



COVID-19 CORRUPTION AND MALFEASANCE REPORT

PROVINCE	INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED	DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGATIONS	ALLEGED AMOUNT
Gauteng	Khusela Diko	Presidential Spokesperson Khusela Diko was granted leave of absence amid an ongoing investigation into allegations of her husband's involvement in a R125-million PPE contract at the Gauteng Department of Health. ¹ Royal Bhaca Projects, the company of Amabhaca King Madzikane Diko, was one of 75 original successful bidders for Gauteng's R2.2-billion PPE procurement. ² Diko used another company, Ledla Structural Development to act as an agent on his behalf, while claiming he was no longer involved in the procurement according to the <i>Sunday Independent</i> . ³ Neither Ledla Projects nor Royal Bhaca Projects had any experience in providing or supplying medical waste products. ⁴ Prices of PPE goods were enormously	R125-million

¹<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/presidents-spokesperson-khusela-diko-takes-leave-of-absence-in-face-of-ppe-procurement-scandal-20200727>

²[https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-08-14-tenderised-state-is-a-tough-issue-that-must-be-tackled/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups\[0\]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC+CID_9e8717a17dd7bb92900af7e89c9acd48&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=Tenderised%20state%20is%20a%20tough%20issue%20that%20must%20be%20tackled](https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-08-14-tenderised-state-is-a-tough-issue-that-must-be-tackled/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups[0]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC+CID_9e8717a17dd7bb92900af7e89c9acd48&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=Tenderised%20state%20is%20a%20tough%20issue%20that%20must%20be%20tackled)

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⁴[https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-08-14-tenderised-state-is-a-tough-issue-that-must-be-tackled/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups\[0\]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2014](https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-08-14-tenderised-state-is-a-tough-issue-that-must-be-tackled/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups[0]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2014%20August%202020%20UWC&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2014)

		inflated. ⁵ Former Gauteng health MEC, Bandile Masuku is family friends with Diko and has since been fired as MEC as a result of the scandal. ⁶	
Gauteng	Gauteng Health Department HOD Mkhululi Lukhele	Gauteng Premier David Makhura has taken the decision to suspend the provincial Health Department's HOD Mkhululi Lukhele. Lukhele's suspension is based on a report from the SIU which uncovered that Lukhele had failed to exercise his responsibility when awarding certain contracts to certain companies for the procurement of goods and services related to the pandemic. ⁷ Lukhele's actions may have resulted in the department incurring fruitless or wasteful expenditure. ⁸	
Gauteng	Sicelo Buthelezi	It is reported that Sicelo Buthelezi, former adviser to Gauteng Health MEC Qedani Mahlangu, received three contracts to the value of more than R873m. ⁹ Buthelezi is executive chairman of HSB Mercantile which secured Covid-19 contracts between March and July 2020. The company is being investigated by the SIU for malfeasance. ¹⁰	R873-million

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⁵<https://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/news/dikos-royal-bhaca-paid-r80m-through-front-company-8ee33f59-3af7-4807-8ff5-559cbd68dca0>

⁶<https://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/news/dikos-royal-bhaca-paid-r80m-through-front-company-8ee33f59-3af7-4807-8ff5-559cbd68dca0>

⁷<https://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2020-09-30-gauteng-health-official-suspended-over-lack-of-action-in-awarding-of-contracts-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

⁸<https://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2020-09-30-gauteng-health-official-suspended-over-lack-of-action-in-awarding-of-contracts-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

⁹<https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/news/2020-07-26-black-business-chief-blasts-covidpreneurs-as-ppe-scandal-grows/>

¹⁰https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-07-29-how-covid-19-emergency-procurement-turned-into-a-cadres-feast/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=First%20Thing%20Wednesday%2029%20July%20Hydro%20SAICA&utm_content=First%20Thing%20Wednesday%2029%20July%20Hydro%20SAICA+CID_13029ce53105a6a740ee167209627e5e&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=How%20Covid-19%20emergency%20procurement%20turned%20into%20a%20cadres%20feast

Gauteng	Department of Infrastructure Development	At the end of September 2020, it was reported that the Gauteng provincial government had spent more than R1.2bn on ICU field hospitals in expectation for a rapid increase in Covid-19 cases. ¹¹ Despite the fact that the surge has already passed and hundreds of millions already spent, some of these field hospitals continue to be incomplete. ¹² The hospitals are built using alternative building technology (ABT) despite controversy around using these materials. The Department of Infrastructure Development (DID) defended the construction of the field hospitals. ¹³	
Gauteng		The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) is investigating 102 companies amid allegations of tender corruption. ¹⁴ Over R2.1 billion has been spent between April and July and 358 of the listed vendors have no internet profile or are listed as providing services unrelated to the tenders they were awarded by the Gauteng government. ¹⁵	
Gauteng	Gauteng Department of Education (GDE)	<p>In the Covid-19 Expenditure Disclosure Report April to September 2020, it showed the Gauteng Education Department paid R98-million to 28 different companies who were contracted to “sanitise” buildings in preparation for the return of schools after the hard lockdown.¹⁶</p> <p>Professor Shabir Mahdi of Vaccinology at the University of the Witwatersrand in response to the sanitizing of schools provided “If the schools were closed for weeks and the virus doesn’t survive for more than three days in the environment,</p>	

¹¹<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-09-25-big-questions-loom-over-gautengs-billion-rand-field-icu-hospitals/>

¹²<https://www.capetalk.co.za/articles/397431/gauteng-govt-spent-r1-2-billion-on-covid-19-icu-field-hospitals-that-still-aren-t-complete>

¹³<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-10-05-part-1-of-two-stories-gautengs-covid-19-infrastructure-splurge-new-report-raises-more-questions-than-answers/>

¹⁴ <https://www.enca.com/news/siu-probing-102-gauteng-firms-over-covid-19-tenders>

¹⁵ <https://www.enca.com/news/siu-probing-102-gauteng-firms-over-covid-19-tenders>

¹⁶<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-11-08-wasteful-irregular-dangerous-and-probably-corrupt-gautengs-covid-19-splurge-continues-this-time-in-schools/>

		the last place to ‘decontaminate’ would be the schools, where there were no humans for the past few months! The virus does not fly – it needs people to move!”. ¹⁷	
Gauteng	Gauteng Department of Education (GDE)	It is reported that the Gauteng Education Department spent over R400-million over a period of three months on “deep cleaning” and “decontamination” of schools in the province. ¹⁸ Additionally, the report compiled by the Infrastructure Management Directorate in the GDE found that very few of the service providers listed in the report appear to have any experience in disinfecting. The GDE MEC, Panyaza Lesufi has since started engaging law enforcement officials to ensure a thorough investigation into the matter. ¹⁹	R400-million
Eastern Cape	Eastern Cape Health Department	The provincial health department in the Eastern Cape undertook a scooter project aimed at transporting Covid-19 patients. ²⁰ The project allegedly cost R10-million but Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize has stated that the scooters do not qualify to transport patients as they do not meet the specific requirements. ²¹	R10-million
Eastern Cape	Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDE)	The Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDE) awarded a contract to Sizwe Africa IT Group worth an estimated value of R160-million. ²² It is alleged that the awarding of the tender circumvented the conventional procurement processes. The company who has been awarded the tender, Sizwe Africa IT Group is a majority-owned subsidiary of controversial	R538-million

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¹⁸<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-01-26-gauteng-department-of-education-spent-r431-million-in-three-months-on-unnecessary-deep-cleaning-and-decontamination-of-schools/>

¹⁹<https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/report-reveals-most-of-the-r400-million-spent-in-just-three-months-on-decontamination-in-gauteng-schools-was-unnecessary/?fbclid=IwAR1OiPUbNgh6m5rvfAudlm4m9djHXVdOPRWtn55P0TMami1YAGPWWPCAaDQ>

²⁰<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/r10m-eastern-cape-medical-scooter-project-is-a-fail-reveals-health-minister-50707971>

²¹<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/r10m-eastern-cape-medical-scooter-project-is-a-fail-reveals-health-minister-50707971>

²²<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/da-lays-another-police-complaint-against-eastern-cape-education-head-over-r530m-contract-20200807>

		businessman Iqbal Survé's Ayo Technology Solutions. ²³ The contract was awarded to the company without a competitive bidding process being followed. The company's CEO is Reverend Vukile Mehana, the governing ANC's chaplain-general. Later reports suggested that the department will spend an additional R404-million to lease tablet devices and SIM cards from the company, bringing to R538-million the total revenue the company will earn from the department over three years.	
Eastern Cape	Buffalo City Municipality	At the beginning of December 2020 the Hawks' Serious Corruption Investigation Unit raided the Buffalo City Municipality supply chain management offices and confiscated documents and electronic equipment relating to an investigation into corruption worth R30-million. ²⁴ The investigation is related to a food voucher tender programme. ²⁵	R30-Million
Eastern Cape	Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality	Allegations of collusion between employees of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality and service providers have been brought to the fore by the Democratic Alliance (DA). ²⁶ It is alleged that prices of PPE procured by the Municipality have been inflated during the pandemic. ²⁷	

²³https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-12-anc-linked-it-firm-owned-by-iqbal-surves-ayo-bags-questionable-r160m-lockdown-e-learning-deal/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Weekend%20Thing%2016%20May%202020%20Port2Port&utm_content=Weekend%20Thing%2016%20May%202020%20Port2Port+CID_9f3ae39d205050122c411b1b30da6966&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=ANC-linked%20IT%20firm%20owned%20by%20Iqbal%20Survés%20Ayo%20bags%20questionable%20R160m%20lockdown%20e-learning%20deal

²⁴<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/hawks-raid-buffalo-city-metro-offices-in-connection-with-r30m-covid-19-food-voucher-corruption-20201210>

²⁵ <https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2020-12-10-watch-hawks-raid-buffalo-city-metro-offices/>

²⁶<https://www.polity.org.za/article/ppe-corruption-possible-collusion-between-nmb-staff-and-covid-19-service-providers-must-be-investigated-2020-09-08>

²⁷<https://www.polity.org.za/article/ppe-corruption-possible-collusion-between-nmb-staff-and-covid-19-service-providers-must-be-investigated-2020-09-08>

Western Cape	Western Cape Education Department	The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) has launched an investigation into the Western Cape Education Department's Covid-19 procurement process, after one company was awarded a contract worth R111.8-million to supply PPE. ²⁸ According to the Procurement Disclosure Report, Masiqhame Trading 1057 was awarded 74 of the department's 87 tenders. Despite the company having no website or business address, Schäfer contends that the department's contract with the company dated back to 2017 and honoured its current contract with Masiqhame Trading for the supply and delivery of all necessary cleaning materials and hygiene packs. ²⁹	R111.8- Million
Western Cape	City of Cape Town	The City of Cape Town was criticized for spending R52-million on a site for the homeless in Strandfontein which was only in existence for six weeks during the first phase of the State of Disaster. ³⁰ According to GOOD secretary-general, Brett Herron, the setting up of the camp may have also served the purpose of channelling money to "Covidpreneurs". ³¹ A group of about 180 people were moved to an unserviced site under an overpass in central Cape Town after the site in Strandfontein closed down. ³²	R52-Million

²⁸<https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/probe-of-r1118m-ppe-contract-welcome-says-debbie-schaefer-880c7a74-f998-4fcd-9ca8-43f3620bd1af>

²⁹<https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/probe-of-r1118m-ppe-contract-welcome-says-debbie-schaefer-880c7a74-f998-4fcd-9ca8-43f3620bd1af>

³⁰<https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/strandfontein-site-may-have-been-used-to-funnel-money-to-covidpreneurs-herron-86920be8-6ffa-4c6a-9c68-cbfaa21836be>

³¹<https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/strandfontein-site-may-have-been-used-to-funnel-money-to-covidpreneurs-herron-86920be8-6ffa-4c6a-9c68-cbfaa21836be>

³²<https://www.groundup.org.za/article/homeless-moved-from-strandfontein-site-frustrated-and-unhappy-with-city/>

Western Cape	Cederberg Municipality	The Cederberg Municipality in the Western Cape has found itself under investigation by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU). The SIU descended on the offices of the municipality to execute a search warrant in relation to its PPE probe. ³³ This stems from a probe of the Matzikama Municipality spending on PPE and to establish whether the correct procedures were followed. ³⁴ Investigators were following up on a link between 3 companies which it has flagged in the Matzikama investigation. ³⁵	
Western Cape		In the DA-run Western Cape, concerns of food parcels being distributed to DA members by officials were raised by opposition parties in the Western Cape legislature. ³⁶ It was alleged that people could not access food parcels because they were not part of the DA, according to GOOD's Brett Herron. Meanwhile, the Stellenbosch municipality launched a probe into allegations that the town's deputy mayor, Wilhelmina Petersen only distributed food parcels to DA members and supporters in the town of Franschoek. ³⁷	

³³<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/covid-19-corruption-siu-pounces-on-western-cape-municipality-seizes-documents-20200914>

³⁴<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/covid-19-corruption-siu-pounces-on-western-cape-municipality-seizes-documents-20200914>

³⁵<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/covid-19-corruption-siu-pounces-on-western-cape-municipality-seizes-documents-20200914>

³⁶<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-04-25-western-cape-legislature-gets-a-picture-of-protests-looting-and-hunger-in-land-of-milk-and-honey/>

³⁷<https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/call-for-dan-platos-head-for-violating-directive-on-distributing-food-48118257>

Western Cape		It is alleged that Saldanha Bay Municipality bosses used Covid food relief valued at more than a million Rand, funded by the state and private donors to manipulate the outcomes of a by-election. ³⁸ The GOOD political party has since asked the SIU to investigate Covid-19 food relief being used for party political purposes. ³⁹	
Kwa-zulu Natal	Department of Social Development	The Head of the Department of Social Development in KZN has confirmed that 13 officials have been implicated in a R22-million blanket scandal. ⁴⁰ An investigation has uncovered that the blankets were sourced from 4 service providers with the cost ranging from R350 and R599. ⁴¹ The investigation further established that the blankets were misrepresented by the supplier and most of the blankets which were supplied were not in accordance with the specifications provided. ⁴²	R22-million
Kwa-zulu Natal	Department of Social Development	In Kwa-Zulu Natal Covid-19 relief funds have allegedly been misappropriated by the Department of Social Development. In Premier Zikalala's Covid-19 disclosure report details have emerged on how a company called Ibusaphi Trading charged the provincial Social Development Department R1,035 for 5 litres of sanitiser when the retail price of the product was R250. ⁴³ According to the SIU there is an investigation into the Department of Social Development regarding an estimated 22 contracts that are to the value of R43.6 million. ⁴⁴	R43.6 million

³⁸<https://forgood.org.za/siu-asked-to-probe-abuse-of-covid-food-relief-to-sway-saldanha-by-election/?fbclid=IwAR0IKOafJa1ByAxFORULrhnQ7NAhb0xAU0AwNaTHq4wCIm092coOnUgjJWU>

³⁹<https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/good-party-urges-probe-of-parcel-hoarding-reports-in-saldanha-bay-municipality-2f5caa24-7ac8-40d4-a101-df18d8e6fc21>

⁴⁰ <https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/what-is-kzn-blanket-scandal-covid-corruption/>

⁴¹<https://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2020-07-21-r30m-spent-irregularly-in-dodgy-kzn-tenders-for-blankets-and-ppe-premier/>

⁴²<https://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2020-07-21-r30m-spent-irregularly-in-dodgy-kzn-tenders-for-blankets-and-ppe-premier/>

⁴³<https://ewn.co.za/2020/09/01/siu-probing-kzn-social-development-dept-over-irregular-covid-19-expenditure>

⁴⁴<https://ewn.co.za/2020/09/01/siu-probing-kzn-social-development-dept-over-irregular-covid-19-expenditure>

Free State	Ace Magashule, Tshepiso and Thato Magashule	The African National Congress secretary general Ace Magashule has been linked to Covid-19 related corruption through his associates. ⁴⁵ Tshepiso and Thato the son of Magashule have been flagged as they received tenders worth R2.7 million for rendering Covid-19 goods and services. ⁴⁶	R2.7 million
North West		In the North-West local municipality of Ramotshere Moiloa in Zeerust two ANC councilors were suspended for asking businesses for contributions towards food parcels for personal gain. ⁴⁷ The councilors were subsequently suspended by the ANC. ⁴⁸	
North West		On 18 December 2020 the SIU raided the Matlosana Municipality in the North West province over allegations of corruption related to PPE procurement. ⁴⁹ The SIU said its investigation focused on the contracting of goods, works and services. ⁵⁰	
Mpumalanga		The chairperson of the EFF in Mpumalanga has laid criminal charges against ANC MPL Jeanette Thabete and Kedibone Mathebula, the acting regional manager of SA Social Security Agency, after a truck delivered food parcels to Thabete's home in Tekwane. ⁵¹	
Limpopo		The Provincial Health spokesperson in Limpopo Neil Shikwambana confirmed that Covid-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) tenders worth over R900 million were not advertised by the department but the names were supplied by the provincial treasury. ⁵² There are allegations that among the 216 companies which the tenders were awarded to, some belong to state officials and the friends and relatives of senior politicians, while others did not	

⁴⁵ <https://ewn.co.za/2020/08/09/spotlight-on-ace-magashule-s-associates-over-ppe-corruption>

⁴⁶ <https://ewn.co.za/2020/08/09/spotlight-on-ace-magashule-s-associates-over-ppe-corruption>

⁴⁷ <https://www.news24.com/citypress/News/councillors-accused-of-looting-food-parcels-meant-for-the-poor-20200419>

⁴⁸ <https://www.news24.com/citypress/News/councillors-accused-of-looting-food-parcels-meant-for-the-poor-20200419>

⁴⁹ <https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2020-12-18-siu-raids-north-west-municipality-over-ppe-corruption/>

⁵⁰ <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/siu-raids-matlosana-municipality-ppe-procurement-probe>

⁵¹ <https://www.news24.com/citypress/News/councillors-accused-of-looting-food-parcels-meant-for-the-poor-20200419>

⁵² <https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/ppe-tenders-in-limpopo-were-not-advertised-health-spokesperson>

		qualify. ⁵³ One of the companies has allegedly received a tender amounting to R180 million. ⁵⁴	
		According to Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize, South African taxpayers forked out R11.2-million for 184 South Africans repatriated from China amidst the global pandemic. ⁵⁵ They were accommodated at the Protea Hotel Ranch Resort in Limpopo for 14 days. The R11.2-million formed part of a total of R87.3-million worth of goods and services procured without following conventional tender processes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. ⁵⁶	
Limpopo	Limpopo Department of Health	Despite not appearing on the official database of suppliers at the Limpopo Department of Health, a KwaZulu-Natal company was awarded a R185-million contract to supply PPE. ⁵⁷ Pro Secure (Pty) Ltd allegedly subcontracted companies owned by relatives of politicians and departmental officials. ⁵⁸ It is further speculated that the contracts awarded to the company constituted 20% of the province's overall PPE budget. ⁵⁹	R185-million
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	UIF	South Africa's Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) has seen a substantial increase in payments made due to the loss of jobs as a result of the pandemic. Some irregular payments have been made, including payments paid out to people who are deceased, imprisoned and minors. ⁶⁰ Payments have since been temporarily suspended amid an investigation into the matter.	

⁵³<https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/ppe-tenders-in-limpopo-were-not-advertised-health-spokesperson>

⁵⁴<https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/ppe-tenders-in-limpopo-were-not-advertised-health-spokesperson>

⁵⁵<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/taxpayers-paid-r112m-to-resort-to-accommodate-repatriated-south-africans-from-china-49110643>

⁵⁶<https://briefly.co.za/66973-repatriation-sa-citizens-china-cost-taxpayers-r112-million.html>

⁵⁷<https://www.onlinetenders.co.za/news/limpopos-r932m-ppe-tender-mess>

⁵⁸<https://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/news/limpopos-r932m-ppe-tender-mess-836015a1-e926-479f-a027-f07d90ce340a>

⁵⁹<https://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/news/limpopos-r932m-ppe-tender-mess-836015a1-e926-479f-a027-f07d90ce340a>

⁶⁰<https://www.businessinsider.co.za/uif-ters-payments-2020-8>

	Temporary Employer/Employee Relief Scheme (TERS)	<p>The UIF has instituted around 75 criminal cases in relation to fraud stemming from TERS payments during the pandemic.⁶¹ It has been reported that over 6 000 government employees looted more than R41 Million from the relief fund which was supposed to assist the unemployed during the pandemic.⁶² Furthermore inmates, soldiers and the deceased have all claimed TERS for Covid-19 benefits.⁶³</p>	
	Department of Human Settlements, Water & Sanitation	<p>Chief water adviser, Thami ka Plaatjie has been caught on tape attempting to secure himself and other department bureaucrats water tanker contracts from the R200-million emergency tender.⁶⁴ The emergency relief was pledged by Minister Sisulu after protests earlier this year in Maluti-a-Phofung municipality as a result of poor service delivery and disruptions in the water supply. The pandemic has placed greater urgency on getting rural communities connected to water supply in order for people to wash their hands and ensure hygiene protocols are followed.⁶⁵</p>	

⁶¹<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/75-criminal-cases-opened-over-TERS-fraud-nxesi-4002325a-bf2f-5a77-b8e0-138ee18dbec5>

⁶²<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/the-looting-dead-officials-soldiers-and-even-the-dead-scored-from-covid-19-unemployment-relief-siu-finds-20201028>

⁶³<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/the-looting-dead-officials-soldiers-and-even-the-dead-scored-from-covid-19-unemployment-relief-siu-finds-20201028>

⁶⁴ <https://www.news24.com/citypress/News/sisulu-adviser-discussed-sharing-contracts-20200531>

⁶⁵https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-06-03-thami-ka-plaatjie-sisulus-chief-water-adviser-puts-himself-on-indefinite-leave-after-being-caught-influence-peddling/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Afternoon%20Thing%20Wednesday%203%20June%202020%20Ninety%20One&utm_content=Afternoon%20Thing%20Wednesday%203%20June%202020%20Ninety%20One+CID_b4abbf8c807f9853b966a3617eea44ab&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=Sisulus%20chief%20water%20adviser%20on%20indefinite%20leave

	National Lotteries Commission	In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the National Lotteries Commission attempted to side-step requests for it to disclose its beneficiaries of its R150-million Covid-19 relief fund. ⁶⁶ The list of beneficiaries have not been published for months, which prompted the DA to make a PAIA application for the disclosure of its beneficiaries. ⁶⁷ Numerous reports about alleged corruption at the Commission in the payment of grants have emerged. ⁶⁸	
	Department of Public Works & Infrastructure	The Department of Public Works' R40-million Beitbridge border fence extension has been riddled with corruption. The upgrade to the border fence was hastily commissioned in March 2020 in response to the country's efforts to curb the spread of Covid-19. ⁶⁹ Instead of using the standard procurement procedures and advertising for bids for the project, the department opted to nominate Magwa Construction to secure the fence at the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe. ⁷⁰ Since the upgrade, images on social media showed that the newly installed barbed-wire fence had been vandalized. ⁷¹	
	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Former Chief Financial Officer of the Agriculture Department, Jacob Basil Hlatshwayo has had his pension benefits frozen. An order was granted by the Special Tribunal in favour of the SIU who made the application. This comes after an SIU investigation into the alleged irregular awarding of a PPE contract to a	

⁶⁶[https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-06-11-lottery-sidesteps-naming-covid-19-fund-beneficiaries-sanlam-starts-its-own-fund-and-western-cape-peak-set-for-june/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups\[0\]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2012%20June%202020%20eTV&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2012%20June%202020%20eTV+CID_c56d000f2b702459fa5455704320cb9f&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=Lottery%20sidesteps%20naming%20Covid-19%20fund%20beneficiaries%20Sanlam%20starts%20its%20own%20fund%20and%20Western%20Cape%20peak%20set%20for%20June](https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-06-11-lottery-sidesteps-naming-covid-19-fund-beneficiaries-sanlam-starts-its-own-fund-and-western-cape-peak-set-for-june/?tl_inbound=1&tl_groups[0]=80895&tl_period_type=3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME%20TGIF%2012%20June%202020%20eTV&utm_content=ME%20TGIF%2012%20June%202020%20eTV+CID_c56d000f2b702459fa5455704320cb9f&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=Lottery%20sidesteps%20naming%20Covid-19%20fund%20beneficiaries%20Sanlam%20starts%20its%20own%20fund%20and%20Western%20Cape%20peak%20set%20for%20June)

⁶⁷<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/national-lotteries-commission-to-reveal-list-of-covid-19-relief-fund-beneficiaries-20200629>

⁶⁸<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/national-lotteries-commission-to-reveal-list-of-covid-19-relief-fund-beneficiaries-20200629>

⁶⁹https://www.enca.com/news/beitbridge-border-fence-project-riddled-corruption?fbclid=IwAR0IILwbCzPpK0Tu0I5FIFJ4cEHVng8551zBs_Y5tDZGaCSXfGbWERYbQnwE

⁷⁰https://www.enca.com/news/beitbridge-border-fence-project-riddled-corruption?fbclid=IwAR0IILwbCzPpK0Tu0I5FIFJ4cEHVng8551zBs_Y5tDZGaCSXfGbWERYbQnwE

⁷¹<https://www.news24.com/citypress/news/de-lille-defends-r37m-beitbridge-border-fence-tender-after-backlash-20200418>

		company by the department. SIU has identified officials who were involved in irregularities which included Hlatshwayo. ⁷²	
	JB Marks Municipality	The former Supply Chain Manager of the JB Marks Municipality in Potchefstroom, Modiko Thabang Selemane has been identified by the SIU in an investigation to have allegedly been involved in unlawful conduct relating to the procurement of PPE for the municipality in response to Covid-19. ⁷³ The SIU have confirmed that the activities range from the unlawful appointment of various service providers and the unlawful authorisation of payments that were not due or inflated. ⁷⁴	

⁷²<https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/courts/2418015/siu-gets-interdict-to-stall-payment-of-jacob-hlatshwayos-pension-benefits/>

⁷³<https://potchefstroomherald.co.za/82054/municipalities-former-scms-pension-fund-withhold-due-to-alleged-unlawful-activities/>

⁷⁴ <https://news365.co.za/ppe-corruption-3/>

	SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICES (SAPS)	Lieutenant-General Francinah Vuma and Major General Johannes Riet, who were tasked to investigate and suspend Crime Intelligence head Peter Jacobs, on charges of PPE tender irregularities, are themselves under investigation by the Hawks for an alleged R200-million SAPS PPE tender spree. ⁷⁵ Jacobs and other crime intelligence bosses were suspended between 8 and 10 December 2020 for fraudulently procuring PPE last year. ⁷⁶	R200-million
	South African National Defence Force (SANDF)	It is reported that in October 2020 the SANDF bought Interferon, a drug which is not registered to treat Covid-19, to the value of R229-million. ⁷⁷ It is further reported that 40% of the consignment from Cuba were lost, after the cooling rooms' doors were left open where the medication was being stored. ⁷⁸	R229-million

⁷⁵https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-01-17-saps-ppe-scandal-clash-of-top-brass-amid-claims-of-massive-corruption/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=168%20Newspaper%20Edition%20-%20Uber&utm_content=168%20Newspaper%20Edition%20-%20Uber+CID_62b9b799f10166488e5587f58fbb02d8&utm_source=TouchBasePro&utm_term=SAPS%20PPE%20scandal%20Clash%20of%20top%20brass%20amid%20claims%20of%20massive%20corruption

⁷⁶<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2021-01-09-crime-intelligence-bosses-lose-bids-to-have-suspensions-overturned/>

⁷⁷<https://www.capetalk.co.za/articles/406991/sandf-destroys-40-of-unregistered-covid-meds-after-cooler-room-doors-left-open>

⁷⁸<https://mybroadband.co.za/news/trending/384078-sandf-lost-40-of-dubious-covid-19-medicine-because-it-forgot-fridge-doors-open.html>

	City Power (Johannesburg)	City Power, the Johannesburg electricity distributor, is accused of purchasing small bottles of sanitiser at a price of R3 450 each. ⁷⁹ While the same product can be purchased at a retail store such as Clicks for around R29.99 each. It is further alleged that City Power, in its procurement of PPE, overspent on a variety of items it procured between 15 March and 30 June 2020. City Power has since denied the allegations. ⁸⁰	
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⁷⁹https://mybroadband.co.za/news/trending/385536-city-power-paid-r3450-for-a-small-bottle-of-sanitizer-which-costs-r30-sun-1700.html/amp?__twitter_impression=true

⁸⁰<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/ppe-purchases-city-power-rejects-rumours-of-spending-r3-000-per-sanitiser-bottle-20210209>