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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

To all Stakeholders

### **MEASURES TO COMBAT COVID-19 PANDEMIC AT REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTRES**

In terms of the lockdown that was announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa on Monday 23 March 2020 as a measure to combat the spread of COVID-19, you are hereby advised that all Refugee Reception Centers will not be assisting any clients during the nation-wide lockdown for 21 days with effect from 27 March 2020 to 16 April 2020.

Clients whose visas expire during the period **16 March 2020** to **16 April 2020** will not be penalised or arrested provided they legalise their visas within 30 calendar days of the lockdown being lifted.

Once the lockdown is lifted, priority will be given to legalise the visas of applicants whose visas were affected by the lockdown.

A further communique will be forwarded to all stakeholders stating the process to be followed by applicants after the lockdown period.

The Department would like to thank you for your understanding, cooperation and patience over this trying period.



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