



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

URGENT PUBLIC NOTICE

SCAM ALERT: ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND GRANTS

This notice serves to inform the general public that it has come to our attention that there is a scam in a form of a malicious web link that is being circulating via different modes of communications, such as social media platforms, SMS and emails. This malicious scam is purporting that the Ministry of Finance is offering what it termed to be "*Entrepreneurship Development Funds And Grants*".

The Scammers created a link which leads to a webpage impersonating to be the Ministry of Finance website. The victims are invited to complete an application form, after submitting their information, the victim will then receive an acknowledgement email from a **fake** email "honericahshafudah@gmail.com" reading as follows:

"DEAR SIR./MADAM

RE. ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND GRANTS.

"My office certainly received your online application showing interest in the recently advertised government funds to help promote economic development and reliance among entrepreneurs across 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 and fill in the required fields then send it back to me via my email 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 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 processing your grants. Kindly note that forms that are not fully filled, signed and submitted before the November 2ND deadline 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

Yours Faithfully

Ms Ericah Shafudah,

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development".

The Ministry of Finance, hereby informs the Public that we have not issued such web link and further that the Ministry of Finance does not have such a product/project.

The public is highly advised to resist this scam and most importantly refrain from exchanging any information or providing personal details/bank Accounts details via the malicious web link and the associated application form.

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

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