

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND  
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD 10 AUGUST 2016  
(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 objective was to assess the annual plan for 2016/17 on the improvement of quality of life to Women's, Youth, Children and People with Disability.

## 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 10 August 2016, and further considered the committee report on the 08 September 2016.

## 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 plans for 2016/17, as outlined in the following programmes:

### 4.1 CHILDREN SERVICES

The committee noted that the strategic objective of this programme is to develop, care and protect the children by improving the provision of early childhood development (ECD) service for children aged 0-5 years. The department indicated that the ECD infrastructure has been established in the areas as reflected in the table below:

Priority Output	Key Targets	Key Milestones	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual Budget
<b>ECD Infrastructure</b>	Siyabuswa (Rooikoppen)	ECD construction and completion	Construction Commence	20% Contraction	50% Construction	100% Construction	4500
	Standerton	ECD construction and completion	Construction Commence	50% Contraction	1000% Contraction	Final Account	4500
	Tweefontein	ECD Construction and completion	Construction Commence	20% Contraction	50% Contraction	100% Contraction	4500
	Ermelo (Wesselton)	ECD Construction and completion	Construction Commence	20% Contraction	50% Contraction	100% Contraction	4500
	Ogies	ECD Construction and completion	Construction Commence	50% Contraction	100% Contraction	Final account	4500
	Manzini	ECD Construction and completion	100% Planning & Design	Procurement and Construction	80% Contraction	100% Contraction	646800
	Mbuzini	ECD Construction	Construction	Procurement	80%	100%	4500

The committee noted that in the previous engagements the department indicated that funding for infrastructure construction is not part of their competence, but in this presentation there is provision for that. The Committee wanted to be clarified as to whether there has been a function shift. Further, the committee welcomes the response by the department that the funding has only been provided for ECD infrastructure facilities as adopted by National. There is a policy in this regard and the funds will be provided from the conditional grant with effect from the 2017/18 financial year.

The committee further noted that the budget allocated for the construction of infrastructure for ECD is an equal amount for all the regions and wanted to know whether the structures are standardized without even taking into consideration environmental impact analysis between urban and rural areas.

In response, the department indicated that these are standardized structures as this was done in consultation with department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works provided norms and standards after conducting an environmental study.

## ECD AND PARTIAL CARE

Priority Output	Key Targets	Key Milestones	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual Budget R '000
ECD and Partial Care	Children between 0-5 accessing quality ECD services.	65 938 children accessing registered ECD programmes	65 938	65 938	65 938	65 938	19631
	Children reached through non-centre based ECD programmes.	4 417 children accessing non-centre based ECD programmes	4417	4417	4417	4417	4461

The committee enquired whether the department has a database for all ECD Centres and a guide in terms of the population and distance for the establishment of such service. The committee also wanted to know whether educators are qualified and monitored.

In response, the department indicated that they do have a database for all ECD centers funded and non-funded. The department of education does training for educators and most of them have completed their NQ level 5 qualifications. It was also indicated that the social workers are the ones who conduct the monitoring.

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

#### **4.2 CARE AND SERVICES TO PERSON WITH DISABILITIES**

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.

Furthermore, the committee wanted clarity on the prevalence of disability in the province relating to sight and hearing. The committee also checked as to whether the department does cater for disabilities that are clinical or only persons who are born with the disability, and it was noted that the department deal with both cases of persons born with the disability and those that get the disabled through different incidences that occur in their life.

The department further indicated that confusion was as a result of the previous model; which is the medical model and the department is now changing to the social model; which detects persons with disabilities at early stage.

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.

The committee further noted that there was dissatisfaction in the transfers of the disability desk from the Office of the Premier to Social Development, and demanded to be returned back. The committee noted that a summit was held where these matters were discussed with all the stakeholders involved and the Disability Desk still remain under Social Development.

Furthermore, the committee noted an indication by the people with disabilities during its oversight visits that they are not considered on the allocation of RDP houses. The department indicated that they always liaise with Department of Human Settlement when there is such a need.

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, Emalaheni 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.

The committee wanted clarity in terms of the six functional domains (sight) as to what role the department is playing in preventing the high number as recorded.

Furthermore, the committee wanted to know the strategy that is used in ensuring that there is compliance by all the departments in terms of the 2% representative of people with disabilities in the province.

In repose, the department indicated that they are in consultation with all departments provincial in ensuring compliance and further indicated that currently five (5) departments have complied with the 2% target namely; Office of the Premier, Department of Finance, Culture, sport and Recreation, Education and Social Development.

#### **NUMBER OF PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS FUNDED**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount budgeted 2016/17</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1 915</b>	<b>R 6,,877,098.00</b>

#### **RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FUNDED**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>Residential facilities</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount budgeted 2016/17</b>
Ehlanzeni	1	246	R 5,313,00
Gert Sibande	2	92	R 2,086,560
Nkangala	4	227	R 4,579,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>R 11,978,760</b>

#### **STIMULATION FUNDED**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>No of stimulation centres</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount budgeted 2016/17</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>R 7,745,724.00</b>

### 4.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

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. Furthermore the committee wanted to know the drivers of the strategy whether their actions are reality and whether forums including all the departments are conducted in enforcing this strategy.

In response, the department indicated that there is a Director and programme Manager appointed to deal with youth development as they are also assisting with women development issues. They also do mobilisation programmes that include: youth camps, youth clubs, youth dialogues and volunteer services.

National Indicator	2016/17 Targets	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Number of youth development structure supported (including establishment of 02 DSD YDCs)	90	89 SLAs signed. 01 still outstanding due to compliance challenges. 82 Transfers of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter funds were completed 08 outstanding YDCs to be paid in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter.	Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. Transfer of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter funds Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support Develop specifications and call for business plans	Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. Transfer of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter funds Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support Receive business plans and appraise for funding	Collation of narrative and financial reports with claim forms for quarterly transfers. Transfer of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter funds Conduct Sessions with YDCs with challenges for monitoring and support Submission for approval for next financial year
Establishment of DSD YDCs	02	Service provider appointed and draft designs developed for approval.	Appointment of service provider for construction	Construction of YDCs	Completion and handover of the YDCs

Number of youth participating in mobilisation programmes	5 000	4 324 youth reached through mobilisation programmes	2 000 youth are reached through mobilisation programmes	1000 youth reached through mobilisation programmes are reached	Facilitate evaluation sessions
Number of Youth participating in National Youth Service Programmes	2000	1610 youth are reached through NYS Volunteer Programmes	1000 youth are reached through NYS Volunteer Programmes	Evaluate NYS programmes	—

The committee noted the number of youth participating in mobilisation programmes and wanted clarity on how they are being used to reach all the youth and how this programmes are used to mobilise youth camps, youth clubs, youth dialogues and volunteer services.

Number of Youth utilizing services delivered in Youth Centres	106 200	37,704 youth utilizing services in the YDCs reached	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
Number of youth linked to work/economic opportunities	450	469 youth linked to work/economic 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	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	Identification of youth and mentors continuing  Consultation schedule developed	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
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Number of women participating in empowerment programmes	2000	None	1500 women reached through women empowerment programmes	500 women reached through women empowerment programmes	Facilitate evaluation sessions
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Number of women in Social Co-operatives supported	150	150 women in cooperatives identified for training in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter.	150 women in social co-operatives supported with training  Monitor application of skills	Monitor application of skills	Facilitate evaluation sessions
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Number of women participating in Life Skills Programmes	1000	Mobilisation of young women to participate in Life Skills for is continuing.	500 young women reached through Women Life Skills Programme	500 young women reached through Life Skills Programme	Facilitate evaluation sessions
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#### ALLOCATION OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRES 2016/17

District	Number of YDCs	Allocation for 2016/17
Ehlanzeni	31	R 6, 183 250
Gert Sibande	31	R 6, 433 252
Nkangala	28	R 5, 722 498
Construction of DSD YDCS	02	R30, 500 000
<b>Total =</b>		<b>R 48, 839, 000</b>

#### Ehlanzeni

Sub-district	Number of YDCs	YDCs funded to date
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Nkomazi	07	07
Mbombela	12	12
Umjindi	03	03
Thaba Chweu	02	02
Bushbuckridge	07	07

### **GERT SIBANDE**

<b>Sub-district</b>	<b>Number of YDCs</b>	<b>YDCs funded to date</b>
Msukaligwa	04	03
Chief Albert Luthuli	06	06
Mkhondo	06	06
Lekwa	03	03
Dipaliseng	03	03
Pixley Ka Isaka Seme	05	05
Govan Mbeki	04	04

### **NKANGALA**

<b>Sub-district</b>	<b>Number of YDCs</b>	<b>YDCs funded to date</b>
Emalahleni	02	02
Emakhazeni	06	06
Thembisile Hani	05	05
Dr JS Moroka	09	09
Steve Tshwete	04	04
Victor Khanye	02	02

The committee noted the allocations of youth centres and wanted to know how they are being allocated in order to ascertain that they reach even the remote areas such as Shatale, Driekoppies, Daggakraal, Katjibane and many others. The committee also checked as to whether the department uses the Lulaway system to link young people to job opportunities and institutions of higher learning as this centres also do offer free internet access to the young people.

### **BUDGET ALLOCATION**

Youth development: R 51, 550, 000

Women development: R 1, 050, 000

The committee noted that budget allocated for Women development as compared to Youth development is not even quarter of the amount. The committee checked as to whether the department has done enough for women development and they now focus on the other sectors. The committee noted that sub programme of women development is from National and is without a budget and the department has stretched its budget already.

## **5.1 FINDINGS**

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) The department have a good strategic objective on youth development and women development but personnel responsible for the coordination and monitoring are not driven by the objectives.
- 2) There is Non-compliance by departments namely (Department of Economic Development; Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Community Safety and Security and Liaison; Health, Human Settlement) in terms of the 2% representation of people with disabilities even after a database was provided of people who possess relevant skills and qualifications.
- 3) There are not forums for information sharing on issues relating to women and youth development programmes in all the different departments.

## **5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

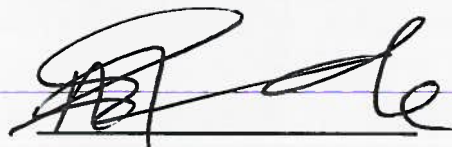
- 1) Programme managers should ensure that Youth representatives/leadership are strategy driven in developing youth by lobbying for youth issues, and that young people should be protagonists of their own development, and not merely recipients of government support.
- 2) All departments must comply with governmental legislations and policies, in respect to the 2% representation of people with disabilities and that in the next intake of job opportunities must ensure compliance.

- 3) A forum that includes representatives dealing with women and youth issues should be conducted through the establishment of a body that includes all youth programme coordinators from Provincial departments/Municipalities. This should be a platform for Information sharing, and the implementation of the youth development policy that will assist in the process of monitoring and evaluating the impact of youth centres.

## 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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11/10/16

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