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International Children's Day at Swalala

CELEBRATING WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

Official opening of Marapyane office during
the International Family Day celebrations



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- Family Support

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- Skills training and development

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- Skills Training and Development
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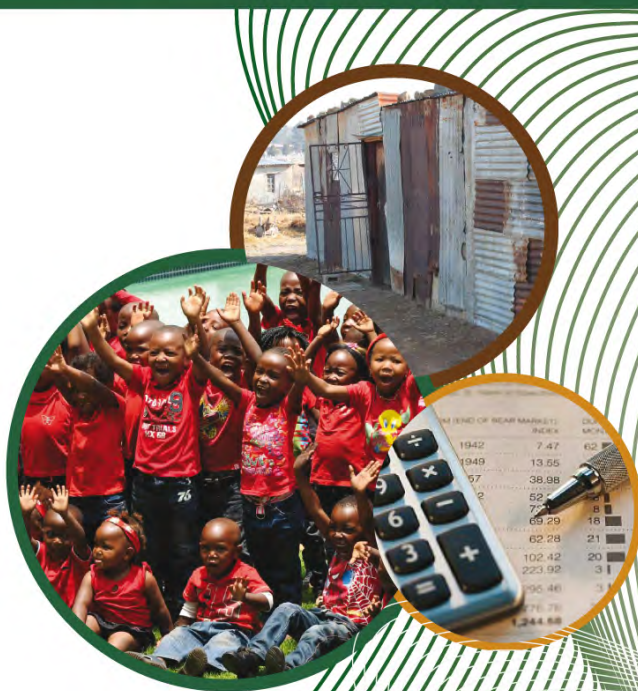
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Editor's Note

Mr. Ronnie Masilela

Welcome to the first edition of Ta Nhluvuko in the new financial year!

It brings much joy to again paint a picture of how the new financial year will look like, please see page 10 for an abridged version of the 2013/ 2014 policy and budget speech.

The Department is well on course with regards to strengthening of families and the intensification of it's fight against the exploitation and abuse of children and Substance Abuse.

Young people mostly in rural areas will benefit more from Youth Development Centres. Children remain the key priority of this Government and the Department has since increased the daily funding from R12 per child per day to R15 per child per day in funded ECDs. Furthermore 5 non-

centre based programmes will soon be place in Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge, Mkhondo, Dr JS Moroka and Emalahleni. These will be implemented to reach children who cannot access centre based services.

Older persons and persons with disabilities will again not be left out. Access to social development services are prioritised by the construction and opening of new offices in various parts of the Province.

The month of July, which is Mandela Month presents an opportunity to change lives and contribute positively in the communities within which we live. The Provincial Government will be all over the Province practically changing people's lives and praying for the former President of the Republic, Tata Nelson Mandela. Please tune into radio and look out on the newspapers for exact dates and venues of such activities.

August will give more power to women as we will celebrate the National Women's Day on 9 August. Government as a whole and Social Development as part of Government continues to work closely with women in various aspects of their well being.

As we journey on, we will need to hear from you during public participation activities in your area.

Together with you, a responsible community member, we will continue to build a caring, humane and developed Province.

Happy reading!



A path that will guide our day to day work during this financial year was cleared during the policy and budget speech. Of note, is the increase in the daily subsidy for children in ECD centres from R12 to R15 per child per day. More youth centres and other Not-for-profit organisations will be funded during this financial year. Workshops were conducted throughout the Province to capacitated NPOs to better manage their finances and other resources.

I call on this extension arm of Government to be more prudent in their financial affairs and continue to render the much needed services to areas that we would normally not reach.

The abuse of substances, mostly by young people remains a matter of concern. It was disheartening to learn of a 12 year old who is helplessly deep into drugs when observing the International Day against drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking in eMalahleni. This is one of the many cases that exist in our communities. Some kids have quit school, some have turned into thieves due to substance abuse.

The Department in partnership with other Government Departments, NPOs and communities continue its fight against this scourge. I extend this invitation to all people in the Province to stand firm against the abuse of drugs at schools and in commu-

nities. Joining hands with everyone in the Province, we can win the fight against substance abuse.

The elderly remain pillars of our society. Their existence should be appreciated and be seen as a blessing as they possess of wealth of experience and values that lack in various parts of our communities today.

They have rights to shelter, food, clothing, protection and I call on all grandkids to treasure this precious gift from God by providing and protecting them. Their old age grants must be used on what will advance their wishes.

As the ANC-led Government we are ready, we are doing it and need you to partner with us to eradicate social ills.

Till then.

An abridged version of the 2013/14 on 23 May 2013

The mandate of the Department of Social Development is to facilitate the development and implementation of integrated services to address poverty and other social ills facing the poor and vulnerable groups. The Department of Social Development supports five (5) of the twelve (12) outcomes. Thus the successful implementation of our mandate calls for an integrated approach, the correct deployment of resources and strategic partnerships with other sector departments, development agencies, Non-for-Profit Organisations (NPOs), the private sector and civil society.

Outcome 1: Quality of Basic Education

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) remains one of the key focus areas of Government. Research has shown that children who have had an opportunity of accessing ECD programmes perform better when they progress to formal schooling. The integrated ECD Strategy of the Province provides a platform for comprehensive intervention in this area of work.



Policy and Budget Speech presented

It is against this background that funding to increase the budget allocation from **R122 000 000** to **R188 000 000** has been provided.

In this financial year, the Department funds ECD centres at R15 per child per day as opposed to R12 per child per day in the previous years. Five (5) non-centre based programmes will be implemented to reach children who cannot access centre based services.



These will be implemented at Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge, Mkhondo, Dr JS Moroka and Emalahleni Local Municipalities.

Outcome 2: A long and healthy life for all South Africans

In the 2012/13 financial year, the Department provided services to **10 341** orphaned and vulnerable children through community based care services offered by the HIV and AIDS Programme.

The Department will also make contribution to job creation of which will be through intensifying the ISI-BINDI model for orphans and vulnerable children.

Outcome 3: All people in South Africa are and feel safe

Substance Abuse has become a National concern, as families and society continue to suffer in the hands of this scourge. Many dreams of individuals and families fade. The fact that the youth are the hardest hit is saddening.

The Department reached a total of **6 325** Youth between the ages of 19-35 years and **13 908** children below the age 18 through the Ke-Moja programme in the 2012/13 financial year. In collaboration with the Department of Education and Community Safety, Security and Liaison, the Department will increase the target to reach **32 432** children through integrated school programmes in this financial year.



tion of business proposals, career guidance, and linkages with job opportunities, basic computer and entrepreneurial skills.

One hundred and eight (**108**) youth workers will be capacitated through the National Youth Agency (NYDA) on youth development services to improve and standardise programmes and services rendered in the Youth Development centres.

The Department will support a total of sixty (**60**) Youth development centres, which will create work opportunities for three hundred (**300**) youth. A total of nine thousand (**9 000**) youth will be reached through these services. The most deprived municipalities are prioritised to reach out to the most affected young people where access to services and information is a challenge.



Outcome 7: Vibrant, equitable, sustainable rural communities contributing towards food security for all

The target set for the funding of Youth Development centres was exceeded and fifty two (**52**) Youth Development Centres were funded reaching **11 210** young people. These centres benefitted the young people with life skills and services including; access to internet, compila-



A total of ninety three (93) life skills workshops will be conducted for youth out of school to capacitate and empower them for adulthood and job preparedness. Thirty six (36) inter-generational dialogues to bridge the gap between the older and younger generation in relation to social challenges will be facilitated in all the local municipalities.

erty eradication as most households depend on this support for their livelihoods.

The Department will continue to work closely with SASSA to ensure that those eligible to access the grants do receive what is due to them.

A budget allocation of R 1 154 294 is allocated in three programmes of the Department as follows:

- Programme 1: Administration, an amount of R 248 530 000.00
- Programme 2: Social Welfare Services an amount of R 781 205 000.00
- Programme 3: Development and Research an amount of R 124 559 000.00



Outcome 12: An efficient, effective and development oriented public service and an empowered, fair and inclusive citizenship

The MEC highlighted the availability of adequate social service professionals and suitable infrastructure as essential to the achievement of the support strategies to the five outcomes.

The Department is pleased to note that the construction of the Mbombela sub-district is complete and Gert Sibande District office is underway. Delmas sub-district Office is 65% complete. Daggakraal branch office stands at 85% completion. Amsterdam branch office will follow soon. Work has commenced at Marite for the Marite branch office. Nkangala In-Patient-Youth Treatment Centre and Ehlanzeni Secure Care Centre are at planning stage.

The National Development Agency (NDA) and South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) remains the key intervention strategy in pov-



Official opening of Marapyane Family Day commemoration

The MEC for Health and Social Development, Ms Candith Mashego-Dlamini was well received by the community of Marapyane on the 20th of May 2013 in an event that was organized to celebrate the International Day for Families as well as officially open the Marapyane Social Development Office.

The MEC accompanied by the head of Department Ms NL Mlangeni and other stakeholders started the day by visiting a child-headed household at Katjibane to hand over gifts which included a bed, fridge, stove and food parcels.

On her address at the main event, the MEC talked about several social cohesion issues that lead to most of the problems facing societies today, more especially on families. Firstly the MEC made an emphasis on role playing,



The MEC for Health and Social Development Ms Candith Mashego-Dlamini cutting a ribbon to officially open Marapyane DSD Office

urging mothers, fathers and children to know and understand their place, take responsibility and eliminate the ever growing challenges facing families.



office during the International



The MEC for Health and Social Development (right), Mr Thokozani Ngwenya: Social Worker (middle), and Joseph Motau (left) in one of the households at Katjibane visit.

Finally, the MEC advised against misuse of Government grants especially the child support grant and old age pension grant. She indicated that there is general trend in the country of using the social grants for things that it is not intended for, and people end up without any form of assistance due to misuse of the funding provided to them, that impede government to achieve its mandate.



International Children's Day at Swalala

There is an international outcry over the abuse, rape and brutal killings of children. In fighting this great wrong, the MEC for Health and Social Development, Mrs Candith Mashego-Dlamini observed the International Children's Day in Swalala BCC Church, on 08 June 2013. The celebration started by visits to Mshadza Stimulation Crèche and Thembaletu Crèche which are both funded by Social Development. The two centers were pre-

teachers and parents filled the church. The main objective of this event was to promote the welfare of the children by highlighting a need to seriously protect and provide for them.

The MEC did not only take the role of a leader but served as a parent and teacher to all the children present when she



sented with much needed electric appliances as well as toys for the children.

The event continued at Swalala BCC Church where children from Siyafundza Primary, Mdzimba Primary and Khanyisani Secondary Schools together with their



spoke about their rights and responsibilities. MEC Mashego-Dlamini started her address by clearly defining what a child is and then spoke about the different forms of abuse.

She quoted one of the recent studies which revealed that ‘a large number of 16-24 year old girl children were found to be HIV positive whilst the boys of the same age were found to be HIV negative’; “what does this mean” asked the MEC. She further responded to the question by saying that this is a clear indication that the young girls allow themselves to be abused by older men who offer them money and gifts in exchange of sexual favours.

The community was requested to work together with Government in reporting cases of exploitation and abuse of children to the police and social workers.

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World Social Work Day

World Social Work Day is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Social Workers in making a difference in the lives of the vulnerable and poor in the community and the development of the profession itself.

In celebrating this day, the MEC for Health and Social Development, Ms. Candith Mashego-Dlamini honoured and appreciated outstanding work by some Social Workers across the Province by awarding certificates in various



categories. This happened at an event held on 26 April 2013 at Pine Lake Inn, White River.

Some of the certificates awarded were for long-service in three categories namely; 15 years, 20 years and 25 years, to Social Workers who despite challeng-

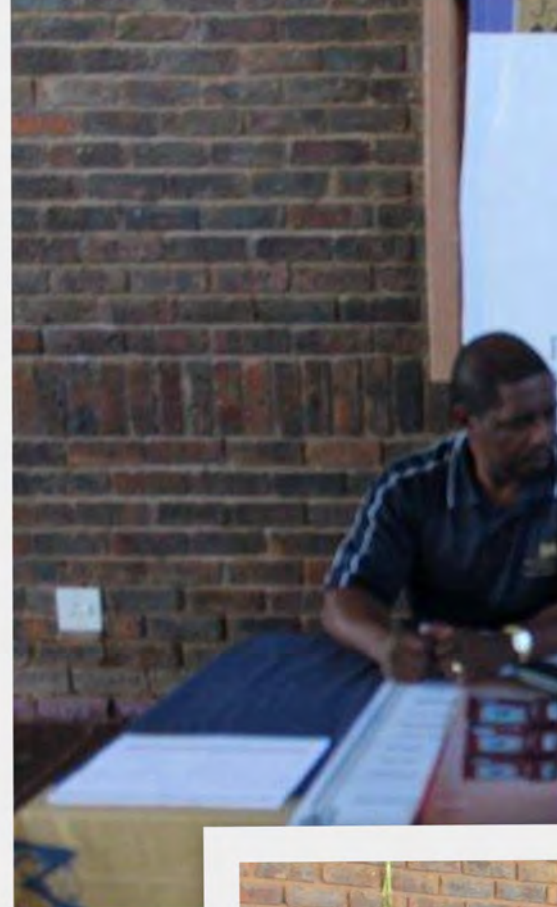




ing circumstances facing the profession, have continued to contribute exceedingly well in providing the social work service to the society.

Social Workers who placed more children on Foster Care in the three districts were awarded Trophies and a voucher of R500.00 each, as part of raising the stature of the profession and to acknowledge the sterling work of social workers. The overall winners were Ms Brenda Moyane from Ehlanzeni District, Mr Isaack Shili from Nkangala District and Ms Celiwe Tsotetsi from Gert Sibande.





Government Exhibition

30 May 2013, Kwaggafontein Community Hall, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality





HOUSEHOLD PROFILING

The Department of Social Development on behalf of the Mpumalanga Provincial Government is undertaking the profiling of all wards in the Province. The objectives of the project are:

- To develop a single and reliable baseline information of households and communities living in poverty.
- To deliver integrated services.
- To improve the monitoring and evaluation of services and impact at a household level.
- To inform targeted Policy Development and Planning.
- To eliminate Fraud and Double Dipping. ➤



- To promote data access and information sharing among service providers.

This process, since its inception, has seen many households benefiting as and when their needs are known to Government. Some of the interventions are short term, some medium term and some long term. Government is determined more than ever to change people's lives for the better.



Members of the community are therefore requested to please welcome and cooperate fully as the profiling team visits their households for this purpose.



ROADSHOWS TO CAPACITATE NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS (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 are 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 Road Shows in the 3 Districts 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 Can-

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



dith 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.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DAY AT DLUDLUMA , NKOMAZI MUNICIPALITY

The Department of Social Development held a Public Participation session on the 21 June 2013 at DluDluma in Nkomazi Local Municipality under the Ehlanzeni District.

The underlying principle for creating such a platform is to foster relations, promote direct engagement with communities and stakeholders, engagement with communities on areas of need, service delivery issues and consultation in order to improve the services offered to communities.

The DluDluma community responded positively to this session with the help of the Nkomazi Local Municipality, Bukhosi and the Local councillor.

Some of the challenges facing the community is not having identity documents. To address that Home Affairs rendered services.



Also on site was the SASSA mobile truck and NDA for services provision and exhibition. NDA funds a Sikhwahlane based NGO. This NGO was also on site exhibiting their products.



AFRICA PUBLIC SERVICE DAY

The first Pan- African Conference of Ministers of Public (and Civil) Services that was held in Tangier, Morocco in 1994 declared 23 June every year as Africa Public Service Day (APSD) to celebrate and recognize the value and virtue of the public service to the community. The 4th Pan-African Conference held in Stellenbosch, South Africa reaffirmed the declaration adopted in the 1st Tangier Conference that Africa Public Service Day as a strategic Continental event to boost the morale of the public servants and bring hope and confidence of the service recipients. APSD serves as a platform for public service to showcase and reward good initiatives and achievements in the public sector. It also provides an opportunity for public servants to promote val-



ues such as accountability and responsiveness in delivering service to the people.

Mpumalanga Provincial Departments led by the Office of the Premier had organized celebration at Victor Khanye Sports Centre, Delmas on 21 June 2013 and the Department of Social Development also took part in that event represented by its the Transformation and Transversal Unit.

The DSD also showcased and presented its programmes and services to the residents of Victor Khanye Local Municipality of which was much appreciated and welcomed by the public. A presentation of Welfare Services was presented to the public with more emphasis on foster care. The attendance was dominated by the



older persons whom were making 90 percent of the audience in attendance.

Some of the social ills affecting the community of this area are those of children whose parents passed on and were left with their grandparents without birth certificates and substance abuse among children or young people.



Launch of Child Protection Week

In Mpumalanga the Child Protection Week was launched by the MEC for Health and Social Development, Ms Candith Mashego Dlamini on Tuesday, 28 May 2013 at Woodhouse Community Crèche in Mataffin, Nelspruit. The Child Protection Week has been observed since 1997 under the leadership of the Department of Social Development.



The week's observation seeks to educate and mobilize communities to put children first as part of Government's effort to ensure protection and empowerment of vulnerable children including those with disabilities. The MEC donated heaters and fridges to the crèche. Speaking during the launch, the MEC emphasised government's commitment in protecting children ➤



as reflected in the national theme 'working together to protect children' and explained the green ribbon which symbolises life, growth, hope, care and support.

The department will continue to protect children even far beyond the Child Protection Week and this was evident through the department's plans to implement 5 new Non-Centre Based Centres that would target children who cannot access ECD services in these areas Mkhondo, Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge, DR JS Moroka and Emalahleni.

It was a joyful day for the children of Woodhouse Community Crèche as they were delighted by the MEC's visit. After the launch it was time to get dirty as the MEC joined other officials from the Department of Social Development led by the HOD Ms N Mlangeni to plant vegetables in the crèche's garden.



*paying the right social grant, to the right person,
at the right time and place. NfALLO!*



Mandate of SASSA

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To provide world-class social security services.

Mission

To administer quality social security services, cost effectively and timeously using appropriate best practices by:
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Paying the right grant amount, to the right person at the right time, and at the most convenient place that he/she may choose;

Delivering innovative, cost effective and efficient services to individuals, their families and community groups via multi- and easy access channels using modern technology.

Values

The Constitution and the *Batho Pele* Principles forms the foundation of our values, which are:

- Promotions and protection of human dignity
- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Fairness
- Transparency
- Equitability

SASSA is an Agency under the Department of Social Development. Established nationally in April 2006 is mandated to ensure the provision of a comprehensive social security services against vulnerability and poverty within the constitutional and legislative framework.

There are currently eight (8) types of grants under the Social Assistance provided by the Agency, namely:

- Grant for elder persons,
- Disability grant,
- War veteran's grants,
- Care dependency grant, foster child grant,
- Foster child grant
- Child support grant,
- Grant-in-aid, and
- Social Relief of Distress

For more information on the various types of grants call SASSA toll free number on 0800 60 10 11 or call the customer care unit on 013 754 9340.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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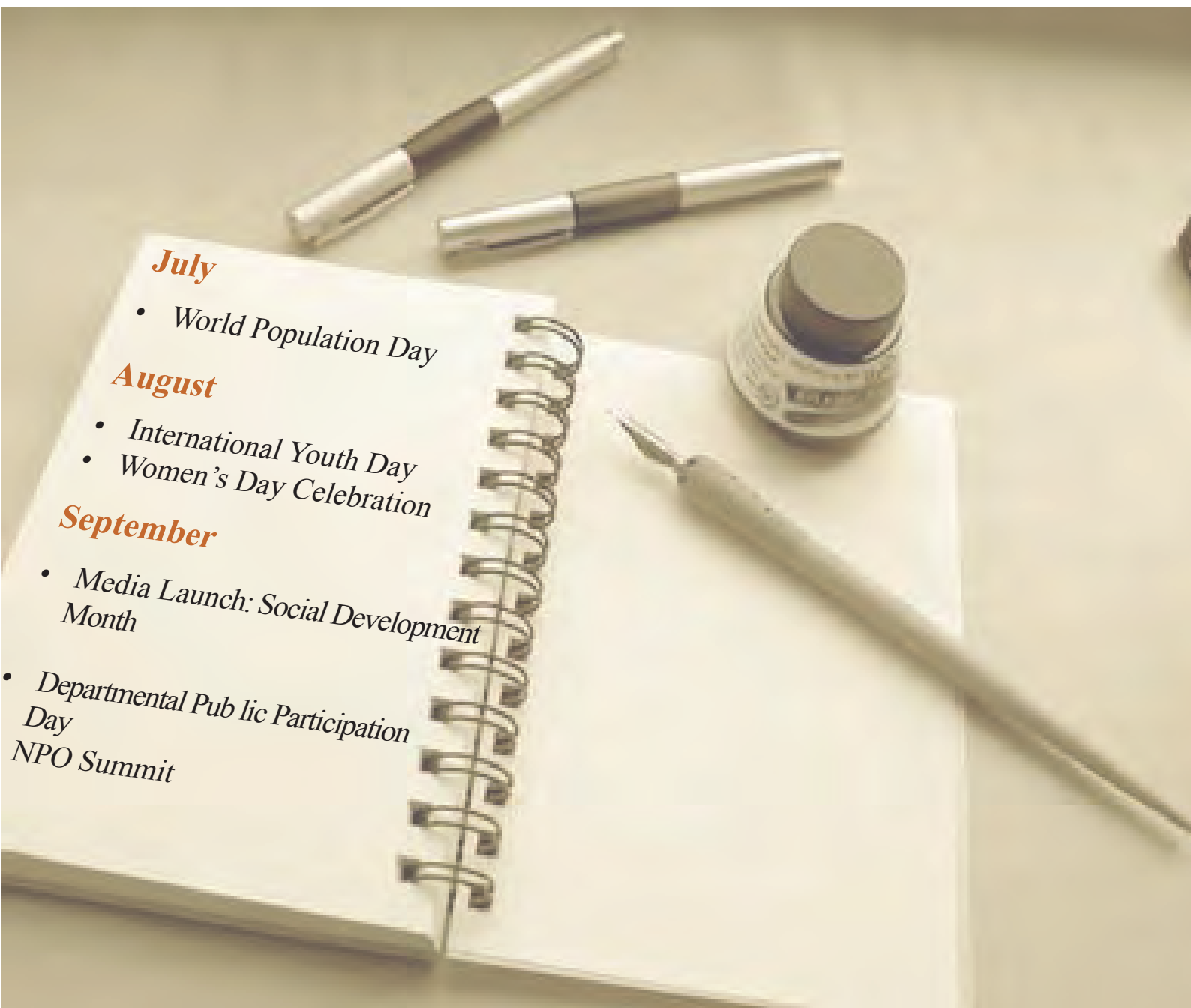
- World Population Day

August

- International Youth Day
- Women's Day Celebration

September

- Media Launch: Social Development Month
- Departmental Public Participation Day
- NPO Summit



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