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SATU COVID-19 Relief Fund July Update

The Office of the General Secretary of South African Typographical Union (SATU) would like to announce that since its launch on 1 July 2020, the SATU COVID-19 Out-of-Work benefit has so far paid out R227 280 to SATU members in desperate need of a helping hand during this time.

SATU General Secretary Edward de Klerk notes; “We believe that we are the only union, certainly in the print, packaging and signage industry that has extended such a benefit to its members. The Union could have remained indifferent to the plight of its members and bemoaned the lack of assistance by Government across industries. However, with the realization that Government interventions alone, would not stave off the prospect of financial ruin for the majority of our members, leadership made the decision to implement this benefit. This historical, ground breaking and radical shift in thinking, co – constructed through the ultimate realization of the social compact coined by President Ramaphosa at the start of the pandemic, has now borne the fruits of collaboration and has set the scene for progressive pathways in this age – old sector. This has certainly been required to address what is fast turning into an economic disaster for the country and her people”.

SATU is encouraged by a number of companies who are willing to help the Union disburse funds efficiently to all affected members. “We once again implore all employers in the industry to help the Union assist as many members as possible, we hope that these collaborations continue into the future and usher in a new culture in the industry, where collaboration is a key component of SATU’s future envisaged co-determination framework model for the industry”

states De Klerk. The benefit will be valid during the lockdown until the commencement of Level 2 regulations with members receiving a payment of R150 per week (R600 monthly). Companies wishing to assist with this process can kindly contact KhweziM@satu.co.za.

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