

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD 31 AUGUST 2017
(DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE SPORT AND RECREATION)**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Legislature is duly vested with a mandate to maintain oversight of provincial executive authority and any organ of state and all provincial executive authority including provincial organs of state are accountable to it in compliance with section 114 of the constitution. The legislature is independent and performs its functions impartially without prejudice enshrining the rule of law.

In terms of Standing Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature 2013, the **Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children, and People with Disabilities** (the committee), is established in terms of Rule 135 (h) and has powers to conduct oversight on transversal issues affecting designated groups. The Committee is composed of a multiparty representation and is empowered to develop mechanisms to conduct oversight over provincial departments and public institutions.

The select committee is vested with the power to monitor, investigate and enquire into and make recommendations concerning any organ of state or constitutional body regarding transversal and transformation matters to ensure a province free from gender discrimination and inequalities in promotion of the Bill Of Rights.

The committee in accordance with Rule 119 may summon any person to appear before it to give evidence on oath/ affirmation, or to produce documents and permit oral evidence. The committee may compel an institution or a person to comply with summon subject to the rules and orders or a provincial legislation.

The Legislature seeks to establish whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective local municipality areas.

2. PURPOSE OF THE OVERSIGHT VISIT

- I. To assess the efficient utilization of government funding and resources

II. To determine the impact made by the department on the improvement of quality of life to vulnerable groups in the province

III. To assess the implementation of policies by the department that seeks to improve quality of life.

3. METHOD OF WORK

The Committee invited and met with the Department of Culture Sport & Recreation (DCSR) and Sibonelo Art and Culture as per the programme of the Legislature and quarterly target of the committee to an oversight visit, held 31 August 2017.

4. PRESENTATION BY SIBONELO ART AND CULTURE PREVIOUS KNOWN AS (MAJAYIMILE) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE ,SPORT AND RECREATION

The Department of Culture, Sport, and Recreation has a goal to promote cultural diversity for socio-economic development and transformation for the citizens of Mpumalanga by providing support to art and craft institutions in the province. Through Programme 2 Cultural Affairs, is responsible for the development, promotion and preservation of art, culture, visual art and craft, performing art, art technology, arts industries and multi-faith religions.

BACKGROUND OF SIBONELO ART AND CULTURE

The business was initiated by a single experienced woman in the field of art and design. Majayimile Trading Enterprise was initiated to create job opportunities in the creative art industry. Currently, Majayimile Trading is known as Sibonelo Art and Culture Cooperative after they formed a cooperative with other woman who are involved in art and culture. The cooperative has employed five permanent workers with different skills in creative art and sawing.

Service rendered

The enterprise produce unique, customized and contemporary product made from cattle and wild animal skin. Their product includes bags, cushions, key-holders, chairs and pedestal, mats, cloths etc.

Funding

According to DCSR Sibonelo Art and Culture, they received funding of R150 000 from National Department of Art and Culture in 2012/13 financial year and currently, DCSR is providing technical support, product exhibitions, transport and accommodation during exhibitions and trainings on a continual basis.

The Cooperative further received amount of R5000 000.00 from the Department of Social Development during 2014/15 financial for the purchasing of sewing machines.

Challenge

- a) The structure is too small for operation and they have been writing to the Local Municipality for the structure that is not utilized and being vandalized.
- b) The workshop is small and the monthly rental is expensive compare to the income and the monthly spending.

5.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) The cooperative is operating in a small premise where rental is costly.
- 2) There is lack of collaboration between department of Social Development, department of Economic Development and Culture Sport and Recreation in supporting the project to ensure growth and sustainability.
- 3) There is no curio shop within the municipality where art and craft cooperatives can market their product.

5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Underneath are recommendations and the department must report back to the Committee by the end of the 3rd Quarter of 2017/18 financial year:

- 1) The DCSR Office of the MEC must engage the Lekwa Local Municipality through the Mayor's Office and request the identified unused structure to be occupied by Sibonelo Art and Craft Cooperative. The department must report on the progress by the end of the 3rd Quarter of 2017/18 financial year.
- 2) The DCSR and Department of Social Development must work in collaboration in ensuring that funding or technical support to the cooperative is provided and ensure growth and sustainability of the project.
- 3) The DCSR Office of the MEC must engage the municipality through MINMEC on the provision of curio-shops to promote art and craft market within the municipality.

6. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson extended appreciation to Members of the Committee; beneficiaries from Sibonelo Art and Culture, officials from the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during the deliberations.

The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations and progress to be provided to the committee before the end of financial year 2017/18.



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**CHAIRPERSON: SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN,
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29/09/2017
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