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### **DSBD CALL-OUT TO LOCAL SMMEs AND COOPERATIVES IN THE CLOTHING, TEXTILE, FASHION DESIGN AND TAILOR MAKING BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE AS SUPPLIERS OF CLOTH FACE MASKS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) calls-out to SMMEs and Cooperatives in the Clothing and tailor making business to supply bulk cloth face masks for employees working as frontline staff and members of the public during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Minister calls upon members of the public to reserve medical masks for use by Health Care workers in the front-line in hospitals and clinics. Minister Ntshavheni appeals to members of the public to support local seamstresses and tailors who make cloth face masks by directly purchasing from them.

The Department calls on SMMEs in the textile, fashion and clothing industry to participate in the Request for Information (RFI) published on the Departmental website [www.dsbd.gov.za](http://www.dsbd.gov.za)

SMMEs and Cooperatives are urged to register their businesses on the database at [www.smmesa.gov.za](http://www.smmesa.gov.za).

Additional information, RFI and Specifications may be accessed at any of the following websites:

[www.dsbd.gov.za](http://www.dsbd.gov.za);

[www.sefa.org.za](http://www.sefa.org.za);

[www.seda.org.za](http://www.seda.org.za)

and at [www.mybindu.org.za](http://www.mybindu.org.za)

SMMEs may also contact the department by sending an e-mail to [info@dsbd.gov.za](mailto:info@dsbd.gov.za) or call 086 667 7867.

*Together we can reduce the spread of the virus and save lives, support small businesses and protect the economy of South Africa.*

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