

ROADSHOWS TO CAPACITATE NON- PROFIT ORGNISATIONS (NPOs)

The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development conducted NPO roadshows in Ermelo on the 12 April, Kabokweni on 16 April and KwaMhlanga on 17 April to strengthen and capacitate NPOs. NPOs have been a strong and useful extension arm of Social Development and Government as a whole, reaching areas where the Department would not have reached.

In view of the fact that NPOs need to be capacitated to better manage their finances, other resources and run their NPOs well, the Department of Social Development embarked on a Road Show in the 3 District in Mpumalanga. NPOs had the opportunity to discuss Provincial and Departmental priorities, share information as well as challenges.

The MEC for Health and Social Development Ms Candith Mashego- Dlamini said “the Department is ready to fully capacitate and support NPOs. Monitoring of NPOs will continue to be provided on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance to the set norms and standards, train them on financial management and corporate governance”. This is to ensure that the 43% put aside by the Department aside on its 2013/14 budget to fund NPOs will fully benefit all vulnerable groups in the society.

There has been a notable improvement in the subsidy for ECD Centres. In the previous financial year, the Department was allocating **R12** per child a day and has now increased it to **R15** per child a day.

The NPO sector needed capacity of professionally trained individuals and to assist in this regard, the Department has identified 25 NPOs which are going to **absorb 64** graduate social workers in the 2013/2014 financial year.

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