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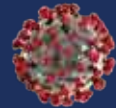
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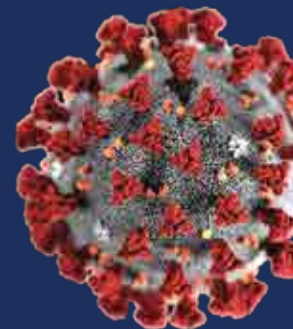
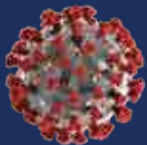


## MIG REPRIORITIZATION FOR COVID 19

The MIG reprioritization for COVID 19 is vital for municipalities to respond to the needs for sufficient clean water in rural, less formalized and non-serviced areas in response to the call to wash hands regularly as a way to minimize the spread of the Corona Virus. It is therefore applauded. In the majority of cases, the allocations to Water Service Authorities (WSAs) are larger than those to local municipalities that are not served by a WSA, due to the larger areas served by WSAs.

Irrespective of the grant size there is little funding available for reallocation considering that it is now the last quarter of the municipal financial year. Therefore, it is the view of CIGFARO that Government should allow the reprioritization of any grant not yet spent, in order to assist municipalities to fund some of the interventions called for by National and Provincial Governments to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Most municipalities do not have reserves of unallocated funds to address the immediate needs which may, at a later stage, be refunded through a Disaster Relief allocation so it makes sense that unspent funds which would have been repaid to National Government as used. If this is not agreed to, the lack of immediate response to the urgent front line defences could have far reaching consequences for our communities and devastating effects on the capacity of the health services.



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