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CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
DURBAN

ICWF GUIDELINES FOR UPLOADING ON WEBSITE

Please find enclosed ICWF guidelines for uploading on Consulate General of India, Durban website.

2. Draft for approval is placed at **FLAG-A**.

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Acting Consul General

INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND (ICWF)

1. ICWF is a welfare scheme run by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for the welfare of overseas Indian workers and expats.
2. ICWF, set up in 2009, is aimed at assisting Overseas Indian nationals in times of distress and emergency in the most deserving cases on a means tested basis. The revised guidelines being made broad-based seek to expand the scope of welfare measures that can be extended through the fund. ICWF would cover three key areas namely Assisting Overseas nationals in distress situations, Community Welfare activities and Improvement in Consular services. ICWF is expected to provide Indian Missions and Posts abroad greater flexibility in swiftly addressing to requests for assistance by Overseas Indian nationals.
3. Apart from assisting Indian nationals in distress abroad, ICWF has been critical support in emergency evacuation on Indian nationals in conflict zones, and other challenging situations like assistance to undocumented Indian workers abroad.
4. The scale and speed of these evacuations and assistance rendered through the fund has been universally appreciated. It has also created a sense of confidence among the migrant workers going overseas about the support they can expect from India during critical times.
5. ICWF stands extended to all Indian Missions and Posts abroad and is primarily funded by levying service charge on various consular services rendered by Indian Missions and Posts abroad.
6. Indian worker/ expats can approach Indian embassy/ consulate in this regard directly.