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**SUSPENSION/CLOSURE OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS GROWTH/
RESILIENCE FACILITY**

The Department of Small Business Development with its agencies Seda and sefa introduced measures to support SMMEs affected by the COVID -19 pandemic.

The Business Growth and Resilience Facility is now suspended due to the overwhelming number of applications received. This is a support instrument intended to enable continued participation of SMMEs in supply chains, more particular those in manufacturing or supplying products required during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department is no longer accepting new applications for the Business Growth and Resilience facility scheme. We will continue to process all received applications and communicate directly to beneficiaries.

Our other support schemes such as the Debt Relief Facility which is mainly intended to cover some of the operational costs during this period ensuring that small businesses stay afloat and thereby protect jobs. Our newly opened Spaza Shops Support Scheme remain open for new applications.

The Department remains available to assist SMMEs and can be reached through any of our officials websites: www.dsbd.gov.za; www.sefa.org.za; www.seda.org.za and at www.mybindu.org.za. Alternatively, SMMEs may get in contact with the Department by sending an e-mail with an enquiry to info@dsbd.gov.za or call 086 667 7867.

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