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The Information Officer / RTI Unit,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P. O.

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Accra, Ghana.

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Dear Sir/Madam,



*Received by Paul Mase
25/08/26*

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2019 (ACT 989)

I write pursuant to article 21(1)(f) of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, 1992 and the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989), to formally request access to information in the custody of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs relating to the evacuation of Ghanaian nationals from the Republic of South Africa.

On 13th August, 2026, the Ministry issued a press statement under the heading "Ghana Fully Funded the Evacuation of Our Nationals from South Africa Following Recent Xenophobic Attacks." In that statement, the Ministry stated that the evacuation of all Ghanaian compatriots was fully funded by the Government of Ghana and "our Ghanaian partners"; that Ghana did not seek any financial or material support from the Government of South Africa; that more than 1,600 Ghanaians have been evacuated home from South Africa since May 2026 and that the evacuations continue; and that evacuees are provided with reintegration funds, transport fares and other relief items on arrival in Ghana.

The statement confirms that Government resources have been committed to this exercise, but it does not disclose the total amount spent, the composition of the expenditure, the appropriation or account from which the money was drawn, or the identity of the private entities described as Ghanaian partners. The cost of the exercise is therefore not on the public record, and Parliament and the taxpaying public have no basis on which to assess it.

In connection with the above, I respectfully request the following information:

1. The total amount expended by the Government of Ghana on the evacuation of Ghanaian nationals from South Africa from May 2026 to the date of this request, stated in Ghana cedis and in United States dollars, together with a breakdown of that total by cost category, including air charter and commercial air tickets, ground transportation and accommodation in South Africa, consular and travel documentation, staff costs, reintegration payments and relief items. Kindly also provide the supporting expenditure records for these amounts, including invoices, payment vouchers, receipts, contracts, purchase orders, charter agreements and corresponding payment or expenditure approvals.
2. The sources from which the expenditure was funded and the amount drawn from each source, including, where applicable, the Consolidated Fund, the Contingency Fund, the approved 2026 budget appropriation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, any supplementary appropriation, funds held by the Ghana High Commission in Pretoria, and contributions from private sources, together with copies of the warrants, releases or expenditure authorisations issued by the Ministry of Finance for the exercise, and any internal commitment, approval or payment authorisation maintained by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ghana High Commission in Pretoria.
3. The names of all persons, companies, institutions or other entities described in the Ministry's statement as Ghanaian partners; the amount or value contributed by each; whether each contribution was in cash or in kind; the public account into which any cash contributions were lodged; and copies of any agreements, correspondence, donation records, receipts or other instruments documenting those contributions, subject to any lawful redaction under Act 989. Kindly also indicate whether any such partner received, or is entitled to receive, any reimbursement, tax treatment, procurement consideration, acknowledgement of debt, future commitment or other consideration from Government in connection with the contribution.
4. The number of Ghanaians evacuated to date and a schedule of each evacuation flight or rotation undertaken, showing the date, the airline or service provider, whether the flight was chartered or commercial, the number of evacuees carried, and the cost of that flight. For each relevant procurement or service arrangement, kindly state the procurement method used, the contract or reference number, and whether the service was procured through competitive tendering, restricted tendering, single-source procurement or any emergency procurement procedure.
5. The approved amount of reintegration support and transport fare payable per eligible evacuee; the amount actually paid per evacuee; the total sum disbursed under each head; the eligibility criteria; the approving authority; and the aggregate number of

evacuees who have received such support. Kindly also provide the list of relief items supplied, together with their quantities, unit costs and total cost.

This request is made in the public interest. The Ministry has placed the funding of the exercise on the public record and the supporting figures ought equally to be available to citizens.

I request that the information be provided in electronic form. Kindly transmit all correspondence and responses relating to this request by email to asafoadjeinana@gmail.com. I am willing to pay the prescribed charge for reproduction of the information in accordance with the fees and charges approved by Parliament under section 75 of Act 989.

I respectfully request that this application be determined and written notice of the decision provided within the statutory period prescribed by section 23 of the Right to Information Act, 2019 (Act 989). Should any clarification be required, I remain available to assist.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Ranking Member - Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration Committee
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