure, and as such, the functions of government cannot be handed over to unelected and foreign funded NGOs. If Government cannot do the work it is elected to do, it must resign.

The EFF calls on Treasury to provide adequate resources to the Auditor-General so that it is capacitated to do its work in real time as promised by Cyril Ramaphosa. It is the modus operandi of Ramaphosa to promise all sorts of accountability and consequent management yet the state institutions that are constitutionally mandated to do so are intentionally underfunded, which results in substandard accountability or none at all. Moreover, this makes it difficult to prosecute government looters.

The EFF further calls on the National Prosecuting Agency (NPA) to respond immediately to reports of corruption.

Lastly, the EFF would like to thank the religious communities who have made their spaces as places of refuge for the destitute. The EFF will also remain on the ground working with our people as they rebuild their lives.

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