



REPUBLIC OF GHANA

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PRESS STATEMENT

GHANA FULLY FUNDED THE EVACUATION OF OUR NATIONALS FROM SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWING RECENT XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS

ACCRA, 13TH AUGUST, 2026 – The Government of Ghana has taken note of media publications indicating that the Government of South Africa is requesting reimbursement amounting to \$18million from a number of African countries for the support and facilitation extended by the South African Government in the evacuation of fellow Africans out of their country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to state for the record, in unequivocal terms, that the evacuation of all our compatriots was fully funded by the Government of Ghana and our Ghanaian partners.

For the avoidance of doubt, Ghana did not seek any financial or material support from the South African Government to bring our fellow nationals back home.

Government further assures that the latest round of evacuations have followed the same principle with the Government of Ghana and our Ghanaian partners bearing the entire cost.

It is pertinent to note that, since May 2026, more than 1,600 Ghanaians have been evacuated home from South Africa by the Government of Ghana. The evacuations continue.

It is also worth highlighting that upon arrival in Ghana, the evacuees are all provided with reintegration funds, transport fares and other relief items, as part of the Government's commitment to ensure their smooth reintegration.

Ghanaians can therefore be assured that under no circumstances will Ghana be listed among the countries being requested by the Government of South Africa to reimburse the cost incurred in repatriating foreign nationals.

The Ministry reiterates the Government's commitment to protecting the lives and welfare of our citizens wherever they may be, and will continue to take timely and decisive action whenever the safety and security of Ghanaians abroad are at risk, regardless of the cost required.

We convey our profound gratitude to President John Mahama and all our Ghanaian partners for ensuring a fully Ghanaian-funded evacuation of our dear citizens.

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