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MILLIONS IN GIPF PENSION BENEFITS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED BY OVER THOUSAND FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) is calling on all former members who have left employment due to retirement, resignation, ill-health, disability, or retrenchment, but who have not claimed or received their pension benefits from GIPF, to contact the HR Offices of their former employers in order to lodge their claim.

The Fund has millions in what is referred to as unclaimed benefits. Every staff member of a participating employer from all Government Offices, Ministries and Agencies as well as participating state-owned entities and Regional and Village Councils are entitled to receive pension benefits at the time when they leave employment and cease to be a member of the GIPF. These benefits are guaranteed as per the rules of the Fund and therefore, are paid out to members once a benefit claim is received by GIPF with all relevant supporting documents.

At times however, members and HR officers of participating employers of the GIPF do not complete the relevant claim forms by the time a member leaves service. Consequently, these benefits remain with GIPF as unclaimed benefits.

The GIPF has in the meantime, introduced a self-service help tab on its recently revamped website. This is aimed at making it easy for members to search for their names on the site to determine whether they indeed appear on the published lists of the unclaimed benefits. What a member needs to do is to **click on the relevant Ministry's name to start the search**. GIPF is thus urging all former members to visit the GIPF website to check whether your names appear on the list of unclaimed benefits on the website. **Members can use the search area provided to type in their information or the information of a GIPF member that they know did not receive his/her benefits and press enter to find out if them or that member is one of the beneficiaries the GIPF is searching for.**

Apart from the website, members are also encouraged to be on the lookout for information that indicates when the Fund will be on radio and on its social media pages sharing fund and benefits related matters.

In the same vein, GIPF has a list of death claims that are yet to be claimed. For some death benefit claims, the fund is waiting for beneficiaries of the deceased member to come forward and submit the required documents in order for the benefits to be paid out.

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