

# TA NHLUVUKO

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EXCLUSIVE:

## BUDGET SPEECH

TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF MANY

PROVINCIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



### Social Development

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# 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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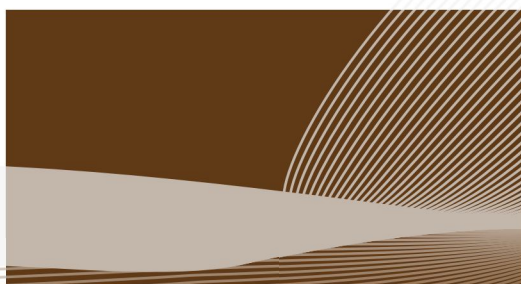


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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
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## VISION

A caring, humane and developed society.

## MISSION

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

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## *Sakha Likusasa Letfu - 2012*

Once again the Department of Social Development (DSD) has joined the SABC, Mpumalanga International Airport in offering a 2 week long experiential training programme called Sakha Likusasa Letfu to high school learners. The programme was launched on 25 June 2012 at the SABC offices in Nelspruit and ran for a period of two weeks, starting from 25 June to 06 July 2012.

Of the 35 learners admitted into the programme in 2012, 5 of them were offered space in the DSD. This programme is aimed at providing high school learners the opportunity to experience the professional industry. This exposure does not only motivate them to perform well in school but it also gives them clarity as to which career paths they would like to pursue. The SABC is determined to restore human dignity, through promoting conversations and partnerships that will help build a common future.







**Editor's Note**  
Mr. Ronnie Masilela

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

**T**he 2012/ 2013 policy and budget speech was tabled by the MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr Clifford Mkasi on 24 May 2012. The speech will guide the Department in this financial year, please see a summarised version of the speech on page 10.

The annual campaign titled 'Child Protection Week (CPW)' was launched in the Province by Dr Clifford Mkasi on Monday, 28 May 2012. This year's CPW was marked from 27 May to 03 June 2012.

This campaign has turned to be of Government, NGOs, media and everyone. Awareness campaigns on the registrations of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres and Child Protection Register amongst others were conducted across the Province (see page 15 for more information on Child Protection Register).

Services to children got a huge boost when the Departments of Social Development, Health and Education hosted a Provincial Summit on ECD on 06 – 07 June 2012; please see more on the summit on page 20.

Our offices are available for community members to visit and consult with Social Workers and other officials in the Department.

Community members are encouraged to continue liaising with the Department and the Government as a whole to get first-hand information on various services and programmes aimed at eradicating poverty and improving their living conditions.

*See our contact details on the back page of this publication.*



**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**  
Ms. Ningi Mlangeni

**K**ing David from the Holy Bible once said "I have pitched my tent in the land of hope". As a department and as fellow servants of our communities we recommit ourselves to pitching our tent in the land of hope, hope that one day we shall be able to satisfactorily look back with pride over what we shall have done for our people.

As we walk side by side with our communities it is important to indicate that the abuse of children is on the increase. In 2010/11 financial year there were 316 reported cases of child abuse and in 2011/12 the number went up to 936 cases. This calls on us and our communities to redouble our efforts to prevent this unfortunate situation. Our children only have us to protect them and any attempt to ignore this cold reality can only destroy the future that we so much want to create.

The Child Protection Register that is in place will come in handy in ensuring that we gather enough data on child abuse. Together with all stakeholders we shall continue to make this clarion call to our people to report each incident.

We celebrated Freedom Day recently acutely aware that Freedom is hollow as long as our people remain trapped in abject poverty. We commit ourselves to doing all we can to minimize the effects of these ills.

On 17 July 2012 we shall hold a Ministerial NPO dialogue in Ingwenyama Lodge, White River. This dialogue is aimed at listening to NPOs dialoging amongst themselves and with us so as to enable us to correctly locate ourselves and take decisions based on informed position.

We are proud of the support that we always get from our people. We are however conscious that the support they give us is not a license for complacency and therefore shall strive to move with speed at all times.



**MEC FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
Dr Clifford Mkasi**





2012/13

Policy and Budget Speech



## BUDGET SPEECH TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF MANY

**T**he mandate of the Department of Social Development (DSD) is to deal with poverty and other social ills facing communities, especially the vulnerable groups in the society.

The DSD has committed to do the following during the 2012/ 2013 financial year.

### On Children

The Department will continuously play an active role in mobilizing communities and all structures to protect children. In this regard, the Department has observed the Child Protection week from 27 May to 03 June 2012, the International and National Children's Day on 04 June and 05 November; respectively.

Out of the **821** registered ECD Centres in the Province, the department will manage to fund **704** of them, benefitting **46 205** children at R12 per child per day. A target of **6 800** foster care applications will be processed.

### On HIV and AIDS

The Department encourages community members to freely talk about HIV and AIDS related issues, a platform in the form of intergenerational dialogues is then provided. These dialogues will ensure that parents and children are supported through a facilitated process to talk about sex, healthy sexuality, HIV prevention and other sensitive issues affecting adolescents such as alcohol and drug abuse.

The Department aims to create **1 200** jobs in Drop In Centres through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) during this financial year. The main contribution in this area of work will be to continue to support and train management of Drop In Centres and to provide psychosocial services to orphaned and vulnerable children.

### On Older Persons

In line with the Older Persons' Act No. 13 of 2006 which promotes Home Community Based Care, the Department's focus this financial year will be on:

- Promoting active ageing in collaboration with other stakeholders by reaching **3553** older persons
- Auditing and registration of all facilities render



-ing services for older persons in terms of the Older Persons Act.

The Implementation of the Older Persons Act will ensure the protection of older persons through prevention programmes. In strengthening the promotion and protection of older persons' rights, the Department will in this financial year fund NPOs benefitting **1 110** older persons. The Department will further ensure that a total number of **5 419** older persons access community based care and support services.

### On the Victim Empowerment Programme

The DSD will continue to invest and mobilize gender based organizations, community social networks, recreation and cultural infrastructure.

The Department plans to ensure that **1 000** Men and Boys take part in this programme.

The DSD will continue to provide Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) services to victims of crime and violence. It will further strengthen the prevention strategies aimed at addressing gender based violence and human trafficking.

### On Substance Abuse

The DSD will continue with the implementation and review of the Mpumalanga Anti Drug Master Plan. It plans to reach **3 600** Youth between the ages of 19 and 35 years and 9500 children below the age of 18 through the Ke-Moja programme during this financial year. The Department will further ensure that **1 840** service users access out-patient substance abuse treatment Centres managed by NPOs.

The Province will be hosting the national event in the observation of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 16 July 2012, the day annually on 26 June. The theme for this year is *"Global Action for Healthy Communities without Drugs"*.

### On Crime Prevention

The Department will continue to render services to children in conflict with the law in line with the Child Justice Act. It targets to assess **1100** children who are in conflict with the law and further ensure that 620 of these children complete diversion programmes.

### On Youth Development

The Department is implementing youth programmes that assist youth to access and participate in the main stream economy. These programmes are aimed at

linking youth to skills programmes and economy opportunities. They also capacitate NPOs delivering youth development services.

The Department will fund a total number of **48** Youth Development Centres targeting to reach **7 200** young people across the Province in the current financial year.

### On Sustainable Livelihood

The Department plans to support 54 community initiatives to improve rural community livelihoods during the 2012/ 2013 financial year.

### On Not-for Profit Organisations (NPOs)

The DSD will continue to facilitate NPO registration as prescribed by the NPO Act and is planning to fund **1 048** NPOs that render Social Development services during this financial year. The Department will also capacitate **800** NPOs with financial management and sustainability skills during this financial year. In addition to the capacity building workshops that the DSD will hold, the Department will intensify its monitoring mechanism on **1 100** NPOs.

The DSD will also implement the reviewed financial awards policy as approved by MINMEC. This policy directs us to channel funds to where they are needed most.

**The total budget for the 2012/ 2013 financial year is R920 299 000.00, it is worth noting that over 30% of this budget is for funding of NPOs.**

### On Infrastructure Plans

The following projects are at different stages of completion;

- Gert Sibande District office in Msukaligwa Local Municipality
- Mbombela sub-district in Mbombela Local Municipality
- Delmas sub-district in Victor Khanye Local Municipality
- Daggakraal branch office, in Dr Pixley Ka- Isaka Seme Local Municipality

The following 4 projects are at planning stages;

- Amsterdam branch office in Mkhondo Local Municipality
- Marite branch office in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality
- Nkangala In-Patient-Youth Treatment Centre in Emalahleni Local Municipality
- Ehlanzeni Secure Care Centre in Mbombela Local Municipality





# FREEDOM DAY







## FREEDOM DAY

### 27 APRIL 2012

The National Freedom Day was celebrated at eNtokozweni which is known as Machadodorp during a Provincial event organised by the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation in partnership with other Government Departments.

The Mpumalanga Provincial leadership came out in numbers to celebrate this important day in the Country's calendar. A total number of 153 families in eNtokozweni benefited from the community residential unit project brought by the Department of Human Settlements.



Sukumani Old Age Centre, a Centre which looks after 30 older persons and funded by the Department of Social Development was visited on the day of the event. The Centre received: 4 heaters, 30 chairs, 30 blankets, 2-big pots, 2-big carpets, a DVD, TV set from DSD and an electricity stove from the Department of Finance. "We are free from the cold since the winter is starting, thanks to our government for taking care of us on this remarkable day" said Gogo Sarah Sibiya with a smile on her smile.

[ *paying the right social grant, to the right person,  
at the right time and place. NJALO!* ]



## **Mandate of SASSA**

### **Vision**

To provide world-class social security services.

### **Mission**

To administer quality social security services, cost effectively and timeously using appropriate best practices by:

Developing and implementing policies, programmes and procedures for effective and efficient social grants administration system;

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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# International Day for Families celebration in Perdekop

**T**he Department of Social Development was joined by the National Department in celebrating the International Day for Families at Perdekop, Dr Pixley Isaka Seme Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District on 15 May 2012 under the theme *"Ensuring work-family balance"*.

The event was graced by the presence of the Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Maria Ntuli, MEC for Health and Social Development, Dr Clifford Mkasi, HOD for Social Development, Ms Ningi Mlangeni, Members of the Mayoral Committee and other stakeholders to mention but a few, Home Affairs and Lovelife.

Three (3) families were visited and presented with food parcels, beds and blankets. In all these visits, the Deputy Minister and MEC interacted with the families living them with another view of life for a better tomorrow.

The HOD, Ms Mlangeni, shared the importance of families and what the day brings to them as the community,

striking the balance between work and families.

Dr Mkasi and Ms Ntuli encouraged parents to share responsibilities, protect, provide for and educate children and young people as family members. Ms Ntuli said **"strong families produce sound communities. There can be less confusion in the community if people can learn to respect each other's rights starting this from families"**.

In his closing remarks, Dr Mkasi, encouraged women to do hand work, parents to spend time with their children and families to talk and resolve issues at home.

## Child Protection Week (CPW) was marked from 27 May to 03 June 2012

**C**hild abuse is one of the issues affecting children in the Province. The problem is evident when one looks at the number of alleged cases of abuse that are reported on a monthly basis. In 2010/11 a total number of 316 cases of abuse were recorded in the Child Protection Register provincially. In 2011/12 a total number of 938 cases of abuse were reported on the Register.

As he launched the CPW on the 28 May 2012, MEC Dr Mkasi said *"This reflects a dire need to intensify prevention programs to ensure that there is ultimately a decline in the number of children that are reportedly abused"*.

The district of Ehlanzeni is the biggest of the three districts with a population of 691,238 children in the 0 - 18 age cohort, while the Gert Sibande and Nkangala districts have a population of 377 891 and 488 091; respectively. Ehlanzeni has the highest statistics of children that are reportedly abused.



## Public Hearings on the Green Paper on Families in South Africa

The Green Paper on families stresses the need for everyone to build strong families that protect the most vulnerable members of the society. It was approved by Cabinet in 2011 with the aim to shift the focus of government services from purely targeting individuals, but rather responding to their needs as family members.

DSD undertook a research study in order to determine the circumstances that impacts upon family life in the Country. The research findings provided the basis for DSD to embark on a national consultative process across the nine provinces of South Africa.

The Department of Social Development (DSD) held a Public Hearing regarding the Green Paper on Families. The said Public Hearing was organized by the National Department of Social Development in conjunction with the Provincial Department. It was held on 14-15 June 2012 in Moloto Village and Vosman both in Nkangala District.

DSD currently has a draft Green Paper on the National Family Policy for South Africa. The Government is putting forward proposals in the Green Paper on how South African families should be supported so that they flourish and function optimally. ➤





On Camera hereunder are two participants who were interviewed.



Ms Queenth Mahlangu (45) said in her mother tongue; “Ngizwisise ukuthi kufanele sivelele obala sikhulume esikudingayo ngokubaluleka kwemimdeni. Umndeni ubalulekile futhi sisebenzisane nawo wonke umuntu ngothando. Okunye, kufanele omunye nomunye asebenze. Umbono wami wukuthi iGreen Paper ingagcini namuhla ukuza ukuze sikwazi ukubonisana ngakho konke esikudingayo nesikufisayo. Uma singabambisana njenge-mindeni singaphumelela”.



## Public Hearings on the Green Paper on Families in South Africa



Ms Sizzy Nxumalo (38) said “I have learnt that families, community and Departments must integrate with other stakeholders to strengthen families that are left behind because circumstances differ from one family to the next. I applaud the department for a job well done on consulting community members on the Green Paper. I wish all spheres of government would do the same”.















## PROVINCIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

The Departments of Social Development, Health and Education hosted a 2-day Provincial Summit on Early Childhood Development (ECD) at Ingwenyama Lodge, White River on 06-07 June 2012.

The summit came just after the Child Protection Week which ran from 27 May to 03 June 2012 came to an end.

The event was graced by all MECs in the Social Services Cluster; namely; MEC Dr RC Mkasi for Health and Social Development; MEC R Mhaule for Education; MEC MSA Masango for Human Settlements and MEC MNS Manana for Culture, Sport and Recreation. In attendance also were Members of Mayoral Committees from Municipalities, ECD Centers, NGOs and Government officials.

*from left: Ms T Mhlongo (Director: Planning), Ms O Dlamini (Chief Director: Community Development) and Ms N Mlangeni (Head of Department)*

The Khanyalanga Pre-school led the house in the National Anthem and later on kept the audience asking for more with their Cultural dance and old school jazz dance.

When he gave the purpose of the day, MEC Mkasi mentioned that the department is aware and concerned about the social ills faced by community members in raising kids. He also indicated that most children do not have access to ECD Centres and some are less privileged than others. He further mentioned the concerns of the department about children who are stunted, due to malnutrition, genetic and social ills, diseases which later result into children not ready for school or underperforming at school.

Mkasi emphasized the fact that every kid has a right to access ECD services irrespective of their family background. It also came out clear that the critical years of a child's growth are 0-7 years. ➤

**I**n response to a number of challenges faced by community members with regards to children, the department provides services such as; psychological programs, referral services for health and social services and grants, nutrition, immunization and integrated management of childhood diseases.

As she delivered the key note address, the MEC for Education Mrs Regina Mhaule emphasised on increasing access ECD services, training of caregivers and educating parents on how best raise children, promote community development and involvement and strengthening institutional resources and capacity building, amongst others.

Mhaule said "Ensuring that ECD Centres function well is Government's priority as these are future leaders and if well groomed we will have responsible citizens in the Province and Country as a whole".

**The following key issues were discussed;**

- ***Improving access to ECD***
- ***Improving curriculum delivery at ECD centres***
- ***Infrastructure constructions and improvement***
- ***Children's health, and***
- ***Strengthening stakeholder participation***

*Below: Ms Z Maseko (Director: Children Services)*



Department  
of Social Development

# UPCOMING EVENTS

July/August/September  
2012

## JULY 2012

12 July 2012

### World Population Day

Venue: Matsulu  
Community Hall  
Time: 09:00

16 July 2012

### International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Venue: Agincourt in Bushbuckridge  
Time: 10:00 – 15:00

18 July 2012

### Mandela Day Celebration

Venue: Tonga Hospital  
Time: 08:00 – 15:00

## AUGUST 2012

09 August 2012

### National Women's Day

Venue: Nkomazi

12 August 2012

### International Youth Day

Venue: Bushbuckridge





## COMMENTS

Lets us hear what you think!

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without drugs  
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