

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD 07 JUNE 2017

(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)

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 MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the legislature through the Select Committee on Women, Youth, Children and People with Disabilities to conduct assessment on the Department of Social Development in order to ensure that the 2017/18 Annual Performance Plan addresses the quality of life for women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.

3. METHOD OF WORK

The Committee invited and met with the Department of Social Development as per the programme of the Legislature and quarterly target of the committee to a committee meeting, held 07 June 2017.

4. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Acting HOD/Chief Director, Ms. T.E Mhlongo together with the management responsible from the Department took the committee through the presentation on the annual plan performance for 2017/18, as outlined in the following programmes:

4.1 CHILDREN PROGRAMMES

CHILD AND FAMILY CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The committee noted that the strategic objective of this programme aim to provide comprehensive and family care and support service to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The following key areas for intervention have been prioritized for current financial year 2017/18.

- Prevention and early care services to children to orphans and vulnerable children
- Provision of foster care services to children in need of care and protection
- Linking children who are about to exit foster care with programmes that will ensure sustainable development beyond foster care children with provision of designated children protection services.

ECD AND PARTIAL CARE

Early childhood development (ECD) service focus on babies and toddlers aged 0-4 years cohort. The department indicated that for intervention the following is planned for 2017/18 financial year:

- To systematically increase the number of children having access to ECD Programmes. These include children in Centres as well as home and community based services to children who do not have access to formal centers.
- A drive to register all unregistered partial care centers to ensure compliance with norms and standard as per the Children's Act.
- The registration of ECD programmes in registered ECD facilities (ECD centers) with training and capacity building on implementation of programmes as per the Children's Act become critical.
- The roll out of the caregiver parental training to benefit the 0-4 cohort.

2017/18 PLANS FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Indicator	Ehlanzeni	Gert Sibande	Nkangala	Total
Number of orphaned and vulnerable children receiving psychosocial services	2000	2020	2040	6060
Number of children placed in foster care	850	620	750	2220
Number of children in foster care linked to sustainable social protection programmes	100	90	100	290
	2950	2730	2890	8570

ECD PLANS 2017/18

Indicator	Ehlanzeni	Gert Sibande	Nkangala	Total
Children accessing registered ECD programmes	22000	19 345	21 450	63 155
Subsidized children accessing registered ECD programmes	23 441	15 215	16 872	55 528
Children reached though non-Centre based programmes	2500	1365	1243	5 108
ECD practitioners in register ECD programmes	2950	2730	2890	8570

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRES PLANS 2017/18

Indicator	Ehlanzeni	Gert Sibande	Nkangala	Total
Number of funded CYCC's	11	05	09	26
Number of children in need of care and protection places in CYCCs	280	246	2500	1100

COMMUNITY BASED: ISIBINDI PLANS 2017/18

Performance indicator	Ehlanzeni	Gert Sibande	Nkangala	Total
Number of children accessing services thought Isibindi model	4535	5500	3000	13035
Number of children and youth care workers trainees who received training thought libindi model	90	90	70	250

PROVINCIAL FUNDED ECD'S 2016/17			
DISTRICTS	FUNDED CENTRES	NUMBER OF FUNDED CHILDREN	BUDGET
EHLANZENI	350	20 202	79 589 928
NKANGALA	260	14 851	58 117 860
GERT SIBANDE	209	13 353	52 877 880
PROVINCIAL TOTAL	819	48 406	190 585 665

4.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN PROGRAMMES

The committee noted the strategic objective of the Youth Development as to create an enabling environment for young people to develop competencies and skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities.

Women Development: To create an enabling environment for women to develop constructive, affirmative, sustainable relationship and skills; for them to engage as partners in their own development an that of their communities

Victim Empowerment: To provide integrated service to victim of crime and violence.

ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2017/18

Indicator	2017/18 Targets	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Youth development structure supported	90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Signing of SLA/s -Transfers of 1st quarter funds -Conduct Session with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support. -Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. -Transfer of 2nd quarter funds Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support -Develop specifications and call for business plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. -Transfer of 3rd quarter funds -Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support -Receive business plans and appraise for funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. -Transfer of 4th quarter funds -Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support Submission for approval for next financial year

Youth participating in mobilisation programmes	5 000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and mobilise youth for participation 2000 youth reached through mobilisation programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 000 youth are reached through mobilisation programmes are reached 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 youth reached through mobilisation programmes are reached 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate evaluation sessions
Youth participating in National Youth Service Programmes	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify facilities and mobilise youth for volunteer services 1000 youth are reached through NYS Volunteer Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 youth are reached through NYS Volunteer Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate NYS programmes 	

Youth utilizing services delivered in Youth Centres	108 000	27,100 youth utilizing services in the YDCs reached Monitoring and support of YDCs	27 100 youth utilizing services in the YDCs reached Monitoring and support of YDCs	27 000 youth utilizing services in the YDCs reached Monitoring and support of YDCs	27 000 youth utilizing services in the YDCs reached Monitoring and support of YDCs
Youth linked to work/economic opportunities	450	469 youth linked to work/economic opportunities Monitoring and support of YDCs	450 youth linked to work/economic opportunities Report on youth linked to work opportunities	450 youth linked to work/economic opportunities Report on youth linked to work opportunities	450 youth linked to work/economic opportunities Report on youth linked to work opportunities
Number of life skills workshops conducted	90	68 Life Skills workshops conducted	Identify youth for participation 18 Life Skills workshops conducted	Identify youth for participation 18 Life Skills workshops conducted	Facilitate evaluation sessions
Number Provincial Youth Camps conducted	01	Identify youth from foster care, vulnerable youth, households leading youth Identify monitors and officials to participate Planning sessions with stakeholders	01 Provincial Youth Camp conducted. Develop action plans and monitor implementation	Facilitate evaluation sessions and preparation for national camp Implementation of action plans Attendance of the for national camp	Facilitate evaluation sessions

The committee welcomes the planned programmes for the youth and emphasized on the monitoring and evaluation of the centres that there must be a partnership with all stakeholders dealing with youth matters so that they are well capacitated and have access to information.

Women participating in empowerment programmes	2 110	Workshops on the framework -Mobilise women to participate in the empowerment programmes	1350 women reached through women empowerment programmes	760 women reached through women empowerment programmes	Facilitate evaluation sessions
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women in Social Co-operatives supported	150	-Identify women cooperatives -150 women in cooperatives supported with training	150 women in social co-operatives supported with training Monitor application of skills	Monitor application of skills	Facilitate evaluation sessions
women participating in Life Skills Programmes	2160	-Mobilise woman to participate -400of women reached through Life Skills programme	500 young women reached through Women Life Skills Programme	500 young women reached through Life Skills Programme	Facilitate evaluation sessions
Women NPOs supported	3	-Signing of SLAs -Transfer of Funds -conduct Session with the women NPOs -Monitoring and support Collation of repots	-Monitoring and support -collation of reports -develop specifications and call for business plans	-Monitoring and support -collation of reports -Receive business plans and appraise for funding	-Monitor and support -collation of reports -Submission for approval for next financial year

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT 2016/17 PLANS

Indicator	2017/18 Targets	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Victims of crime and violence in funded VEP services sites	3 500	873 Victims of crime and violence receiving services in 22 shelters/Centres	948 victims of crime and violence reciving services in 22 shelters/Centr	952 Victims of crime and violence receiving services in 22 shelters/Centre	727 Victims of crime and violence receiving services in 22 shelters/Centres

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Victims of crime, violence receiving psychosocial support	1000	250 Victims of crime receiving Comprehensive social work services	250 Victims of crime receiving Comprehensive social work services	250 Victims of crime receiving Comprehensive social work services	250 Victims of crime receiving Comprehensive social work services
Human trafficking victims of who accessed social services	20	4 Human trafficking adult victims accessed Social Work Services	4 Human trafficking adult victims accessed Social Work Services	7 Human trafficking adult victims accessed Social Work Services	5 Human trafficking adult victims accessed Social Work Services
Persons reached through prevention (gender based violence) programme	17000	3320 Number of people reached through prevention of services	4986 Number of people reached through prevention of services	5374 Number of people reached through prevention of services	3320 Number of people reached through prevention of services
Victim empowerment services sites (shelters and centres)	22	22 Shelters/ Centres Funded	22 Shelters/ Centres Funded	22 Shelters/ Centres Funded	22 Shelters/ Centres Funded

ALLOCATION OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRES 2017/18

District	Number of YDCs	Allocation for 2017/18
Ehlanzeni	31	R 5, 855 555
Gert Sibande	31	R 5, 855 555
Nkangala	28	R 5, 488 890
Total =	90	R 17, 839, 000

Ehlanzeni

Sub-district	Number of YDCs	
Nkomazi	06	
Mbombela	11	
Umjindi	03	
Thaba Chweu	03	
Bushbuckridge	08	

GERT SIBANDE

Sub-district	Number of YDCs	
Msukaligwa	04	
Chief Albert Luthuli	06	
Mkhondo	06	
Lekwa	03	
Dipaliseng	03	
Pixley Ka Isaka Seme	05	
Govan Mbeki	04	

NKANGALA

Sub-district	Number of YDCs	
Emalahleni	02	
Emakhazeni	05	
Thembisile Hani	04	
Dr JS Moroka	10	
Steve Tshwete	05	
Victor Khanye	02	

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT NPOs APPROVED 2017/18

District	Number of YDCs	Allocation for 2017/18
Ehlanzeni	01	R 600 000
Gert Sibande	01	R 550 000
Nkangala	01	R 500 000

VICTIM EMPOERMENT CENTER APPROVED FOR 2017/18

District	Number of VEP Shelters/ Centers	Allocation for 2017/18
Ehlanzeni	12	R 7, 594,000
Gert Sibande	07	R 3, 030 000
Nkangala	03	R 2, 100 000
Total =	22	R 12, 634, 000

BUDGET ALLOCATION

Youth development:	R 37, 873, 000
Women development:	R 1, 281, 000
Victim Empowerment	R23, 286, 000

The committee noted that youth Centres are meant to address challenges faced by the youth, including lack of access to information, illiteracy, lack of skills, teenage pregnancy, HIV/Aids, lack of access to higher education and unemployment. Furthermore the committee noted that the main drive of the youth Centres is to provide IT facilities for the youth to access job and career information, including to process applications online.

4.2 DISABILITY PROGRAMMES FOR 207/18

The committee noted that the Department delivers a wide range of social welfare services to people with disabilities aimed at facilitating increased independence of people with disabilities to participate fully and equally in all social and economic activities. As part of these services, the committee noted that the department provides subsidies to protective workshops; which are run and managed by Non for Profit Organizations (NPOs).

According to the department, there are six functional domains that are used to determine prevalence of disabilities, namely sight, hearing, communication, walking, self-care and remembering. The committee noted that the highest prevalence recorded in the Mpumalanga province was in sight disability followed by remembering, hearing, walking and self-care while communication recorded the least number of people affected.

The committee noted that Ehlanzeni district recorded the highest number of people with communication, walking and self-care disabilities, Nkangala district recorded the highest in seeing difficulties while Gert Sibande district had majority of people with hearing and remembering/cognitive disabilities.

In Ehlanzeni, the top three local municipalities that have recorded high statistics in all the six domains are Bushbuckridge, Mbombela and Nkomazi. In Gert Sibande, Govan Mbeki, Chief Albert Luthuli and Mkhondo recorded high numbers of people experiencing difficulties in the six domains. Thembisile Hani, Emalahleni and Dr J. S. Moroka local municipalities are the highly affected municipalities in Nkangala district.

Furthermore the committee noted that the prevalence of disabilities therefore indicates that the three urban municipalities in the province, namely Mbombela, Emalaheni and Govan Mbeki have high statistics of persons with disabilities. On the other hand, the six CRDP municipalities also feature in the list of the local municipalities that have recorded high number of people in all the six functional domains. These are Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi, Chief Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo, Thembisile Hani and Dr. J. S. Moroka.

NUMBER OF PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS FUNDED

DISTRICT	PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS	Beneficiaries	Amount budgeted 2017/18
Ehlanzeni	25	793	R 2,862,900.00
Gert Sibande	20	472	R 1,707,138.00
Nkangala	22	650	R 2,307,060.00
TOTAL	67	1 915	R 6,,877,098.00

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FUNDED

DISTRICT	Residential facilities	Beneficiaries	Amount budgeted 2016/17
Ehlanzeni	1	246	R 5,313,00
Gert Sibande	2	92	R 2,064,960
Nkangala	4	227	R 4,579,200
TOTAL	7	565	R 11,957,760

STIMULATION FUNDED

DISTRICT	No of stimulation centres	Number of beneficiaries	Amount budgeted 2016/17
Ehlanzeni	17	423	R 2,538,000.00
Gert Sibande	22	511	R 2,882,484.00
Nkangala	15	395	R 2,325,240.00
TOTAL	54	1358	R 7,745,724.00

SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

Mental Health Society	Amount budgeted 2017/18
Deaf Federation of South Africa	R1,847,490.00
Mpumalanga Association for People with Disability	R2,185,614
Emilepsy of South Africa	R1,672,080.00
Ama-wheelies	R291,233.00
Mpumalanga mental health Society	R3,961,883.00

The committee noted that People with albinism are at risk of isolation because of the condition is often misunderstood. As Social stigmatization occur, especially within communities, where the race or paternity of a person with albinism is questioned. The department must make an effort to include people with albinism in their programmes.

5.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) People with Albinism are not recognised as disabled and being discriminated by the society at large.
- 2) There is inadequate awareness about the role of Youth Centres in the communities as a result, most youth feel neglected by the government.

5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The department must make an effort to include people with albinism in their programmes and awareness to ensure that they are integrated in the society.
- 2) The department must increase funding and monitoring on awareness programmes in communities and schools on the role of youth centres and the information they can acquire. and monitor growth and sustainability.

5. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson extended her appreciation to Members of the Committee, officials from the department of Social Development 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.



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**CHAIRPERSON: SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN,
YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

29/09/17

DATE