

**REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD 11 MAY 2018**

(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 that 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 monitor progress on the implementation of the 2017/18 Annual Performance Plan in addressing 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 to a committee meeting, held 11 May 2018.

4. PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Department took the committee through the presentation on the successes, challenges and mitigations plans of the 2017/18 Annual performance plans, as outlined in the following programmes:

4.1 CHILDREN PROGRAMMES

CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION

2017/18 PLANS FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Performance Indicator	Annual Plan Target	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plans
Number of orphaned and vulnerable children receiving psychosocial services	6060	4998	Progress on course	The remainder will be achieved in the last quarter of the financial year
Number of children awaiting foster care placement	760	449	The delay in tracing of fathers of children has led to under achievement	The department is utilizing media to expedite the tracing of fathers of children.
Number of children awaiting placed in foster care	2220	2277	Over achievement due to constant engagement with key stakeholders e.g. SASSA	Continual engage with stakeholders in order to improve services
Number of children in foster care linked to sustainable social protection programmes	550	210	Progress on course	The remainder will be achieved in the last quarter of the financial year

ECD AND PARTIAL CARE

Performance Indicator	Annual Panned Target	progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation plans

Number of fully registered ECD Sites	587	441	Target on course	The remainder to achieved in the last quarter
Number of Partial registered ECD sites	850	938	Over achievement due to concerted effort to improve ECD services	Continuously strive to improve ECD services
Number of fully registered ECD programmes	945	1192	Over achievement due to concerted effort to improve ECD services	Continuously strive to improve ECD services
Number of Children accessing registered ECD programmes	63 155	58 418	Underachievement due to some ECDs delaying to submit credible reports	Continue to intensify monitoring of ECD services
Number of subsidised children accessing registered ECD programmes	55 528	52 747	Under achievement due to some ECD not meeting norms and standards	Continuously to improve ECD services through intensification of M&E
Number of ECD practitioners in registered ECD programmes	3580	4109	Over achievement due to concerted effort to have qualified practitioners	Continuously engage with DoE to improve ECD practitioners' qualifications
Number of children through non center based ECD Programmes	5708	4 597	Under achievement due to the number of farm workers decreasing during certain periods of year ECD not meeting norms and standards	The number will improve in the 4 th quarter when farm workers return to the farms.

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRES

Performance Indicator	Annual Panned Target	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plans
Number of funded CYCC's	26	26	None	None
Number of children in need of care and	1 026	985	The numbers of children admitted was not achieved due to the fact that there is a lengthy	The department has started engagements with DHA to speed up the

protection places in CYCCs			delay in accessing unabridged birth certificates form Home Affairs which is requirement for admission in the CYCCs.	process. The numbers will increase in the 4 th quarter.
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COMMUNITY BASED

Performance indicator	Annual Target	Progress	Challenges	Mitigating Plans
Number of children accessing services thought Isibindi model	13 035	10 970	The progress is on course	The remainder of the target will be achieved in the last quarter of the financial year
Number of children and youth care workers trainees who received training thought ibindi model	250	262	Overachievement due to the need to meet the target set for the province	Ensure that a sustainability plan is developed for the absorption of child and youth care workers in various Centre's.

Sub-Programme	Budget R000	Expenditure	Variation	% spent
Child Care and protection	26 646	24 043	2 603	90.2%
ECD and Partial Care	220 242	201 587	18655	91.5%
CYCC	27 752	25 357	2 395	91.4 %
Community Based Care Services (Isibindi)	29 402	27 304	2 098	92.9%

4.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN PROGRAMMES

ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2017/18

Indicator	2017/18 Annual Targets	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plans
Youth development structure supported	90	90 YDCs supported	None	None
Youth participating in mobilisation programmes	8 400	7 796 youth mobilisation programmes (Caps and Campaigns)	Under achieved due to delays in verification of performance information	To be reported in the next quarter

Youth participating in National Youth Service Programmes	2000	2 941 youth in volunteer services	Overachievement due to youth participation during youth month	Review targets in the next financial year
Youth utilizing services delivered in Youth Centres	108 000	90,023 youth utilizing services of YDCs	None	The remainder of target will be achieved in the last quarter of 2017/18
Youth linked to work/economic opportunities	450	437 youth linked to work opportunities	Under achievement due to that some youth workers left the services	To ensure that we incentivise and retain the Youth Workers
Life skills workshops conducted	180	172 Life workshops conducted with YDCs	Under achievement due to delays in verification of performance information	To be reported in the next quarter
Provincial Youth Camps conducted	01	01 Provincial Youth Camp conducted for vulnerable youth (youth exiting foster care, youth in conflict with the law, orphans)	Camp was not conducted in the Military Base as standard	National DSD and DOD to conclude the agreement

The committee welcomed the planned programmes for the youth and emphasized on the monitoring and evaluation of the centres. This should be done in partnership with all stakeholders dealing with youth matters so that the youth is well capacitated and have access to information. Furthermore, focus must be more in deep rural communities.

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Indicator	Annual Target	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plan
Number of Women participating in empowerment programmes	2 110	2 656 Women (in rural areas, farms, unemployed, widows) participating in the empowerment programmes (women and human rights, livelihood information-entrepreneurial skills, capacity building.	Overachievement due to women reached through women NPOs supported	Review targets in the next financial year

Number of women in Social Co-operatives supported	200	319 Women in cooperatives supported (cooperative management and mentorship training programme)	Overachievement due to more representatives of women cooperative attending training	Review targets in the next financial year
Number of women participating in Life Skills Programmes	2160	2 889 Young woman (Vulnerable and grant recipients) participated in Life Skills programme	Overachievement due to more young women keen to participate in the life skills programme	Review targets in the next financial year
Number of Women NPOs supported	3	03 NPOs Supported	None	None

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Indicator	Annual Target	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plan
Number of Victims of crime and violence in funded VEP services sites	3 500	2915	None The progress is on course	The remainder of the target will be achieved in the last quarter
Number of funded victims empowerment programme services sites	22	22	None	None
Number of Human trafficking victims of who accessed social services	20	10	Underachievement due to the complexity of the Human Trafficking phenomenon	The department will embark on awareness campaigns and capacity building to ensure that both departmental official and NPOs understand Human Trafficking
Number of victims of crime of crime and violence receiving psychosocial support	1000	743	None The progress is on course	The remainder of the target will be achieved in the last quarter
Number of person reached through prevention (gender based violence) programmes	17 000	33 004	Over achievement due to upscaling of prevention services during 16 Days of Activism	Review targets in the next financial year

Expenditure

Programme	Number	Allocation	Budget spend to date
Youth Development	90	R17, 200 000	R 17,066 811
Women Development NPOs	03	R1 650 000	R 1,445 000
Victim Empowerment Centres	22	R12,634 000	R 12, 519 000

The Committee expressed concern over the over achievement on most of the targets. This portrayed an impression that the department either had under-targeted or planned poorly.

4.2 DISABILITY PROGRAMMES

Performance Indicator	Annual Target	Progress	Reason for Deviation	Mitigation Plan
Number of Disability Mainstreaming report produced	4	1x 2015/16 Disability Mainstreaming report produced	None	None
		1x 2016/17 1 st quarter Disability Mainstreaming report produced		
Number of Disability Fora Coordinated	4	21/06/2017 a Disability Sector Forum	None	None
		30 August 2017 Disability Forum		
		09 November 2017 Disability Sector Forum		
Number of Assessment visit to Government Institution	20	1x5 Audit Assessment facilitated as follows: Bernice Samuel Hospital (Victor Kanye) Vukuzakhe Clinic (Pixley Kalsaka Seme) New Town park home clinic (Steve tshwete) Lydenburg SASSA office (Thaba Chewu) Caroline Hospital	None	None
		1x5 Audit Assessment facilitated as follows: Lydenburg SAPS, Tshabalala Clinic, Volkrust Court, Ermelo SAPS, Sabie Clinic		
		1x5 Audit Assessment facilitated as follows: Balfour SASSA Office, Mbangwane Clinic , Masibekela Clinic, Kromdraai Clinic , Balfour SAPS		
Number of United National Convention on the Rights of Person with Disability produced	3	1 st Quarter UNCRPD produced	None	None
Number of Advocacy Capacity Building , Public Awareness Campaigns conducted	20	5 Advocacy per quarter were conducted. A total of 15 Advocacy, Capacity Building Public Awareness Campaigns conducted including South African Sign Language (SASL) workshop conducted	None	None

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Department	Annual Planned out put	Total Number of Employees	Number of Employees with Disabilities	% of Employees with Disabilities
OTP	2% employment equity	240	9	3,75 %
DoF	2% employment equity	282	7	2,48 %
DHS	2% employment equity	366	8	2,18 %
DPWR&T	2% employment equity	3 408	72	2,11 %

DCSSL	2% employment equity	1331	36	2,70 %
DCSR	2% employment equity	413	8	1,94 %
DSD	2% employment equity	1 892	36	1,90 %
DARDLEA	2% employment equity	1 344	22	1,64 %
DEDT	2% employment equity	225	3	1,33 %
CoGTA	2% employment equity	828	11	1,33 %
DoH	2% employment equity	20 029	117	0,58 %
DoE	2% employment equity	39 929	74	0,18 %
	Total	70 287	403	0,57 %

The majority of persons with disabilities have been excluded from the mainstream society and thus been prevented from accessing fundamental social, political and economic right and opportunities. And this has resulted in widespread poverty, unemployment and social segregation.

The committee welcomed the database created by the department for all people with disabilities so that the target of 2% can be met as department indicated that people with disabilities don't apply.

People living with albinism are among the most marginalised and vulnerable citizens, yet very little attention is paid to protect them from human rights violations, threats and violent crime. The committee raised a concern regarding the killing of people with Albinism which most of these attacks are fueled by rising demand for the body parts used in rituals by traditional healers, known as muti killing.

The committee raised that there must be a strategy for safety measures for people with albinism, the purpose being to stop the rising spread of violence against them. General public needs to be involved in identifying and implementing community-oriented safety measures for people with albinism like holding Albinism Summit where by legislation will be developed and pass by parliament.

5.1 FINDINGS

After the deliberations, the Committee made the following findings:

- 1) There is insufficient real-time statistical data to support current and future planning of all the programmes that are run by the department.
- 2) Departmental information dissemination does not adequately reach the majority of young people living in deep rural areas.

- 3) The population data of the province is presented focusing primarily on the provincial and districts perspective which disregards the municipalities and wards outlook.
- 4) The department reports over achievement on most of its targets. This raises a concern on the planning and budgeting of the department.

5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

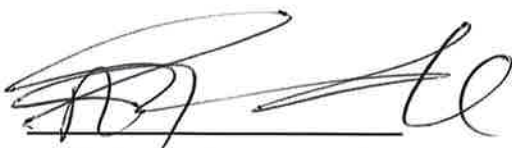
- 1) The department must collect real-time empirical data and use it during its planning and develop targets which reflect the true matters on the ground.
- 2) Strengthen focus on developing young people living in deep rural areas to be at par with their peers in urban areas by establish centres and equipment with relevant information.
- 3) The department should collect data of the population in the province and disaggregate it into districts, municipalities and wards to ensure that the data affords every vulnerable person with an equal opportunity to receive services.
- 4) The department should plan properly and its performance should be equal to the planned targets and available budget to avoid irregular expenditure.

5. CONCLUSION

The chairperson wishes to express his gratitude to the Hon MEC Shiba and the administrative team of the department led by the head of Social development Mr Mahlalela for the presentation.

The Chairperson also extended his appreciation to Members of the Committee 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 by 30 July 2018.



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