



My Veilige Pensioen: Opvolg Verslag: Desember 2023

Meervoudige AMAGP verslae oor projek 'My Veilige Pensioen' vanaf Mei 2023 verwys

My Veilige Pensioen se doelwit is om die volhoubaarheid van die Staatsdienspensioenfonds te verseker deur die politieke beheer waaraan die Fonds onderwerp is, ter syde te stel – indien nodig deur litigasie. Die bedreiging vir ons fonds is reeds in die 18e eeu deur die Franse ekonoom Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850) soos volg saamgevat: *'When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in society, over a period of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorises it and a moral code that justifies it'*

Met die volhoubaarheid van die fonds voor oë het ons AMAGP lede genader vir 'n finansiële bydrae om die komende litigasie-kostes te help befonds.

Hiermee 'n vorderingsverslag aan lede oor hoe die projek vorder sowel as die bestuur van die bydraes ontvang.

Projek vordering: Die projek word in noue koördinasie met die vakbond Solidariteit bedryf. Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) aansoeke is deur beide Solidariteit en AMAGP gerig aan die Tesourie, die Public Investment Corporation (PIC) en die Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF). Geeneen van die instansies het binne die statutêre tydlyn die inligting/dokumentasie soos versoek blootgelê nie. Ons volgende stap is om nou die howe te nader ten einde blootlegging af te dwing. Eers na die uiteindelijke ontvangs van die inligting, kan ons begin litigeer oor die geldigheid van bepaalde wetgewing. Dit is 'n 4 na 6 jaar projek

Samewerking: Ons huidige samewerkings met Solidariteit is op 'n vertrouensbasis. Dit is nodig dat ons die basis sal formaliseer deur 'n vaste ooreenkoms wat onder andere die finansiële verpligtinge van die partye sal uitspel. Ons het in beginsel ooreengekom vir 'n vergadering hieroor en sal 'n datum vir die gesprek finaliseer.

AMAGP het geen vasgestelde lede bedrae nie en alle bydraes is op donasie basis. Ons aksies word gedryf deur vrywilligers. Voor die aanvang van 'My Veilige Pensioen' was daar maar ongeveer 50 lede wat bydraers was. Met 'My Veilige Pensioen' het die getal bydraers gestyg na ongeveer 180 wie se bydraes wissel vanaf R50 to R100 per persoon per maand. Dit lewer 'n konstante stroom van inkomste vir die projek en daar is nou reeds R240 000 in 'n beleggingsfonds gereserveer vir die projek.

Ons is dankbaar vir elke donasie maar die belegging sal beduidend moet groei om voorsiene litigasie kostes te kan dra. Elke lid word dus versoek om hierdie projek aan mede-pensioenarisse bekend te stel. AMAGP ontwikkel ook nou 'n bewuste werwingsprojek wat ons geografies gaan uitrol. Die beskeie bydraes van groot getalle pensioenarisse gaan deurslaggewend wees vir die sukses van hierdie projek.

Groete
Zirk Gous
Namens AMAGP

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My Secure Pension: Progress Report December 2023

Various AMAGP reports regarding project 'My Secure Pension' as from May 2023 refers.

The purpose of 'My Secure Pension' is to enhance the sustainability of the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPPF) by challenging the political control to which the Fund is subjected to – if need be via litigation. The threat to the fund is neatly summarised by the words of the French economist Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850): *'When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in society, over a period of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorises it and a moral code that justifies it'*.

In pursuit of the sustainability of the fund, AMAGP approached our members for financial support to carry the cost of future litigation.

This is a progress support to members on the status and management of the project including the management of donations already received from members.

Project progress: This project is developed in coordination with the trade union Solidarity. Applications in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) were directed by AMAGP and Solidarity towards the Treasury, the GEPPF and the Public Investment Corporation. None of these institutions disclosed the information/documentation as requested within the statutory stipulated timelines. Our next step now will be to approach the courts to enforce disclosure. Only after said disclosure, can we start litigating about the validity of the applicable acts of parliament. This is a 4-to-6-year project.

Cooperation: Our present cooperation with Solidarity is on a goodwill principle. It is necessary to formalise this into a written agreement detailing inter alia the financial responsibilities of the two parties. We have agreed to a formal meeting on this and will agree on a date.

AMAGP has no membership fee for members and members, prior to 'My Secure Pension', contributed if they so wish for our expenses. With 'My Secure Pension' we specifically noted the cost implications of litigation and requested members for voluntary donations to cover said. This was met with a positive response and presently about 180 members make donations of between R50 and R100 per month. This provides for a steady stream of income – to such an extent that an amount of R240 000 has been deposited into a 'call-account' reserved for the project.

We are grateful for members' contributions but litigation in the high court will necessitate more. Each member is requested to introduce this project to friends and other state pensioners. AMAGP is at present developing a recruitment drive which will be rolled out geographically. This will be a project where the small contributions of many state pensioners will contribute to successfully sustaining our valued pension fund for many years to come.

Regards
Zirk Gous
For AMAGP

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