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A Newsletter for the Mpumalanga Department of Social Development

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THE 2019/20 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The MEC for Social Development delivered the department's budget speech on Tuesday, 09 July, 2019 at the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature

ALLOCATED BUDGET FOR THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR

R 1 656 BILLION

THANDI BLESSINGS SHONGWE (MPL)
Member of Executive Council
Mpumalanga Department of Social Development

The 2019/20 Budget for Social Development (Vote 12) has been approved as **1 Billion, 656 Million, and 599 Thousand Rands (R1 656 599.00)** allocated and transferred to all the five (5) programmes of the department. The following programmes in the department form part of the budget vote account

PROGRAMME 1

Administration Services
R 355 M

PROGRAMME 2

Social Welfare Services
R 269 M

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- * Services to Older Persons
- * Services to Persons with Disabilities
- * HIV and AIDS Support Services

PROGRAMME 3

Children and Families
R 628 M

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- * Care and Service to Families
- * Childcare and Protection
- * Community Based Care and Support

PROGRAMME 4

Restorative Services
R 204 M

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- * Crime Prevention
- * Substance Abuse Prevention
- * Victim Empowerment

PROGRAMME 5

Development and Research
R198 M

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

- * Poverty Alleviation
- * Community Development
- * Expanded Public Work Programme

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Mission: To provide equitable, integrated and quality sustainable social development services in partnership with all stakeholders to eradicate poverty and protect vulnerable groups in all communities of Mpumalanga

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The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development has a dedicated toll-free number. You are encouraged to utilize this free form of contact to enquire, advice and/or voice any view on the department's work.

The number to use is:
0800 20 40 98

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Drugs Shorten Your Life
Ke Phela Gabotse Kantle Le Diokobatsi
Lalela Kucala
Drugs Are Not Cool
Ek Is Reg Sonder Dwelms
Nyaope Kills
Drugs Disorders Are Preventable And Treatable

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

24-hour toll-free Substance Abuse help line (free from a Telkom line)
0800 12 13 14 or SMS **32312** for advice, support and referral.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Social Development toll-free help line (free from a Telkom line)
0800 20 40 98 for advice, support and referral.

stop substance abuse



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

COMFORT NGOBE: ACTING HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

Dear readers

Welcome to yet another edition of the department's internal publication – Ta Nhluvhuko - your one stop information bulletin about the department, government and the sector in general. The advent of the sixth administration both at national and provincial level presented an exciting opportunity for all South Africans where millions were once again afforded an every five-year opportunity to exercise their democratic right by voting political parties of their choices.

In this issue of Ta-Nhluvhuko we are delighted to produce information that will certainly enlighten you as a reader through informative and educational programmes. This publication comes after State President, His Excellence Cyril Ramaphosa has delivered the State of the Nation Address (SOPA) in which he gave all of us marching orders on how government should continue to deliver services and improve the lives of all South Africans – irrespective of colour,

creed, beliefs, and political affiliations, amongst others. The SOPA emphasised the need for the social sector to continue its quest to improve the livelihoods of the less fortunate through a number of welfare programmes such as Services to older persons, Services to Persons with Disabilities, HIV and AIDS Support services amongst others.

On the same breath, Minister Lindiwe Zulu and MEC for Social Developments provided that needed evidence of being the champion of children rights this was evidence when they both participated in the closing event of the child protection week which was held at eMalahleni in Witbank. their passionate for children rights will go a long way in ensuring that children rights are protected by everyone.

I will be also doing in justice if I don't welcome the newly appointed MEC Blessing Thandi Shongwe as helm for department for Social Development indeed bravo on your appointment and welcome to team dsd in Mpumalanga.

Also let me take this opportunity and bid farewell to Mrs Busi Shiba who was been appointed as the speaker for the Mpumalanga provincial legislature.

On issues of Non Profit Organisations in the province being not funded on time in the first quarter we have committed ourselves as the department we will fund them by the end of June and indeed we have live up to our promises all Non-profit Organisations will be funded by the end of June.

We have also forged a working relationship with our implementing agencies SASSA and National Development Agency and moving forward you see more of their articles appearing in our publication and we believe that this is the right step towards the right direction in communication our services to our stakeholders.

Enjoy reading, and keep on paging this issue as much we have enjoyed putting it together with editorial team.

Ngiyabonga



MEC PROFILE

THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEC

THANDI BLESSING SHONGWE (MPL): MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Born 57 years ago in a tiny township of Barberton which is commonly known as Umjindi, City of Mbombela Ms Blessing Thandi Shongwe just like any other South African started to involve herself in politics at early age. It wasn't surprising when she was elected as the Student Representative Council (SRC) at Shongwe High School, Nkomazi Local Municipality. MEC Blessing Thandi Shongwe had a spell at Ehlanzeni District Municipality where she was the Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) responsible for Finance and Community Safety from 2000 – 2006, and an educator, school headmaster, head of department at Ligubuta and Bongokuhle Primary Schools.

Her passionate and dedication towards politics raise to the occasion when

she was elected as the South African Democratic Teachers Union Deputy Chairperson at Khulangwane Circuit, and served in various portfolios in the African National Congress Women's League (ANCWL) and subsequently elected as the regional secretary of the African National Congress Ehlanzeni Regional Secretary, additional member of the African National Congress Women's League Provincial Executive Committee to date and currently additional member of the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC).

In 2008 her political home, the African National Congress saw it fit to deploy her in National Parliament, and in 2009 deployed to Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature as the Deputy Chief Whip of the majority party from 2010 – May 2014, and in 2014 she was deployed

as the speaker for the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature and was then deployed to the Culture, Sport and Recreation (DCSR) as the Member of Executive Council (MEC).

Her educational credentials include a Secondary Education Diploma from Vista University, Higher Diploma in Education Vista University, Further Education Management, College of South Africa, Bachelor of Arts from Wits University, certificates in Advance Governance and Public Leadership (at level of Honours) and currently studying towards Masters in Advanced Governance and Public Leadership. Her hobbies include singing going to church, travelling and is passionate about women empowerment, gender and women issues.



Prof Deon Tustin (Bureau Of Marketing Research)



Elize Botha (DSD Population Policy Promotion)



Dr Antoinette Basson (Youth And Research - BMR)



Ms Thima Zwane (Child Welfare South Africa)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTS YOUTH RESEARCH TO COMMEMORATE WORLD POPULATION DAY 2019



Youth development is a priority area, government in its various spheres and tier, has prioritized. This is because the structure of the population, reveals the youthful nature of the population. The age groups, 19-24, 25-30, 31-35, forms part of the largest segment of the population. This requires government to focus its attention on youth development, in order to secure a brighter future for the country. Young people today are

faced with different and complex struggles, ones that if not properly addressed, threaten to decimate the entire generation of youth. The known social challenges afflict the youth more than the elder population because of the inactivity or the willingness of this important segment of the population. Some of the known challenges confronting the youth include: Unemployment; Lack of skills; Substance Abuse; HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Lack of support

for youth entrepreneurship, and Heightened levels of hopelessness

Young people are dealing with one or more of these challenges at once and often succumb to them due to the state of their psychology or negative mind-set that dictates to them that there are no solutions to the challenges they are facing.

In getting to the root causes and addressing the challenges faced by young people, the department collaborated with the Bureau of Market Research (BMR) on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 at the University of Mpumalanga to host a research seminar aimed at commemorating the World Population Day 2019. This focused on disseminating various researches on youth development and to keep youth development practitioners and policy-makers abreast with the status quo as far as the youth is concerned.

Over 80 people were drawn from the

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cross-section of the employment sector, including experts in the field of youth development, who shared information on some of the most pertinent issues afflicting the youth today. Some of the papers presented by our guest experts included Commercialisation & Sexual Exploitation of Children in South Africa, the state of Sexual Exploitation in Ehlanzeni, Adolescent's Knowledge, Attitude, & Perceptions towards Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights in Mpumalanga, Children & Young Women, Trends observed by Childlin Mpumalanga, Perspective on Child Sexual Exploitation in Mpumalanga and turning Learners into Everyday heroes through the use of social media.

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TAKE-HOME NOTES FROM THE THE SEMINAR:

- the use of social media by the youth, especially school-going children, is rising and rising. The access to explicit contents remains a huge challenge and parents needs to monitor this carefully;
- cyber addiction as mentioned above, has the potential to expose children to human/child trafficking, sexual predators and other negative activities taking place on internet;
- the laws have been tightened regarding Sexual Offences where sex with a person below the age of 16, is deemed a criminal offense, punishable by a court of law
- a register of sexual offenders is kept; prospective employers are encouraged to peruse the register before hiring anyone to minimise exposing children and society to convicted sexual offenders
- the investing in youth health, youth education and youth entrepreneurship is of paramount importance in reaping the demographic dividend, currently being experienced. The Demographic Dividend is "the economic growth potential that can result from shifts in a population's age structure, mainly when the share of the working-age population is larger than the non-working-age share of the population".

REDEEMING COMMUNITIES

FROM BECOMING BULLY AND CRIME ZONES FOR CHILDREN



The scourge of crimes committed by children and learner-on-learner violence in schools and communities is a cause for concern for the department. Children in conflict with the law has become a source of discomfort in families and communities in general.

The department has introduced programmes informed by the Child Justice Act (Act no 75 of 2008) that

are designed to avert the children from the criminal justice system.

The programmes amongst others include the assessment of children in conflict with the law, placement to diversion programmes and compulsory placement/sentencing to a Secure Care centre or Child and Youth Care Centre.

The programmes are designed to develop the children in their capacity

to deal with social ills such as anger management, low self-esteem, self-determination, peer pressure and career guidance.

Service providers in the field of Social crime prevention are accredited to provide Diversion Services and the programmes are also accredited to ensure that impact of those programmes are evaluated using a standardised framework.

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The National Minister has put in place Provincial Quality Assurance teams that monitors the implementation of the Diversion programmes. These teams conduct the quality assurance and monitoring on a quarterly basis.

Mpumalanga has two Secure Care facilities or Child and youth care centres that provide services to children in conflict with law. The children in those facilities are placed or designated by courts where a court will issue an order stipulating the sentence of the child (example, child can be ordered to attend a Diversion programme for a specific period, or ordered to serve a sentence to a Secure Care centre/child and youth care centre/)

The department is also intensifying its prevention services or educational programmes in schools and communities. The educational programmes are aimed at creating awareness on parenting, consequences of crimes amongst children, drug abuse and other social ills.

For more information on services for children in conflict with law and those that are at risk of committing crimes contact the department on

Tel: +27 (13) 766 3185

MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL DISABILITY STAKEHOLDER'S FORUM AIMS FOR AN INCLUSIVE MPUMALANGA

The Department of Social development aims at promoting the rights and wellbeing of persons with disabilities as part and one of its key priorities and areas of focus. The ultimate goal of disability mainstreaming within the department is inclusion. As a starting point, the department needs to understand the needs of persons with disabilities by engaging one on one and taking their challenges head on.



The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development and its stakeholders particularly Mpumalanga Provincial Disability Stakeholder Forum gathered at Gert Sibande District, Elukwatini to find solutions in addressing the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

The day aimed at promoting actions and raising awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all. Stakeholders

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from all around the province attended in numbers to speak out their challenges and make an impact on the lives of persons with disabilities. Emphases was mostly on the services which persons with disabilities are entitled to that such services do not reach out sufficiently to them and this is a matter for concern. More over in the platform of the stakeholder's forum solutions came and the department committing fight the ill of inequality especially to persons with disabilities.

Therefore, all obstacles that hinder equal access of services for Persons with Disabilities must be terminated to zero and Develop implementation plans to facilitate acceleration of service delivery to Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, to identify services that can be accessible to Persons with Disabilities and expose persons with disabilities to available job opportunities.

Thereafter to provide more information and knowledge to the stakeholders Mr Mnisi from the Department of Labour give a presentation on promoting employment and career advancing for persons with disabilities. "all organisations subjected to have at least 2% of persons with disabilities in their work force and the department of labour is doing their best to ensure that all organisations are in line with this mandate." Said Mnisi.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE AS PART OF THE CHILD PROTECTION WEEK CAMPAIGN



Observing the Child Protection Week, the Kabokweni satellite office held a child protection awareness campaign at Kabokweni Community Hall. Social workers invited local stakeholder to be part of the session to educate and inform children about their roles and how they can be assisted when they suffer abuse. Representatives from the Department of Health, SAPS, GRIP/ Thuthuzela and Love life shared their information in a question and answer sitting. Prior the information session, children took a walk around Kabokweni streets, chanting songs that speak against child abuse and with their plug cards written messages such

as, I am child, Stop Child Abuse, Respect our rights. In attendance were children from the following Primary Schools; Mgwenyana, Sandzile, Mthonjeni, Ekuphileni, Khutsalani, Vulindlela, Ntokozweni, Hlayisani Children Centre, Kabokweni Albinism Support Group and other children who walked in from the surrounding areas at Kabokweni. Messages that were carried across; Statutory cases and Services offered by the Department, Role for SAPS, how to report cases and what must the victim do prior reporting a case also the role of Department of Health/ Nurses, role of GRIP and Lovelife. The session encouraged the children to report cases, and also to report if they

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suspect something is not right about their friends.

Among other speakers there was Captain Shirly Nsimba and Ms Rebecca Mayile a Professional Nurse who encouraged the children to be open and seek help if they suffer abuse, children to report such either to the Police at the Police Station, Nurses at the clinic, Teachers, Neighbours and Social Workers.

“Ceba, ukhulume liqiniso”



REFRAIN FROM CORRUPT ACTIVITIES

MEC BLESSING THANDI SHONGWE



Newly appointed MEC for Social Development, Ms Blessing Thandi Shongwe has a clear message for Social Development officials – don't get involved in corrupt activities, don't collude with service providers to influence prizes in quotations. She was speaking at an occasion to introduce her to Ehlanzeni Regional Offices by the Head of Social Development Mr Mxolisi Mahlalela early in June 2019.

MEC Shongwe cautioned " it is important for officials to refrain from any corrupt activities as this paints a bad picture for officials working for government. Officials must refrain from colluding with service to influence prizes and demand ten percent from them. This is really unacceptable and it should stop immediately ". The

department has conceded that it has put systems in place to ensure that officials refrain from colluding with service providers. "This o that we will channel all the resources allocated to us as the department to the people that depend on services rendered by the department" added MEC Shongwe.

She continued with her visit to districts offices where she was firm on officials who collude with service providers for the sake of enriching themselves. "As the department moving forward, we will put systems in place and monitor budget spending. Gone are those days where districts will spend budgets that they don't have, gone are those days where there will be under spending and overspending by the department, everything will be done according to book" concluded MEC Shongwe

YOUTH URGED TO AVOID USE OF ALCOHOL

Mr Kanego Thethe who is the Youth and Women Development Director in the Department of Social Development is urging young people to utilise the services of the youth centres in the province towards their own advantage. Speaking during the closing event of youth month celebration event which was held on the 29th of June at Umjindini Sport Ground in the City of Mbombela, Mr Thethe said “young people must wake up and grab opportunities made available to them by government especially those who have subsidies by the government towards developing themselves “

“As the Department of Social Development we have 90 youth centres across the province who are fully functional and they provide assistance to youth by offering free computers courses, assisting them in applying for the National Student Financial Aids Scheme, access to career guidance and other services rendered by the youth centres across the province said Mr Thethe. In attendance was radio personality, Ligwalagwala FM's DJ Shaba who also encouraged young people to grab opportunities with both hands and urged them to refrain from taking alcohol and drugs as these social ills destroy their lives.

The closing ceremony of the Youth Day Celebration was organised by the City of Mbombela's sub region and was aimed at rejuvenating opportunities offered by government departments and its agencies to young people. It was punctuated with a series of youth activities such as traditional dance, entertainment and cultural activities from young people. It is hoped that the inputs will impact for the better all those who were in attendance and fellow peers who may come into contact with the messages.

Mr Kanego Thethe
**DIRECTOR:
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**





SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES





SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DELIVERY IN PICTURES



Child Protection Week 2 June - 9 June 2019

MINISTER ZULU TAKES CHILD PROTECTION WEEK CAMPAIGN TO EMALAHLENI, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.



Learners from various schools received dignitary packs handed over by the Minister and MEC for Social Development.

Newly appointed Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu says society has a role to play in protecting children, women, people with disabilities and people with albinism from any form of abuse.

Minister Lindiwe Zulu made the remarks on Sunday while addressing a group of children during the closing event of Child Protection Week which was held at Emalahleni Civic Centre in Witbank. The event was part of government programme of closing the child protection week which started from 2nd of June until 9th of June this year.



MEC Shongwe signing a declaration to protect children and their rights as part of the official closing of the 2019 Child Protection Week.

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Different schools held dialogues coordinated by the department aimed at addressing issues affecting children in communities and schools.

Minister Lindiwe Zulu said “As a Department, we recognize that the best way to protect children is to prevent child abuse and neglect from occurring in the first place. To do this, we need create awareness and to build capacity and strength in families and communities across South Africa”.

engaging parents and caregivers because they have the primary responsibility for raising their children, and ensuring that these rights are upheld concluded Minister Lindiwe Zulu.

As part of the build up towards the closing event of the child protection week the province conducted door to door campaigns to communities around Emalahleni and also conducted dialogue amongst school children in different schools around Emalahleni.



Learners presenting various challenges they encounter as children and solutions to addressing such challenges during the dialogues.

All children have the right to be safe and to receive loving care and support. And this is what the Department seeks to achieve by

Minister Lindiwe Zulu sentiments were echoed by MEC for Social Development, Blessing Thandi Shongwe and emphasize on government commitment in ensuring that perpetrators of child abuse, women, people with disabilities feel

safe and protected from any form of abuse.

The Minister of Social Development, Lindiwe Zulu, MEC for Social Development Blessing Thandi Shongwe and Emalahleni Executive Mayor Councilor Lenah Malatji concluded the day by signing a pledge committing themselves and government to work together in protecting the scourge of child abuse in the country.



Ms Lizzy Nyoni one of the officials in the department working directly with Childcare and protection of children's rights pose for a picture with one of the participants during the closing of the 2019 Child Protection Week.

“Let Us All Protect Children Moving South Africa Forward”
Protect a child, wear a green ribbon!
#ChildProtection2019

THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

The Thuma Mina Campaign continues to roll out as social development services are being delivered at the doorsteps of the most vulnerable groups in the province. Youth development and empowerment as one of the department's key priority are valued as part of bridging the gap of unemployment amongst the youth. Initiatives that speak to the development of young people are put on to the forefront of service delivery in the province.

The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development management as part of Taking Legislature to the People (TLP) on 09 April 2019 at Gert Sibande

District, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality Visited youth centres to monitor service delivery.

Taking Legislature to the People (TLP) forms an integral part of the legislature's public participation to strengthen participatory democracy in the province. It is aimed at making the legislature more visible and reachable to the communities and to ensure that voices of the people are incorporated in the legislature oversight work.

The Youth Centres visited during TLP serves as stations of development for the youth of the province empowering and allowing them to have access to information as it is their constitutional right. The centres intensifies development in their daily lives and exposes them to available opportunities.

The Chief Director of Community Development Ms. Ouma Dlamini along with her delegates



Khulangwane Youth Development centre Service users pose for a groupie.



DSD Management monitoring work done by youth centres at Thaba Chwewu Local Municipality.

visited various youth centers funded by the Department around the rural areas of Thaba Chweu Local Municipality. These youth centers assist young people with applying to universities and getting bursaries to further their studies after matric. Skills development such as computer skills, sporting activities, entrepreneurial skills of young people in the community are provided by the centers. The municipality assist with giving learnerships to the centers so they can identify young people within communities that are in need of skills development and education assistance.

ACCELERATING ACTIONS FOR A POVERTY FREE MPUMALANGA

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed as per the resolution 47/196 of the United Nations General Assembly. This day is observed aiming to promote awareness of the need to fight poverty and destitution in all countries. As part of supporting this day, the department continues to support organisations that sees a need to reduce poverty and ensure food security in communities of Mpumalanga

The department continues to engage with communities across the province through CNDC's with a view of extending a helping hand towards poverty alleviation.

The development and establishment of Community Nutritional Development Centres (CNDC) are mainly aimed at addressing issues of hunger and poverty particularly in deep rural communities.

The department's involvement in these initiatives comes in a form of financial support and donations of various working tools/equipment that can be used by centres for daily operations.

The department's vision in supporting these initiatives is on ensuring food security and that communities are able to generate reasonable income and ways of sustaining themselves and their families through the supported CNDCs.

In addition to the support the department also extends the help by regularly profiling and identifying the most needy households and providing them with food parcels.

For more information on Community Nutritional Development Centres in your area, please visit your nearest Social Development Offices or Call our toll free Telkom number on 0800 20 40 98



Community members assemble at the Naas Plaza (Kamaqhekeza) in preparation for a walk on Eradication of Poverty

**POVERTY IS
EVERYONE'S
BUSINESS AND
CAN BE REDUCED
IF WE ALL WORK
TOGETHER TO
ENSURE FOOD
SECURITY FOR ALL**



Kago ya Bana Foundation displaying various food produce they provide to various Community Nutrition and Development Centres (CNDC) within the province



KNOW YOUR SERVICE CENTRES

BELOW IS A LIST OF ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA

ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA			
Name of facility	Location	Services	Contact person
EHLANZENI DISTRICT			
Swartfontein Treatment Centre	White River	<p>Swartfontein Treatment Centre is a public inpatient treatment facility. It caters for service users who are 18 years above. The duration for treatment programme is 12-16 weeks</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work services • Medical services • Spiritual services • Occupational therapy services • Recreational services • Vocational skills • Community outreach 	<p>Acting Centre Manager: Mr. S. Mnisi</p> <p>Contact No: 013 750 7716/18</p>
SANCA Lowveld Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Nelspruit	<p>SANCA Lowveld is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances.</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial supports services • Community outreach • Group work services • Aftercare services • Prevention services 	<p>Director: Ms. M. Erusmus</p> <p>Contact No: 013 752 4376</p>
Healing Wings South Africa Youth Inpatient centre	Schagen	<p>Healing Youth is a private inpatient Centre. It caters for service users who are between 13 and 17 years. The duration for treatment program is 36-52 weeks</p> <p>They provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work services • Medical services • Spiritual services • Psychological services • Recreational services • Educational (schooling) services • Community outreach 	<p>Mr. Justin Swart</p> <p>Contact No: 079 812 0898</p>

ACCREDITED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION , TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTRES IN MPUMALANGA

Name of facility	Location	Services	Contact person
Laapeng foundation	Kabokweni	Laapeng foundation is a Community Based services. They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention services • Early intervention services • Community outreach 	Manager: Mr. H. Sithole 013 796 0021
NKANGALA DISTRICT			
SANCA Witbank Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Witbank	SANCA Witbank is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances. They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial supports services • Prevention services • Community outreach services • Group work services • Treatment services • Aftercare services 	Director: Ms. Z Makhubela 013 656 2371
SANCA Thembisile Alcohol and Drug Help Centre	Kwaggafontein	SANCA Thembisile is a Community Based facility. It caters for all persons and their families who abuse or dependent on substances. They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial supports services • Prevention services • Community outreach • Group work services • Treatment services • Aftercare services 	Manager: Ms. J. Mello 013 989 0899
GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT			
Mkhondo Alathia Rehabilitation Youth Centre	Piet Retief	Healing Youth is a private inpatient Centre. It caters for service users who are between 13 and 17 years. The duration for treatment program is 12-16 weeks They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work services • Treatment services • Medical services • Spiritual services • Psychological services • Recreational services • Educational (schooling) services • Community outreach 	Director: B. van Rensburg 083 650 7653 071 200 0073 071 670 8533 Secunda Satellite Office (Embalenhle) 078 339 7895
SANCA Mkhondo Alcohol and Drug Help Centre (Outpatient)	Piet Retief	SANCA MARC is an Outpatient treatment facility. It caters for all persons who abuse or dependent on substances. They provide the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial supports services • Treatment services • Medical services • Prevention services • Community outreach • Group work services • Aftercare services 	



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SERVICES RENDERED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED SHELTERS.

Feel free to contact the department of social development toll free number
0800 20 40 98

You may also follow our social media pages for more information and other Social Development services



CONTACT US



DO NOT BE MISLED, SASSA SERVICES ARE FREE.



The South African Social Security Agency is one of the two agencies of the Department of Social Development which advocates for the provisions of various grants in the country ranging from Social relief of distress, Grants-in-aid, Child support grant, Foster care grant, Care dependency grant, War veteran grants, disability grants and older person's grant which are all provided by the agency at no cost.

South African Social Security Agency would like to warn social grant beneficiaries that all services provided by the agency are free. The agency is warning beneficiaries because of many enquiries received about fees to access SASSA services. Beneficiaries must not pay any SASSA official, or even those scammers who pretend to be SASSA officials. Any person demanding money for SASSA services must be reported to the nearest SAPS police station.

SASSA would like to encourage beneficiaries to report any SASSA official who requires money to

provide services at this toll free number 0800 60 10 11. SASSA is aware many criminals prey on the frail old age and people living with disability as easy targets to be robbed. These criminals promise to offer SASSA services faster than a normal process. Beneficiaries must not hesitate to report these people to the nearest Police stations.

All social grant recipients are reminded that the selling of SASSA gold cards is illegal and criminal. SASSA cards are available only at SASSA offices for beneficiaries who are qualifying and has been authorised to get social grant. When a person found with

SASSA cards illegally he or she will face the mighty hand of the law. Beneficiaries are warned to desist from the tendency of using SASSA gold cards to borrow money from loan sharks and thereafter come to SASSA offices for another new cards, trying to dodge the loan. Beneficiaries misusing social grants payment cards are risking to be taken out of the social grants system and can be prosecuted by the State.

Beneficiaries seeking more information should contact our toll free on 0800 60 10 11 from 08:00 – 16:00 during week days Monday – Friday.

Unlocking Potential



The NDA continues to play a critical role in contributing towards the eradication of poverty. This is achieved through provision of grants to civil society organisations that carry out development projects of poor communities. The agency also capacitates civil society organisations to enable them to run sustainable programmes.

An appeal is made to the private sector and other organisations to partner the NDA in fighting poverty.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS REAL EDUCATE YOURSELF TO PROTECT YOU AND THOSE CLOSER TO YOU

Although Human trafficking scope in South Africa remains a mystery, it poses a great concern as it has since became the country's centre of attention and priority focus area. Noting with great concern the number of reported cases of missing persons in the country, this has called on the introduction and implementation of strict visa laws and requirements with the view of curbing the issues of illicit trafficking in the country.



Human trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons by means of the threat of use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, of fraud of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation.

Due to its hidden nature, it is not an easy task quantifying human trafficking in the country, however thousands of women, men, and children around the country fall into the trap of being trafficked in and out of the country every day for various reasons.

Traffickers target and recruit victims from diverse backgrounds with rural poor communities taking the lead, as victims are taken advantage of due to the nature of their poor living standards.

In an attempt to curbing human trafficking, it is important to acknowledge that everyone and anyone can fall into the trap of being the next victim of human trafficking. Without knowledge of how traffickers operate and human trafficking itself, anyone from any background can find themselves doing odd jobs in a foreign country without their consent.

Although traffickers use different methods for getting attention from their targets, it is important to know and understand some of their strategies, tricks, levels and stages of trafficking they use to trap their clients.

Following are some of the tips that one might need to consider knowing as a measure to preventing and getting help for themselves or someone who has been trafficked.

How does trafficking work?

Trafficking process consists of three stages namely:

- Recruitment of a person
- Transportation of a person and
- Exploitation of a person.

How do Traffickers recruit their victims?

The recruitment process comprises of three elements on how contact was initiated between the individual and the recruiter.

- **Forcible recruitment** – the victims are forcibly taken.
- **Fully Deceptive Recruitment** – victims are lured by promises of employment or educational opportunities and /or financial gain and are fully deceived as to the true intentions of the traffickers.
- **Partially Deceptive Recruitment**- victims may be aware that they are to be employed in a given activity, but do not know under what conditions.

Why are people trafficked?

- For the purpose of exploitation of the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour or Services, Removal of body parts, forced to engage in criminal activities and other unlawful activities known to them.

Types of identified trafficking in South Africa

- Forced labour (sweat shops and illicit mining)
- Illegal adoption
- Trafficking for purpose of organ theft

How are children Trafficked?

- By strangers and people known to them, parents, care-givers, family members and friends.
- By organised gangs who are involved in criminal activities
- Bribed with monies or gifts
- Victims of child trafficking may be moved from one place to another within a country, or across borders to another country
- Child trafficking are people who make money or gain in some way from the transport and exploitation.

How can I protect myself?

Potential victims are usually unaware they are being trafficked. But look out for the following warning signs.

- **Sudden Undying Love** - a total stranger who will suddenly profess his undying love within a few days of knowing you. Victim are made to be emotionally involved to get into the trap.
- **Job Promises** - lookout for job opportunities that are too good to be true
- **Willingness to Pay** - traffickers will be eager to do what ever it takes to convince their victims to pay them a visit. Although some men will be genuinely willing to sponsor their romantics, do look out for any suspicious person who will be willing to spend on you for no valid reason.

SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Department of Social Development has the responsibility to assist victims of human trafficking by providing social services to these victims. Victims are referred to the Department through the SAPS and other stakeholders.

According to the Prevention and Combatting of trafficking in Persons Act 7 of 2013 the Department of Social Development is mandated to provide psycho-social services and sheltering of victims of human trafficking. The department currently has a shelter that is accredited to provide shelter to victims of human trafficking.

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