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BUDGET SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEW PLANS FOR 2018/19

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Services to Children

The Department provided subsidies to the tune of R59.5 million to registered early childhood development centres benefitting Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty (22 150) children across the province in the 2017/18 reporting period. In the current financial year an amount of R119.9m has been set aside to reach out to 23 197 children. The Department has constructed a prototype early childhood development at Atamelang village near Sefikile with a capacity to cater for more than One Hundred (100) children. This facility will be handed over to the beneficiaries in the second quarter of the year. Another facility of a similar type is still at the construction phase at Sefikile Village in Moses Kotane Local Municipality.

More than One Hundred (100) children from Kanana Township in Matlosana Local Municipality will benefit from a state-of-the-art early learning centre that has been sponsored by ASPEN pharmaceutical company. This facility will be handed over to the beneficiaries before the end of the financial year. In addition, 20 ECD centres will be refurbished and the Department will further use the Conditional Grant allocation of R5.9 million for maintenance of Early Childhood Development Centres in Village Townships and Small Dorpies.

The Department will continue to strengthen our partnership with Ilifa Labantwana NGO which is rolling out non-centre based early childhood development programmes to benefit Four Thousand Two Hundred (4 200) children across the province. In the reporting period, more than Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourteen (2 714) children in need of alternative care were placed in foster care.

The Department has also placed 1 104 children in need of care and protection at Reamogetswe and Boikagong state-run Child and Youth Care Centres in Madibeng and Mahikeng Local Municipalities respectively. Our target this year is to place 755 children in need of care in these centres. A further 358 children living and working on the streets have accessed services in funded drop-in centres. We will reach out to additional Two Hundred (200) children living and working on the streets in the current financial year.

In the year under 759 children in conflict with the law were assessed by Probation Officers and Social Workers after their arrest. A total of 214 children were referred to Home Based Supervision and Community-based diversion programmes by Probation Officers while awaiting trial. 392 children who were diverted away from the criminal justice system completed their diversion programmes. R8.7m was spent in 2017/18 financial year and R7m has been set aside for social crime prevention initiatives in 2018/19.

Youth Development

The Department has channelled resources to ensure that young people are fully equipped with various skills and knowledge. Over the past eight years it has provided basic accredited training to more than 1400 unemployed young people on building and civil construction, furniture making and mixed farming through the National Youth Service (NYS) programme. We have empowered these young people to become change agents and entrepreneurs in their own communities.

Our target this year is to provide accredited training on agricultural mixed farming to 100 unemployed youth recruited from deprived wards. The Department is doing its part to encourage young people who have undergone training to establish cooperatives. We call on other departments, our local municipalities, development agencies and the business sector to utilize the knowledge and skills these young people have acquire and provide mentorship and funding for their emerging businesses.

A further 200 young people will undergo training on Community Development Practice funded by the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP SETA) in the current financial year. 750 Child and Youth Care Workers will undergo accredited training to enable them to implement ISIBINDI programme for orphans and vulnerable children.

The Department will create work opportunities for 456 young people through the EPWP Incentive Grant and also ensure that they receive accredited training through partnership with the ETDP SETA. Further the Department will offer internship training to 25 young people in various administration fields of study.

Provision of Sanitary Packs to Young Girls

The Department has budgeted R3 million to supply sanitary packs to Five Thousand (5000) girls on a monthly basis during 2018/19 financial year. This initiative will restore the dignity of needy learners who without the necessary support, are at risk of absenting themselves from school and thereby reducing their chances to complete their studies.

Setsokotsane Service Delivery Drive

Roma-Nna-Setsokotsane 10 x 10 Campaigns integrated service delivery drive is currently paying dividends in many communities across the breadth and length of the province. For this year we will reach out to Two Hundred and Sixty Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Five (268 945) people through the integrated social mobilisation programme.

Services of the South African Social Security Agency

The entire budget of SRD worth R9,5 million allocated to South African Social Security Agency was spent to procure school uniforms from 77 cooperatives within VTSD areas in 2017/18 financial year. Six thousand One Hundred and Four (6104) learners benefited from the programme. In addition R21,1 million was spent on other forms of Social Relief of Distress and 25 257 beneficiaries were reached.

Services of National Development Agency

The National Development Agency will in 2018/19 financial year prioritize assessment mobilization and training of civil society organizations, and thirty (30) of these will be funded. Total budget of the Department of Social Development for 2018/19 is R1,608,750 000 (One billion, Six Hundred and Eight Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Rands) Services to persons with disabilities

A state-run residential care facility will be constructed in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District in the next three years. This facility will further enable the Department to be responsive to the needs, realities and conditions of persons with disabilities who need residential care in the province.

Services to Older Persons

In the reporting period we ensured that 5 516 senior citizens receive care and support from residential care facilities that are being funded by the Department including community based projects. The Department will continue to provide funding for the establishment of new service clubs and sustenance of the existing ones in respective municipalities.

HIV and AIDS

In the current financial year we have budgeted R43.9 million to ensure that Fifty Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighty Six (55 586) beneficiaries and Twenty One Thousand and Six Hundred (21 600) orphans and vulnerable children receive HIV and AIDS Psychosocial Support Services through Home Community Based Centres, Community Care Centres and ISIBINDI programme.

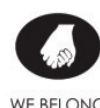
Substance Abuse Treatment

The Department recommits to turn around the lives of our people, especially those that are addicted to drugs. We have demonstrated this commitment by establishing two state-run inpatient treatment centres in JB Marks and Greater Taung Local Municipalities. The two centers are at 100% practical completion and will start to provide services to service users and communities in the current financial year.

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