

Non-profits lose income in lockdown

NON-PROFIT organisations in the country have experienced a decline in income since the country went into lockdown in March, a survey has revealed.

It also found that the organisations anticipate things will remain difficult for at least 18 months.

Tshikululu Social Investments surveyed more than 170 NPOs around the country and found 66% of respondents experienced a decline in income. Another 35% of those interviewed said they had to lay off staff.

At least 61% of respondents believed that the damage from the pandemic could either be partly or fully countered, and expected income to return to 2019 levels in the next three years.

The survey found that despite these challenges, approximately 60% of organisations reported that they did not apply for relief funding from either the public or private sector.

Some were unaware that relief funding was available, while others benefited in the form of social investment or top-up funding from donors.

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