

# MEMBER ALERT



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## **GIPF takes on Crayfish Festival**

Namibia's largest pension fund administrator, the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) is set to overwhelm its members and stakeholders with a myriad of service offerings during this year's Crayfish festival at Lüderitz. GIPF is a defined pension fund that provides guaranteed pension benefits to its large membership base, the benefits are defined in terms of the rules of the Fund.

GIPF offers normal or early retirement, ill-health/disability benefits, death benefits, funeral benefits, as well as resignations/withdrawal and retrenchment benefits as its core mandate. As a pension fund, stakeholder relationships and engagement remain critical as this will empower our members with appropriate information on members' benefits and rules of the Fund. This year, the Fund will begin with its many engagements for the year in the town of Luderitz. After a few years hiatus, the Fund will be participating in the Crayfish Festival scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> April to the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Part of the activities in Luderitz, the Fund will be visiting employers such as the Namibia Correctional Services, the Social Security Commission, the state hospital, the Namibian Police, just to mention but a few. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, the Fund will be hosting all other employers at the Luderitz Waterfront Auditorium including all the schools. It is therefore, with great pleasure that we invite all our members to make use of these member information sessions. We wish to emphasize that it is our members' responsibility to make sure that they visit our Mobile Van "Pension on Wheels" and find out about their membership status during the festival.

We will be attending to all pension enquiries, provision of retirement advice, biometric/fingerprint enrolment and verification for pensioners, spouses and children's

beneficiaries, we will also be providing benefit statements, income statements and the submission of required outstanding documents. We further wish to remind our members and beneficiaries that it is important to understand the rules of the Fund and how they are applied. We, therefore, encourage all GIPF members to visit our mobile team at the Crayfish Festival as well as all our regional offices countrywide and be briefed on their rights and responsibilities and to find out what benefits they are entitled to. Members seeking for specific updates related to their benefits are always encouraged to bring their identity documents as well as their latest payslips.

Lastly, GIPF has many other platforms of engagement and information sharing such as targeted member education sessions at various member institutions. As a forward-thinking Fund, we have also embraced the use of new technologies and urge members to use our social media platforms and website for interactive sessions and to gain further information about activities taking place at the Fund.

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