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1. EQUALITY

Everyone is equal before the law and may not be discriminated against.

2. HUMAN DIGNITY

Everyone has a basic human dignity which must be respected.

3. LIFE

Everyone has the right to life.

4. FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE PERSON

You may not be physically detained without trial or abused in any way.

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You may never be subjected to slavery or forced labour.

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You have the right to peacefully assemble, demonstrate and protest.

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You have the right to associate with anyone.

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You may form a political party, run for office and vote for any party in free and fair elections.

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You have the right to choose any legal trade or occupation freely.

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You have the right to access adequate housing.

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Every child has the right to a name, nationality and protection from abuse and exploitation.

21. EDUCATION

You have the right to a basic education in the official language of your choice.

22. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

You have the right to use the language of your choice and practise your own culture.

23. CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC COMMUNITIES

You have the right to form, join and maintain cultural, linguistic and religious grouping of your own choice.

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You have the right to administrative action that is lawful, reasonable and fair.

26. ACCESS TO COURTS

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When arrested, you have the right to remain silent, to be brought before a court within 48 hours and the right to legal representation.

Note: All these rights can be limited if it is fair to do so. For more information, see Chapter 2 of the new Constitution.
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Let's Talk Social Services

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Date	Topic	Guest expert	Objectives
12 March	Swartfontein Treatment Centre A centre that assists with the prevention of substance abuse and to support the transformation of individuals and families affected by it.	Ms Rennie Mothilal	To share information on the programmes provided by the centre and how to access the centre.
19 March	Violence against children	Ms Elsinah Mhlongo	Raise awareness on the various types of violence or abuse that children experience in different places such as their schools, homes and communities.
26 March	South African Older Person's Charter	Ms Nonhlanhla Mkhwanazi	Defining the purpose of the charter
09 April	What are the rights of people with disabilities	Mr Dutoit Nkambule	To promote the rights of people with disabilities and building a more accessible and more inclusive community.
16 April	Is it normal and acceptable for parents to fight in the presence of their children?	Ms Zodwa Maseko	Raise awareness that It is important that parents set the right examples for their children. Negative examples can be harmful to a child's development and can lead to bad behavior.
23 April	Treatment of Substance abuse	Ms Isabel Makushe	Services available within the department in treating substance abuse
7 May	Family Support Services available in the department	Ms Zodwa Maseko	Services available in the department in supporting families
14 May	International Day of Families	Ms Zodwa Maseko	Highlight the importance of observing this day
21 May	Children's rights versus responsibility	Ms Elsinah Mhlongo	Raise awareness on the rights and responsibility of the child
28 May	Launch of Child Protection Week	Ms Zodwa Maseko	To Highlights the activities of the Child Protection week
04 June	What services and programmes are offered to young people at the Youth Development centres	Mr Kanego Thete	Young people to know the kind of services offered by Youth Development Centres.
11 June	Why is it important for the Youth to join Youth Clubs	Mr Kanego Thete	Raise awareness on the benefits of joining Youth Clubs
18 June	Successes and Challenges of Youth Development Centres	Mr Kanego Thete	Share the successes and challenges of the centres
25 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Ms Isabel Makushe	Highlight the importance of observing this day.

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The number to use is:

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Note from the Editor



Petunia Lessing - Acting Head of Communications: Department of Social Development

Sanibonani!

Dumelang!

Greetings!

Firstly! This prospect is taken to welcome the Head of Department, HOD MV Mahlalela; **Welkom! Siyakwamukela! O amogetswe! Wamukelekile! UAmukelekile!**

The HOD with his vast experience is heading the department of Social Development as from November 2017. Please do read more about the HOD in pages 34-35.

This publication centers on information sharing. You! The external clients are the utmost important and are regarded as such, therefore the need to share information on services that are provided by the department.

February is the month in which love is celebrated. Love represents caring and humanity towards a fellow being and assembles well with the departments' vision of a caring, humane and developed society. This month more than others allows for a platform to accentuate and encourage for a caring and humane society, a society that shows and gives love; receive the same in return.

The approach to the month March, signals the end of the financial year 2017/2018, it will be done in remembering and observing Human Rights day and celebrating social work month. May all Social Workers enjoy their day and know that their dedication and passion for their work as Social Work professionals is highly acknowledged and needed in the Province.

You are encouraged to listen to local radio stations as indicated on page 2, these platforms will empower you. Different services provided by the department are tackled and unpacked on media. Do not hesitate to call the departments toll free number at **0800 20 40 98** for any enquiries.

Do enjoy reading an information filled publication.

Stay Blessed!

Message from the MEC



Ms Busisiwe Paulina Shiba - MEC: Social Development

Dear readers!

Through this issue we once more wish to emphasize our commitment to our vision of a caring, humane and developed society. Through it the people of this province will get another opportunity to learn about the Department of Social Development and its activities for uplifting the poor and the vulnerable.

The Department has continued to implement its integrated and developmental services, including prevention, early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation, and after-care services to vulnerable individuals, families and communities in the Province.

In addition to our full bouquet of services, we will intensify the campaign for the provision of Dignity packs to the needy girl child in schools around the province. I view this as a basic right to all school going girls to ensure that their dignity is restored.

Our awareness campaigns are made more urgent by the unfortunate and barbaric murder of two children in Emalahleni for alleged ritual purposes. The children were abducted from their

home at gunpoint and were found murdered later because one of them had albinism. We are relieved a breakthrough has been achieved and a suspect has been arrested.

This is the direct call to every member of the community to stand up and make a contribution. All stakeholders need not only to be vigilant about such incidents, but to engage actively in community dialogues and denounce all myths associated with albinism and other related social ills.

Let me also welcome the new Head of the Department, Mr. MV Mahlalela, to the social development family. I believe his knowledge and expertise will only make department to be better and more efficient.

I am hopeful that reading through this issue of our newsletter will make a difference.

Tfutfukani Nivikeleke

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS ON SOCIAL SERVICES



Social Development official delivered excellent service to older persons during the 2017 National Golden Games

The department has committed itself to responding to the needs of vulnerable groups in the Province by analysing developmental problems that could in turn contribute to the improvement of the quality of lives of the said groups. Accordingly, during the 2017/18 policy and budget speech the department has outlined some of the focus areas that it would pay attention to in the 2017/18 financial year. The department has managed to positively engage with the issues at hand to ensure the targets are met within the specified time period. In response to the commitments made to the legislature and related authorities, below is a brief on some of the achievements and progress thus far.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) AND PARTIAL CARE

The department committed itself to prioritizing on children by accelerating and expanding services to children as one of its key priorities. Registration of ECD Centres has received special attention. The work in this regard was to ensure that ECD Centres comply with the norms and standards.

The department has managed to open four (4) state of the art ECD centres (Ndzalama



under Bushbuckridge local municipality, Umjindi under the City of Mbombela local

municipality, Glenmore under the Chief Albert Luthuli local municipality, Mananga under

NT REPORTS

VICES DELIVERY



Nkomazi local municipality) across the province with three (3) in Emalahleni, Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka local municipalities in progress. Eleven (11) movable ECD Centres are now operational and ten (10) in construction.

Commitment was made that fifty-five (55) ECD Centres across the province will be renovated to ensure that they meet the minimum norms and standards. These centres were renovated by Youth Co-operatives as part of job creation and skills development for the young people.

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRES

Department promised to fund twenty-five (25) Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCs) managed by Not-for-profit organisations (NPOs). In

the third quarter of 2017/18 financial year the department has funded Twenty-two (22) of these CYCCs with a total number of 908 children of the one thousand and twenty-six (1 026) projected children in need of care and protection will receive services in those CYCCs.

COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

A commitment was made that a total of thirteen thousand and thirty-five (13 035) children will be reached through services provided through ISIBINDI model and currently (11123) children have been reached through the Isibindi model in the third quarter of 2017/18 financial year.

To further improve quality of services in the Isibindi programme 127 Child and youth

Care workers completed their training as Child and Youth Care Workers and they received their certificates on 18 March 2017 and they are fully registered with the South African Council for Social Services Professions. A further 325 Child and Youth Care Workers have completed their training and are awaiting certification. Their qualification is currently being validated by HWSETA.

Currently 262 more are currently undergoing training, this 2017/18 financial year.

YOUTH

Ninety (90) Youth Development Centres were supported, reaching one hundred and forty-four thousand, nine hundred and fifty-seven (144 957) young people. The centres managed to create four hundred and fifty (449) job opportunities for young people.

The Job Centre Initiative implemented through Lula way programme in the Youth Development centres created more than four hundred were linked to job opportunities for youth in the year 2017/ 2018. The department has in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) placed fifty-six (56) young people on an Internship programme in the three districts for practical work and they acquired valuable work experience and received accredited certificates.

The department prioritized young people through various interventions together with its stakeholders. The department continue to facilitate Entrepreneurial Development Programme through NYDA and SEDA to capacitate youth out of school and those accessing services in the YDCs to increase their economic empowerment

skills for self-reliance.

The Department continues to strengthen Career and Skills Development programmes in all the YDCs, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) in providing guidance and support to young people.

Furthermore, working with Red Cross SA, a Learnership programme targeting fifty (50) young people has been implemented focusing on Project Management in the Youth Development Centres. The young people who participated through the life skills and youth camp programmes will be prioritized and linked to this programme as their exit opportunities.

Our working relationship with the private sector, particularly Sasol, has benefitted various YDCs over years. In the 2017/18 financial year, the department has partnered with them and other private companies to improve YDCs and provide more equipment for efficient delivery of youth development services.

The department continue to fully support Ntirhisano Cooperative in Bushbuckridge for the distribution of dignity packs to vulnerable young people as a pilot for cooperative development.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In addressing issues related to substance abuse the department continue with the project of treatment centres, Phase one of the Swartfontein treatment centre was completed and as well as phase two of Nkangala Treatment Centre completed as promised. These centres



will definitely assist in dealing with the scourge of substance abuse.

Ke-Moja drug prevention programme targeting seventy-two thousand (80 383) children under 18 years and thirty thousand (32 406) youth out of school.

The department has intensified collaboration with other stakeholders by implementing the Mpumalanga Anti-Drug Master Plan that responds to the scourge of substance abuse through programmes on prevention, support, treatment, after care and

HIV AND AIDS SUPPORT PROGRAMME.

The department continued with interventions in mitigating the effects of the HIV and AIDS pandemic by prioritising on strengthening education, awareness, prevention and universal precaution of the

disease. The expansion of community based care and provision of material and psychosocial support to people affected and infected by HIV and AIDS continues in the current financial year.

The impact of HIV and AIDS on children, youth, families and communities calls for



a coordinated effort from all sectors. Fifteen (15) organisations have been trained on social behavior change programme which aims at influencing positive behavior targeting young people. eighteen thousand and fourty five (18 045) people were reached through social



behavior change services focusing on vulnerable individuals who are mostly at risk of being infected by HIV. Those who are already affected will be provided with psychosocial support services.

WOMEN

The department is aware of the hardships still faced by women today. The triple challenges of unemployment, inequality and poverty are experienced by most women in real terms. Sadly, women are at the core of managing households, looking after children and participating in critical community structures.

The department structured its services and programmes to respond comprehensively to issues affecting women. The Department is mandated to serve and empower the poor and vulnerable including women. Programmes are in place that are aimed at uplifting

women in cooperatives, widows, victims of violence and abuse as well as other vulnerable women – both young and old. In partnership with the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, one hundred and fifty (150) women in cooperatives were trained. Certificates were handed over to those women who completed the accredited training on Co-operative Governance, Financial Management and Marketing. It is believed that this is a skill that will enhance their daily work and also open opportunities for them for development of their cooperatives.

The department recognise and appreciate what women are doing and that is why the commitment and support for women remains unshaken. Together with the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) we will continue to support these women by procuring school uniform for our vulnerable children directly from them. The department

wants to make a difference to women knowing very well that indirectly it will be reaching more people as it is known that women have influence in their households.

In the financial year 2017/18 the department has increased the number from one hundred and fifty (150) to two hundred and sixty nine (269) women in cooperatives to receive accredited training in order to enhance the good work that they are doing in communities.

The department has also financially supported twelve (12) women cooperatives through poverty alleviation programmes to improve their capacity. The department have also partnered with NPOs rendering empowerment services and programmes to women. A total of two thousand one hundred and ten (2649) women were reached.

The department will continue to collaborate with Human Rights Commission and other organisations that stand for the rights of women, in facilitating awareness campaigns, seminars and workshops in all local municipalities to empower women on their rights and services available for them. The department says to all women “Tfutfuka Uvikeleke” make.

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Sexual violence is a gross violation of human rights and dignity. It is complex and has a wide impact on society, and victims experience many problems. Sexual violence, commonly referred to as rape is a serious public health and human right problem. It comes with short and long term consequences on



women's physical, mental and reproductive health. Whether it occurs in the context of an intimate partnership, within the larger family or community structure or during times of conflict, it is a deeply violating and painful experience for the survivor. Rape and killings are becoming common in our society and a week does not pass by without media reporting this horrendous incidence.

Men's involvement in the fight against rape is very critical. Seventeen thousand (17000) people were targeted however thirty three thousand (33000) were reached in awareness and prevention programmes focusing on reduction of gender based violence. Three thousand five hundred (3 500) victims of crime and violence were provided with counselling services and support in twenty-two (22) funded VEP service centres, 2915 were reached so far (third quarter 2017/18 financial year). A total of seven hundred and forty three (743) victims of crime and violence received psychosocial support.

Human trafficking is another ugly phenomenon that is raising its ugly head. To combat this challenge, we will intensify anti-human trafficking awareness campaigns especially around farming communities and areas

closer to the ports of entry.

SOCIAL RELIEF

The Department with its agency, SASSA, intervene as a provisional measure to assist individuals and households facing undue hardships. In this regard, the Department have provided support to five thousand two hundred and five (5 205) individuals and families in need to ensure stability



to families in distress. This contributes in building cohesive, caring and sustainable communities. The social relief services are not provided in isolation, but are supported by other programmes such as sustainable livelihood, family preservation and foster care and support.

SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS

Provincial Golden Games are hosted on an annual basis to encourage older persons to participate in active ageing

programmes. It is pleasing to see the increasing involvement of older persons in sports and this will undoubtedly make them healthy. In this financial year 2017/18, three thousand eight hundred and fifty (3850) older persons participated in the active ageing programme. six thousand eight hundred and twenty three (6823) have access to community based and support services including day care and assisted living services.

In our quest to improve the community based care services for older persons we will conduct an assessment of services per ward.

This will indicate the status and spread of services in the Province. It is anticipated that this will assist the Department to intervene in areas where there are no services for older persons. We encourage communities especially young people in churches, NPOs and many other structures to adopt older persons and help them to establish social clubs. We want to encourage all municipalities to develop a database of older persons per ward, so that all stakeholders can be in a position to provide them with



services.

It should be noted that ageing also makes some older persons to be frail and need 24-hour care. It is against this background that the Department will continue to fund twenty-three (23) residential care facilities for older persons benefitting one thousand two hundred and sixty-one older persons (1261).



QUICK FACTS

ON SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY

The department has made some major commitments on all of its focus or key priority areas which are aimed at improving the lives of the vulnerable groups in the communities of the province. The department has managed to prioritise more on the critical priority areas and major achievements have been recorded.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE KEY ACHIEVEMENT AREAS AS PER COMMITMENT FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

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CHILDREN

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MONITORING SERVICE DELIVERY AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE IN SERVICE CENTRES



Ecstatic: MEC BP Shiba with Social Development officials in Nkomazi during MEC's announced visit to Service centres

MEC BP Shiba continues with unannounced visits to DSD offices and Non for Profit Organisations (NPOs)

The MEC for the Department of Social Development (DSD) embarked on various unannounced visits to offices of the department and Non for profit organisations around the area of Nkomazi Local Municipality. The MEC, while on the visits engaged communities and public servants about the importance of adhering to the Batho Pele Principles and the Service Charter. "Frontline service delivery monitoring is an imperative constituent in the process of

delivering services to communities across the country and more especially in the province of Mpumalanga. Monitoring and evaluation of frontline service delivery allows the department to monitor and evaluate service delivery on the ground. The outcome of the visits will be able to assist in improving services to communities," said MEC Shiba following her visit to two DSD offices, a Thusong Centre and an Early Childhood Development Centre in the area. She said the offices she had visited render daily

services to people, most of whom are poor and ostracised. The MEC encouraged officials to be visible "wear your name tags", and that they should never enervate in



MEC interacting with kids at Phakama Mpanganeni ECD during her visit to service centres



MEC BP Shiba, Councillor from Mandulo, SASSA and DSD officials, with learners from Etimbondweni Primary School during handover of uniforms

doing what is right when assisting communities, “serve the people with respect and the dignity they deserve was the message of the day. The government is one that cares for all, regardless of a

person’s social class. “The Batho-Pele principles emphasise the importance of service delivery and putting people first. It is through this approach that the department intends to change the

lives of the people of Mpumalanga for the better,” she said. While the objective of the unannounced visits was to assess the quality of services rendered, the state of the facilities and the conditions at the service site, it was also the MECs intention to listen to challenges faced by the public servants who are working at the various facilities. Undertaking unannounced visits to department’s frontline facilities has resulted in a perceptible improvement in services. The people were also encouraged to inform the Department when there are service delivery lacks through various channels such as; The departmental Office Managers on site, the district director of a district, the department’s toll-free hotline at 0800 20 40 98, the Mpumalanga citizen App- “Satise Silale”; which may be downloaded from <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=smartcitizen.mpotp>, the Presidential Hotline and other communications channels that have been made available.



Committed Public Servant: Ms Rejoyce Mathe a Social Worker stationed at Matsulu DSD Office

SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFICIARY APPRECIATES MS REJOICE MATHE FOR HER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Meet Ms Rejoyce Mathe a hard working, committed and innovative social worker stationed at Matsulu office. She has joined the Department in 2008 as as a social worker, working with child care and protection. She serves Matsulu, Kanyamazane, Msogwaba and Thekwane communities in the Mpumalanga’s Ehlanzeni district. Ms Mathe has just scored herself an interview with SABC as recommended by one of the child family heads she serviced.

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SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING OTHERS

the department had a chance to chat with Ms Mathe to enquire how she manages to put a smile on peoples faces through her work as a social worker.



Committed: Ms Rejoyce Mathe a Social Worker stationed at Matsulu DSD Office

How I measure success

As a social worker, I measure success by doing quality work for my clients, treating their matters with sense of urgency and confidentiality. Also when I see my clients being able to stand for themselves, being independent and becoming successful in their lives.

I measure success by being flexible and willing to learn new things from my colleague's that are related to my work. I also measure success by taking the guidance and instruction from my supervisor to help improve my work for the better.

What keeps me on track

I am a reliable, hard-worker, efficiently, effective and work extra hours to provide the best service to my clients as well as treating the matters of clients with a sense of urgency. I take instruction from my supervisor and authorities without any complains and

do my work to my level best, ensuring that the need of the clients come first. I am able to play as a team leader, providing guidance to other colleague's.

What i do

- Conduct home visits and investigations to clients.
- Attend court for new alternative care placement
- Review the foster care grant of the children in placement
- Recruit and screen non-kinship prospective foster and temporary safe care parent
- Remove and place children in a temporary place of safety and provide reunification services to clients.
- Investigate and assist client with social relief of distress.
- Conduct awareness campaign at schools and in the community.
- Provide child care and protection services to children.

My role as a social worker is to be there for the community in time of need, by supporting them and help them to be able to deal with their problems and improve their lives by being able to be independent as well as making well informed decision on their own. The other role is to guide and advocate for the clients and also protecting vulnerable clients.

What I value the most

The thing that is of value to me is respect for the people regardless of their age, gender, race and circumstances without being judgmental. As well as appreciating other people or colleague's who are doing good in their job and that encourages me to learn and improve my work.

Being under pressure

I manage pressure by being calm and asking for help from my other colleague's. I also speak to my supervisor when I feel pressured.

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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BIDDING FAREWELL TO A PIONEER, A MULTIPRENEUR AND A MAN OF VISION

Sithi Ndlelanhle!

DSD bids farewell to Mr Ronnie Sthembiso Masilela who served in the department for 12 years, working in various sections of the department. His commitment and passion to his work has touched and positively inspired a lot of people (colleagues and DSD Clients) we can say the public at large. His love for people and dedication in serving the public has presented him well before kings/ authorities around the Mpumalanga Province, landing him to a higher position at the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature.

YOUNG AND FAST MINDS

Ronnie Sthembiso Masilela (affectionately known as Ronmas) is an action oriented person with a great sense of urgency and responsibility. He is a husband, father, son, brother and community builder. The master mind holds an Honours BCom (Business Management) (Marketing Management) degree from UNISA, a BCom (Marketing & Human Resources Management) degree graduate from Witwatersrand University. He is a certified Life Coach and NLP Practitioner with both diplomas obtained from the School of Life in Centurion, South Africa.

HE LIVES FOR THE SOCIETY THAT RAISED HIM

Ronmas is indubitably a Community builder, he is a co-founder and chairs a group of former matriculants of Mthombo Senior Secondary School in Mpumalanga, aimed at providing sound career guidance and advices to learners (since 2007). This platform has successfully linked over 150 learners to bursaries and tertiary institutions, self-employment and employment opportunities after completing Grade 12. He is also a co-founder of Likusasa Lethu Youth Development Centre (since 2015), an information and development centre based in Zwelisha which opens doors to school going and out of school youth to gain access to the Internet, computer literacy skills, soft skills, information on bursaries, employment and self-employment opportunities. He is the Secretary General of the Board of Holy Ghost Fire House, a church based in Nelspruit, a position he held since January 2017 to date. Masilela is the also the Deputy Secretary General of Vita Cambimento – a social club aimed at practically changing people's lives in Zwelisha, Mpumalanga Province and surrounding areas – 2016 to date. He is a member of the Promotion,

Development and Marketing team of Dasha Foundation, a centre for children with disabilities in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga Province – 2017 to date and a Committee member for Nelspruit Community Healthcare Centre (2016 – 2018).

TRACEABLE FOOTPRINTS TO HIS OFFICE

Mr Ronnie Masilela worked as the Head of Communications and Spokesperson for the Mpumalanga Department of Social Development (since December 2011 to January 2018.) Prior to this he was appointed as an Assistant Manager: Marketing and External Communications from December 2007 to 30 November 2011. He set his foot on the ladder of success for the first time

government as a Human Development Practitioner in the then Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health and Social Services from 01 April 2006 to 30 November 2007. Before joining the public sector, he also shared his expertise in the private sector, working as a Provincial Manager: Sales and Marketing at Umbono Capital (Pty) Ltd which is based in Johannesburg from 01 November 2004 till 31 March 2006. He has established strong relationships with various stakeholders including National and Provincial Government departments, municipalities, state agencies, private sector companies, media houses, NPOs and communities in general.

DO WE SAY HE IS AN ENTREPRENEUR OR MULTIPRENEUR?

Masilela is the sole director of Ronmas Media (Pty) Ltd – www.ronmas.co.za. This is a South African state registered private company. He brings strategic leadership to the day to day running of the private firm. This company specialises in the main on motivational speaking, coaching and events management. Masilela is team player and also can work alone. He drives and manages the work of many of his colleagues both in Government and in his private marketing firm. Masilela has extensive consulting experience in his private capacity especially in the fields of business idea development, branding, media and marketing. He has and continues to provide branding and marketing consulting services to churches, professionals and businesses.

WE CAN NOT DEBATE ABOUT WHERE HIS HEART IS

His dream is to see various people especially the vulnerable groups being totally empowered. The vulnerable groups refer to persons with disabilities, women and children amongst others. Masilela is the founder and Managing Editor of My Turn, a magazine for personal and professional development. He also runs business seminars. He is a public speaker who gets invited to motivate young people and adults alike. He speaks mainly in schools, churches, sports fields, stokvels and other gatherings. There is no doubt that Masilela is a reputable leader who leads by example. He influences people and is action oriented. He has a great sense urgency and responsibility. He has interest in business, education and community development.



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

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CONTACT US

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, MR VM **READY TO TAKE ON SOCIAL ISSU**

Mr. VM Mahlalela has been a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) practitioner (focusing on public health and socio-economic transformation) for over 20 years. He received graduate training in Human Physiology & Biochemistry in London, UK, where he was exiled (1986-1991). On his return to South Africa in 1991, he did an internship in Public Health Research at the Centre for Health Policy (CHP), Witwatersrand University (SA), and has since attended various post-graduate training in health systems research, epidemiology and M&E in South Africa and University of North Carolina, USA.

On his Work experiences

He has worked with local and international academic, development and research organisations

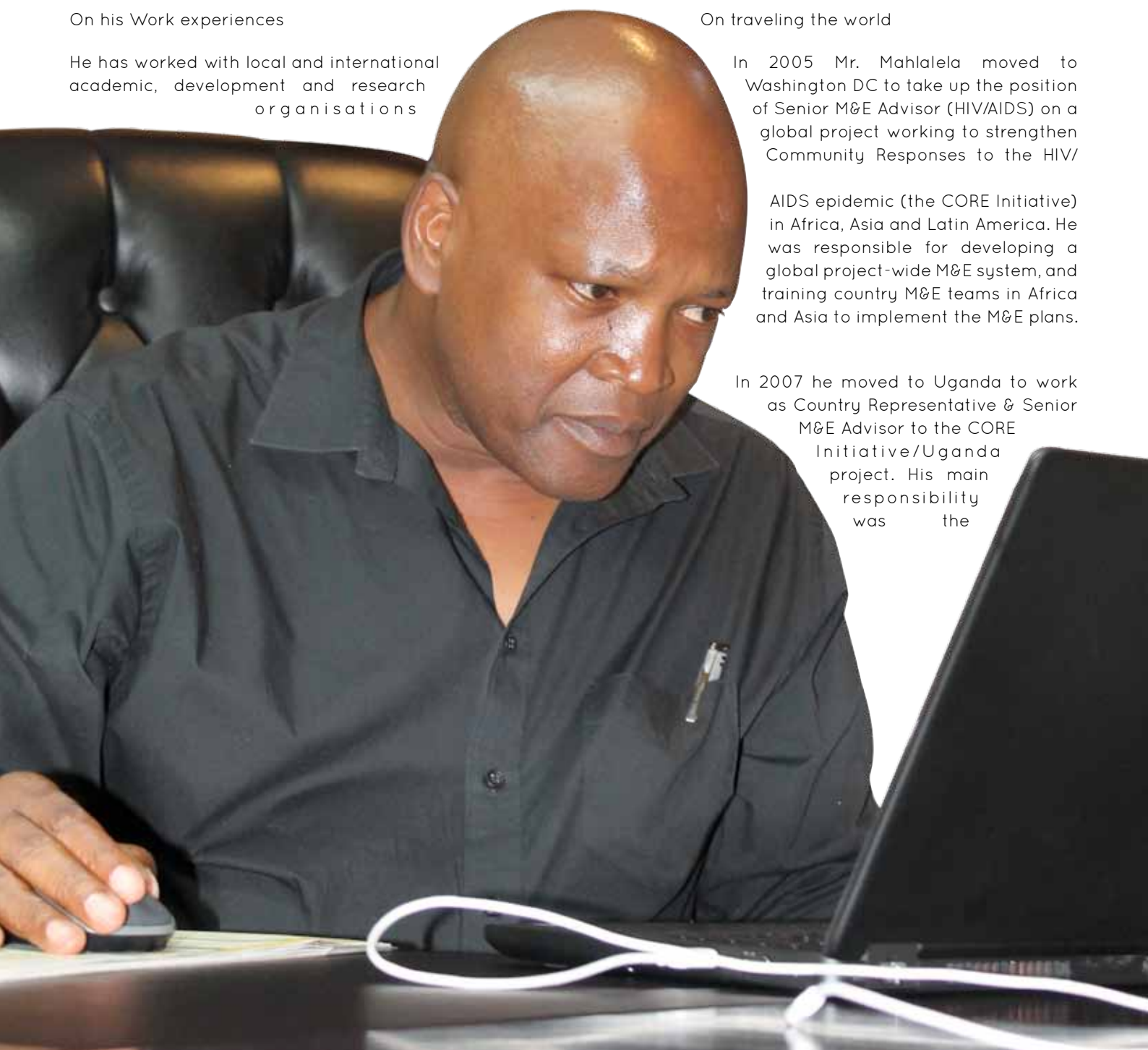
such as Reproductive Health Research Unit (RHRU) at Baragwanath Hospital (1996); Family Health International (1995), Management Sciences for Health (MSH) covering the Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga, KZN and North West Provinces (1997-2005), and has done short-term consultancies for international agencies including UNAIDS, UNICEF, USAID & World Health Organization. He has conducted M&E training for staff working with government, non-government, and community-based organisations in South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda, Rwanda, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Thailand.

On traveling the world

In 2005 Mr. Mahlalela moved to Washington DC to take up the position of Senior M&E Advisor (HIV/AIDS) on a global project working to strengthen Community Responses to the HIV/

AIDS epidemic (the CORE Initiative) in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He was responsible for developing a global project-wide M&E system, and training country M&E teams in Africa and Asia to implement the M&E plans.

In 2007 he moved to Uganda to work as Country Representative & Senior M&E Advisor to the CORE Initiative/Uganda project. His main responsibility was the



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development of an M&E Plan & MIS for Uganda's National Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children (OVC) program. He successfully coordinated and led a multidisciplinary team from various government departments, local and international NGOs, Uganda AIDS Commission, UNICEF & other donor agencies to develop the Uganda National OVC_MIS. He returned to Uganda to lead an international team of consultants to evaluate the Uganda National OVC_MIS which was adopted and is used by UNICEF, USAID and other international development partners from November 2014 to March 2015.

Since returning permanently to SA in 2009, Mr. Mahlelela has worked as an independent consultant in the areas of public health and socio-economic development. In 2011, he founded Excelsior Afrika Consulting, through which he has done audits of the Tuberculosis Programme in health services of Gold, Platinum and Coal mines situated in the Free State, KZN, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West provinces, and affiliated with the Chamber of Mines of South Africa (2011 – 2013). He also led a team looking at HIV, AIDS, TB, Silicosis and the Mining Charter in the mining communities in the Royal Bafokeng, Rustenburg area. He has co-authored a number of published M&E training manuals and research publications & papers. He is a founding member of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA), now in its 10th year.

Together with the two surviving sons of the late SA struggle icon - Moses Mauane Kotane - Mr Mahlelela also founded (in 2011) the Moses Mauane Kotane Foundation whose focus is on health and socio-economic transformation in rural and mining communities, with pilot sites identified in the North West (Pella), Mpumalanga (Mbuzini) and KZN (KwaDukuza/Groetville).

On being appointed Social Development HOD

Mr Mahlelela joined the Eastern Cape Department of Health as Chief Director for Strategy and Organisational Performance in August 2015 - working as a civil servant in government for the very first time until October 2017 when he was appointed to Head the Department of Social Development in Mpumalanga.



Social Development MEC BP Shiba and HOD MV Mahlelela hard at work during the Social Crime Prevention Campaign

Social Development on Social Crime Prevention Measures

In fighting crime within communities, the MEC for Social Development Ms. Busisiwe Shiba appealed to the community of Vosman in Witbank and other key stakeholders on 07 November 2017, to come on board to stamp out crime within the community.

"Crime cannot be left to the attention of the SAPS alone". "The majority of the criminals stay within communities, and they are people that we know in these communities" these were the words by the MEC for Social Development.

Murder, sexual offences, attempted murder, assault, robbery, arson, burglary, theft, and drug-related crime remain a cause for serious concern everywhere and this is why the department of social Development took this initiative to make awareness and raise concerns about Social Crime Prevention.

A pledge to commit stakeholders to the fight against crime was also signed and communities were pleaded to commit themselves to fighting crime at whatever cost but lawfully so.





SERVICES TO CHILDREN



SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS



CRIME PREVENTION & SUPPORT



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

2018

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Child Care and Protection Services
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Child Youth Care Centres

Social Welfare Services Restorative Services

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Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation

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TERM	DURATION	NO. OF WEEKS	NO. OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	NO. OF SCHOOL DAYS
1	(15) 17 Jan -28 March	11	51 (53)	1
2	10 April -22 June	11	54	2+1
3	17 July-28 September	11	54	2+1
4	09 Oct-12 (14) Dec	10	47 (49)	0
Total		43	206 (210)	5+2
199 (203)				

DATE AND MONTH	NAME OF HOLIDAY	DATE AND MONTH	NAME OF HOLIDAY
01 January	New Year's Day	09 August	National Women's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day	10 August	School Holiday
30 March	Good Friday	24 September	Heritage Day
02 April	Family Day	16 December	Day of Reconciliation
27 April	Freedom Day	17 December	Public Holiday
30 April	School Holiday	25 December	Christmas Day
01 May	Workers' Day	26 December	Day of Goodwill
16 June	Youth Day		



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Social Development officials, delegates from Maryland (USA) and Kabouterland ECD staff posing for the moment

UNITED STATES PAYS MPUMALANGA A WORKING VISIT TO EXPLORE AREAS OF INTEREST AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Government recognises Early Childhood Development as central to the realisation of the national development goals of reducing poverty and inequality in South Africa. Provision of ECD services is regulated by the Children's

Act 38 of 2005 Chapter 6, which defines ECD as the process of emotional, cognitive, sensory, spiritual, moral, physical, social and communication development of children from birth to school-going age.



Children from Kabouterland ECD enjoying their playtime



Children from Khalangelwati ECD enjoying their playtime

On Wednesday, 7 February 2018 representatives from the Maryland State of the United States of America paid the

Mpumalanga Department of Social Development a working visit as part of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which was signed on May 2017 between the two states, they went on to explore areas of mutual interest, amongst these was Early Childhood Development (ECD). The department presented findings on the current state of ECD centres in the Province to the delegation and members of the media were invited.

The Stats indicated that Mpumalanga province has a total population of 1 611 555 children between 0 and 17 years, 491 791 are children in the 0-4 age cohort and 21 593 are children with disabilities between 0 and 5 years. (Stats SA: Community Survey 2016)

The survey also revealed that the majority of children 0-4 years (54.6%), receive care at home with parents/guardians, 33,3% were found to be either in grade R centres, day care centre or pre-school, 0,2% children were found to be at home with someone younger than 18 years while 1.7% of children were found to be cared for by somebody else outside

their homes. The survey further revealed that 74.5% children with disabilities between 0 and 5 years access some form of ECD services,

visit to Kabouterland ECD in Nelspruit and Khalangelwati ECD in Pienaar which are both funded by the Department of



Children from Kabouterland ECD posing for the moment

25.5% children with disabilities do not have access to ECD services.

The department in collaboration with various stakeholders took a strategic decision to prioritize ECD infrastructure. This has resulted in the construction of at least 15 ECD centres in the province.

The Department together with the US delegates went on an oversight

Social Development to further understand the state of ECD centres in Mpumalanga and the progressive developments of these centres. The principals of these centres further revealed challenges that they're currently facing and the representatives from both DSD and the US delegation promised to look into them, both centres received a state of the art stationery hamper.

Children from Khalangelwati ECD in Pienaar during their learning routines



**THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE IS REQUESTING
ANYONE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING
THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS OF THE BELOW
MENTIONED CHILDREN:**



OFFICE : MIDDELBURG OFFICE (STEVE TSHWETE SUB-DISTRICT)

	Children	Date of Birth	Mother	Father	Physical address
1	Tokozi Prince Mashaya	2000.10.06	Christina Mabuyeni Mashaya died in 2015.10.21	Unknown	No 100 Maredi Street, Plein, Mhluzi 1053
2	Siyabonga Manqoba Mahlangu	2006.05.23	Busisiwe Linah Mahlangu died in 2007.09.13	Unknown	No 9711 Ext 6, Mhluzi 1053
3	James Thabo Kgaile	2002.06.08	Anesica Moselantja Kgaile died in 2007.07.24	Unknown	Plot 18 Vaalbank Farm, Middelburg 1050
4	Mduduzi Mokhuwane	2001.08.18	Carolinah Mapiet Mokhuwane died in 2004.12.26	Unknown	Driefontein Farm, Middelburg 1050
5	Boitumelo Mashabela	2005.10.06	Mildred Magobelo Mashabela died in 2006.10.19	Unknown	No 9309 Ext 6, Mhluzi 1053
6	Sinethemba Abigail Skhosana Mpendulo Ntando Skhosana	2000.12.15 2013.10.07	Nonhlanhla Prudence Skhosana died in 2016.12.26	Unknown	No 10755 Ext 8, Mhluzi 1053
7	Isaac Magolego	2010.05.05	Letty Magolego died in 2016.01.02	Unknown	No 9593 Ext 6, Mhluzi 1053
8	December Lungile Mzwakhe	2007.12.04	Bathabile Lettie Mahlangu died in 2017.10.19	Unknown	Noigechat Fram, Middelburg 1050
9	Sandile Mtsweni Thabo Thokozani Mtsweni	2007.07.29 2005.07.02	Pepe Annah Mtsweni died in 2016.08.13	Unknown	Stoffberg Road, Middelburg 1050
10	Sphamandla Prince Mthimunya	2011.09.07	Elizabeth Bangiswa Mthimunya died in 2017.07.09	Unknown	No 11271 Ext 35, Rondebosch, Middelburg

Anyone with information regarding the biological parents of the children in question is kindly requested to contact Social Worker, Amukelani Maake, Zodwa Ndlovu and Pamela Matuludi at Middelburg office on 013 243 4190 during office hours (07:45 – 16:15) or fax 013 243 4424

**HELP THEM
REUNITE WITH
THEIR BIOLOGICAL
PARENTS**

TOLL FREE: 0800 20 40 98

SWARTFONTEIN TREATMENT CENTRE

INFORMATION ON ADMISSION

A PSYCHO-SOCIAL REPORT AND A MEDICAL REPORT

- A psycho-social report and a medical report is submitted to the Centre for screening purposes prior admission and accompanied by Care Plan, Contractual agreement and a medical certificate completed by the doctor

Applicants should be in a reasonably in good medical condition in order to participate in the therapeutic programme and be 18 years or older

DETOXIFICATION

- Undergo the detoxification through the Department of Health prior admission to the Centre.
- Letter of acknowledgement regarding detoxification is completed by the referral agency prior admission, failing which the service-users can be refused admission until he/she has undergone detoxification
- (Detoxification; refers to a medically supervised process by which physical withdrawal from substance is managed through administration of individually prescribed medicines by a medical practitioner in a health establishment, including a treatment centre authorised to provide such a service under the National Health Act).
- Should the service user not be detoxed on admission or intoxicated he /she will be requested to leave the Centre and an alternative date for admission be given to him/her
- If committed through the Magistrate's Court, the court order/ J7 must accompany the applicant on admission.

ADMISSION

The Centre admits and retains only service-users according to its current Scope of Practice and its treatment program and residential capacity. Although Swartfontein Treatment Centre admits service-users from all provinces, a preference is given to Mpumalanga Province.

PREADMISSION

Enquiries regarding admission is forwarded to the Centre. A comprehensive psychosocial report is sent to the Centre with all the necessary documents
This normally occurs when a person has been identified as having a dependency problem

SUBMIT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

A psycho-social report and a medical report must be submitted to the Centre for screening prior admission

- If committed via Magistrate's Court, the court order/ J7 must accompany the applicant on admission.
- Voluntary applicants to complete a voluntary admission form
- Recommendation from the referral agency as to whether the service user can afford to pay for his/her treatment or not
- Contractual agreement
- Care Plan
- Undertaking for the provision of accommodation
- Admission or designation letter
- Detoxification letter
- Sufficient chronic medication for conditions such as Diabetes Mellitus, Depression, Hypertension etc. for the duration of the treatment program

ORIENTATION

- An admission route form signed by staff members is issued to the service user to ensure his/her familiarity with staff members
- You are introduced to an orientation program
- You receive documented orientation information on the Centre on general nature and goals of treatment, rules governing service-user's conduct and infractions that can lead to disciplinary action and release from the Centre

INVOLVEMENT OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND REFERRAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN TREATMENT

The involvement of family members and referral Social worker in the treatment program is of great importance. They are encouraged to keep in contact with the Centre and are welcome to make an appointment with the Swartfontein staff regarding the progress made by the service-user. Referral Social workers and family members are encouraged to attend after care and re-integration sessions at the centres

WHAT TO BRING ALONG TO THE CENTRE ONCE ADMITTED?

Please note that it can become very cold especially in winter, therefore service-users are requested to bring along the following: Sufficient comfortable clothes and shoes, Toiletries, Towels, Chronic medication, duvets and hobbies to keep them busy such as board games, books etc.
Service-users are not allowed to bring their vehicles and keep them at the Centre



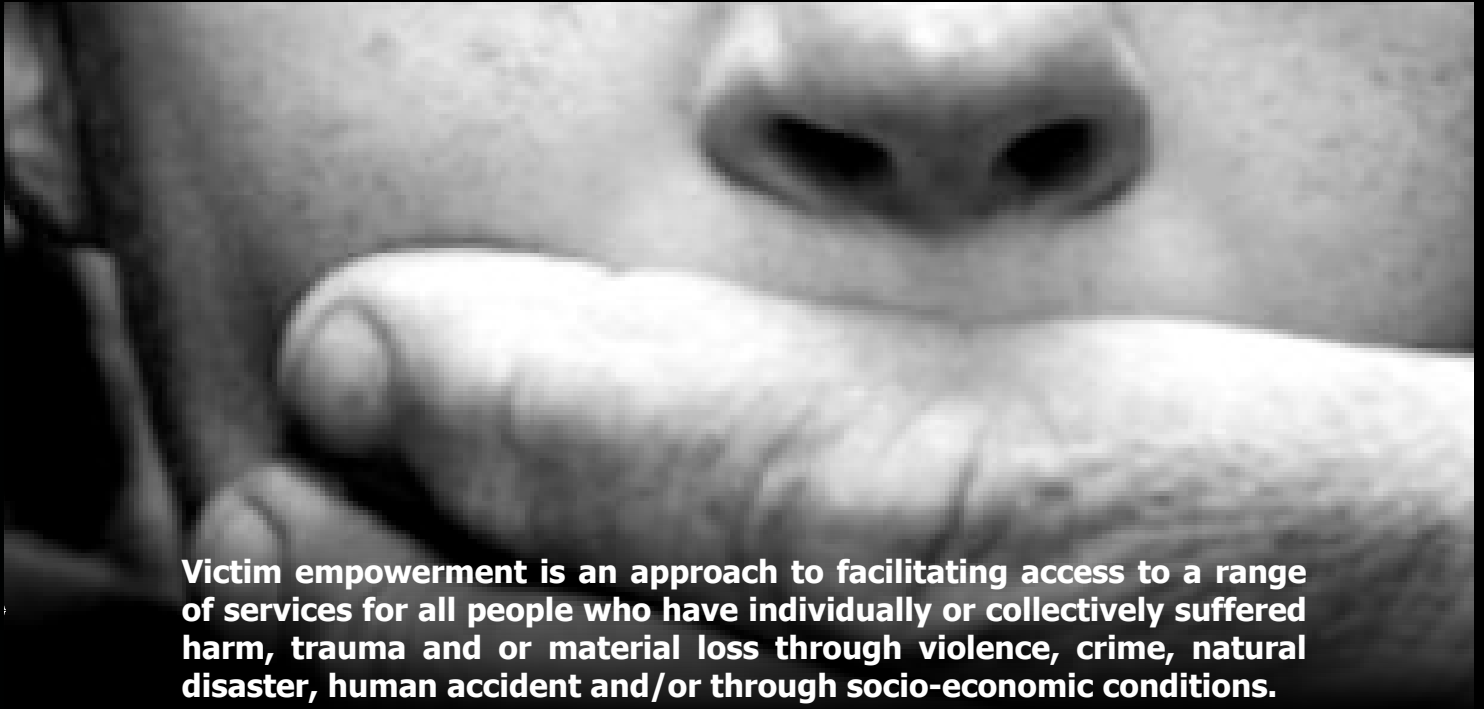
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SERVICES RENDERED AND HOW TO BE AN OUT PATIENT AND INPATIENT AT SWARTFONTEIN TREATMENT CENTRE, PLEASE CONTACT

Chief Directorate: Social Welfare Services
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CONTACT US

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Victim Empowerment Programme



Victim empowerment is an approach to facilitating access to a range of services for all people who have individually or collectively suffered harm, trauma and or material loss through violence, crime, natural disaster, human accident and/or through socio-economic conditions.

Who is a victim?

A victim is any person who has suffered harm, including physical or mental injury; emotional suffering; economic loss or substantial impairment of his or her fundamental rights, through acts or omissions that are in violation of the criminal law.

Types of abuse victims may experience

- Physical abuse: beatings, assault with weapons including guns.
- Sexual abuse: rape, sexual harassment, use of objects, touching, exposure to Pornography by force, forced to sell sex, including sex by force by a husband/ wife.
- Economic abuse: refusal to provide maintenance, excessive control over money, gambling with family money, hiding assets including investments.
- Harassment: telephone calls monitoring, being followed by people to intimidate you, phone calls that have no one but laughter or threats or heavy breathing on the receiving end.
- Psychological and emotional abuse: dehumanizing words (useless, stupid), deprived right to work, isolated from friends and family, staying under guard.

Services to victims:

All victims of abuse have the following rights

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy.
- The right to be offered information.
- The right to receive information;
- The right to protection;

- The right to assistance;
- The right to compensation; and
- The right to restitution.

Facilities available for victims of crime

Shelters

Victims of domestic violence and other gender based crimes are accommodated for a maximum of 6 months. Some come with their children. Victims must be above 18 years of age. They provide physical care, life skills, counseling, liaising with schools and ECD centres for the children to go to school, with business for the placement of some survivor for jobs, with Local government for houses for the families to be released to, extended

families and communities for the reintegration of victims to society. They also work with offenders and perpetrators outside the facilities on life skills to change behavior. Facilities in the province:

1. Louieville Shelter
2. Leseding Shelter
3. Badplaas Shelter
4. Tirisano Shelter
5. Middelburg Shelter
6. Grace Shelter
7. Grip Shelter

Victim Support Centres

They are community based offices and are easily accessible for victims of crime. They sometimes provide overnight stay

in case of an emergency and the client is then taken to the shelter the following day once they have been provided with support and care. They are operated by volunteers. Due to lack of proper sites and funding, some operate within SAPS premises.

- Calcutta Victim Empowerment Centre
- Mhala Victim Empowerment Centre
- Vuyeselo Victim Empowerment Centre
- Masikumeni Women Support Centre
- Schoemasdal Victim Centre
- Standerton Shelter
- Khayalothula Trauma Centre



MPUMALANGA'S YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS THE PROVINCE ON H



Ready to serve: Ms Elsina Mhlongo Provincial Manager : Office on the Rights of the child with the eight Young Parliamentarians

Eight of the fifteen Provincial Child Parliamentarians who went to the 2017 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament hosted in Kimberly, Northern Cape, were selected to participate in the filming and interview for SABC 2 Hectic Nine 9 teens magazine programme.

Three of the eight parliamentarians won elections to hold key office positions during the formal Parliamentary proceedings: Theo van der Westhuizen: President of the 2017 NMCP, Yanga de Vos: Deputy Speaker and Mlungisi Mathebula: Sergeant - at - Arms.

The other five Young Parliamentarians are: Tshepang Ledwaba: Nkangala District Municipality Junior Ambassador, Khethukuthula Nyalunga: City of Mbombela Junior Council Executive Mayor, Sobonelesinhle Nkabinde: General Secretary GEMBEM/S4D Mpumalanga Department of Education, Annezka van Wyk #Intombi yoMzulu (she is very eloquent in isiZulu), Khumalo Siyabonga Gift:

YOUNG S TO REPRESENT HECTIC NINE – 9

2017/18 Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament Provincial Ambassador and participant in Save the Children SA children's programmes.

During the shooting Young Parliamentarians tackled a number of serious issues such as reporting abuse, they emphasized the fact that communities usually try to justify that a child was raped because she was out at night or wearing a mini dress/skirt which is never the case. The Young Parliamentarians also raised a concern with the ineffectiveness of the police in handling child rape cases.

The topic that stood out for the day was Education - the Young Parliamentarians stated that they do not condone teenage pregnancy but a number of teenage mothers are dropping out of schools. They proposed that support programmes should be introduced to assist them in balancing parenthood and school work.

Tshepang Ledwaba got her fellow Young Parliamentarians agreeing enthusiastically, when she said

"The government is spending a lot of money that the country do not have in changing curriculum instead of reviewing the content".

The programme will be aired on SABC 2 Hectic Nine- 9 at 14:00 on the 22nd of March 2018, make a date not to miss it!



Young Parliamentarians paying attention during the debate



Sibonelesihle Nkabinde being interviewed during the filming



Tshepang Ledwaba and Khethukuthula Nyalunga



MEC BP Shiba with learners from Nqobangolwazi Secondary school receiving their dignity packs

MEC SHIBA HANDINS OVER DIGNITY PACKS DURING THE #BACKTOSCHOOL 2018

MEC Shiba visits Nqobangolwazi for the official school re-opening programme aimed at assessing the state of readiness by the school, addressing learners and giving a motivational talk.

MEC Busi Shiba at Nqobangolwazi Secondary School in Morgenzon for the 2018 School re-opening programme.

As part of the 2018 school re-opening programme, the MEC for Social Development Ms Busisiwe Shiba, representative from the Department of Education and other stakeholders visited Nqobangolwazi Secondary school in Morgenzon under the Lekwa Municipality on 17 January 2018.

This was part of the programme by the entire Mpumalanga Provincial Government to assess and monitor the state of readiness by schools.

These visits are aimed at assessing challenges and entrench the school improvement programs from the first day of school.

Some of the issues discussed included the adherence to department's teaching and learning policies, teacher and learner support, community and parents support, delivery of Learner and Teacher

Support Material (LTSM), the Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign Structure (QLTC), School Governing Bodies (SGB), the efficiency of the nutrition programme and many more aspects.

The MEC also handed over hundred dignity packs to the identified needy learners from the school and furthermore motivated them and their teachers to double their efforts in 2018 and ensure that the school becomes a shining example come end of the academic year.



DSD DEVOTES FOR A NEW FRUITFUL YEAR

Social Development officials listening attentively to the words of wisdom during the prayer session

It has become a culture for the department to conduct prayers in the beginning the year.



Pastor

Prayer brings people together, prayer unifies. As the saying goes a family that prays together stands together, therefore to bring the culture of Ubuntu in the workplace such spiritual sessions are organised. Prayer makes one humble through the self-introspection, it is true that we all come from different backgrounds/ upbringing that makes our personalities differ, but when an individual is given a chance to pray and do a self-introspection, allowing God to speak and address every issue of the heart. This helps in taming some egos, attitudes and prevents unnecessary disputes or unpleasant working environment. Sometimes we come to work with a lot of

issues and responsibilities that becomes a burden to carry and some people can't deal with pressure prayer creates a room for peace, stability and sound mind, it's a soul therapy. Prayer has a way of speaking to one's conscience and stirs up self-control and dignity, this produces a healthy working relations and enhance effective service delivery to the public. Social Development remains the custodians of a caring humane and developed society, with dedicated and committed public servants who are passionate about their work.

The Department also acknowledges and respects different cultural beliefs.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

LONG SERVICE AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The MEC hosted a Service Excellence Awards on November 2017 in Secunda Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District. The awards are a tool to honour individuals and teams whose work and service delivery innovations have contributed towards improving the lives of communities in Mpumalanga province. Their outstanding performance in various initiatives constitutes an important contribution to deepening the values of community service and empowerment. The objective is and always will be to promote excellence and service delivery. MEC believe that recognition for a job well performed is very important and should be done to motivate others to continue to do better at all time.



Recipients of long service awards pose for a memory with MEC BP Shiba

The MEC awards carry different categories. The year of 2017 held several categories so as to give every



MEC Shiba handingover long service awards to one of the recipients

entrant an equal opportunity of demonstrating how their efforts have contributed to service delivery. The Batho Pele category comprises the following criteria which are evaluated based on the application of the eleven provincial Batho Pele principles, and they are:

- Best Batho Pele Performer (individual)
- Best Batho Pele Team
- Back Office Operations
- Service Delivery Project of the Year
- MEC's Special Honorary Award



WE CARE



WE BELONG



WE SERVE



MEC Shiba doing her keynote address at the long service and service excellence awards

The awards are meant to recognise and celebrate excellence in the department with an ultimate goal of entrenching professionalism in the public service. The outstanding performance in various initiatives constitutes an important contribution to deepening the values of community service and empowerment. The initiative is premised both on the White Paper on the Transformation of Public Service of 1995 and the White Paper on Transforming Public Service Delivery of 1997 on encouraging innovative practices in service delivery and rewarding excellence.

Batho Pele is not an “add-on” activity; it is a way of delivering services by putting citizens at the centre of public service planning and operations. It is a major departure from a dispensation, which excluded the majority of South Africans from government machinery to the one that seeks to include all citizens for the achievement of a better-life-for-all through services, products, and programmes of a democratic dispensation. Winning the MEC's Service Excellence Awards will be the proof of credibility and the excellent value offered to customers through service delivery.



HOD MV Mahlalela, MEC BP Shiba and Govan Mbeki Executive Mayor, Cllr NF Maboab-Boltman during the long service and service excellence awards

The MEC congratulated all the winners and encouraged them to continue to work harder in an effort to provide and improve service delivery to all community members.

Long service awards were awarded to officials in the department who have completed 10 years, 20 years, 30 years and 40 years uninterrupted in public service.



Teenage Pregnancy in Mpumalanga

Teenage Pregnancy quick facts

1 Effect of all students in South Africa either get pregnant or make someone pregnant each year (Human Science Research Council of the World Bank)

One in every three teenage girls in South Africa had been pregnant at 19

10-15% of adolescents aged 15 are sexually active

At 19, 40.6% adolescents are sexually active

By 2011, the Education Ministry estimates were that some 94,000 teenagers fell pregnant

Teenage pregnancy elevates the risks of maternal death and infant mortality

More than 19,000 school girls fell pregnant in 2013, a rate of about 271 for every day of that year

Mpumalanga is one of the provinces with the highest levels of teenage pregnancies in the country

In 1998, the rate of teenage pregnancy was at 25.2 for Mpumalanga

In 2010, a school in Mpumalanga had 70 learners who fell pregnant - (Sowetan Live 2011)

In the first quarter of 2013, 1,344 girls fell pregnant in Mpumalanga

The youngest mother recorded in Mpumalanga is a 9 years old girl

71% of young girls engage in sex to prove love in Mpumalanga

The South African Population Policy (1998:33) identifies Teenage Pregnancy as one of the major concerns that impacts sustainable development negatively: "The human development potential influenced by high incidences of unplanned and unwanted pregnancies and teenage pregnancies, the high rates infant and maternal mortality, linked to high-risk child-bearing."

What is Teenage Pregnancy?

The Medical Dictionary defines Teenage pregnancy as: "Pregnancy by a female, age 13 to 19, which is understood to occur in a girl who hasn't completed her core education - secondary school - has few or no marketable skills, is financially dependent upon her parents and/or continues to live at home and mentally immature".

What are some of the causes of Teenage Pregnancy?

- Low levels of education among women and young girls hinders their knowledge on conception and the various contraceptive methods
- Lack of knowledge on the type and choice of contraceptives is the major cause of unwanted and teenage pregnancy

- Lack of access to contraceptive services and the stigma associated with contraceptive use. Research revealed that the media plays a significant role in perpetuating the scourge of teenage pregnancy;
- Teenagers exposed to sexuality in the media are more likely to engage in sexual activities.

"Our children are involved in a lot of stories, they watch too much movies on TV so they start to learn to be attracted to a girl/boy..." - Parent FGD: Ntswana District

The media has a bad influence because what we see on television we also want to do it..." Teenager FGD: Gert Sibande District

- Cellular phones: Today's technology helps young people to communicate, make plans and do what they like.

"Cell phones are also dangerous to youth because we communicate through cellphones and we make indication for seeing each other (girl or boy). Everything is done on cellphone through calls..." Teenager FGD: Gert Sibande District

Cellphones make things better. They draw directions and we send text messages through calls..." Teenager FGD: Gert Sibande District

Factors associated with Teenage Pregnancy

Sexual awareness is part of a normal adolescent development process, often characterized by experimentation, which places adolescents at the risk of unprotected sex that might result in unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections including HIV.

The following are some of the psycho-social factors that contribute to teenage pregnancies:

- Peers and friends: Who do they talk to? - this plays a role in teenage pregnancy since it encourages experimenting
- Socialization: Teenagers learn from parents what is good or not, if exposed to domestic violence, family strife or do as they wish with no rules in childhood, they are more likely to become pregnant.
- Young men are also under pressure to demonstrate their manhood
- Abuse of substance like alcohol, marijuana and other hard drugs like tick, and cocaine are being used to drug girls into sex, increases their exposure to HIV and unwanted pregnancies
- Ignorance: Repeated pregnancies are still happening
- Lack of appreciation by parents also drives teenagers to go out seeking love.



"If I go to a tavern and drink too much, then I go home with my boyfriend and sleep with him without protection..." Teenager mother FGD: Gert Sibande District

Teenage pregnancy is damaging to the child, mother and society" ...

Carlora Macleod, Researcher at Rhodes University

Now that you know

PARENTS

Talk to your children about their sexual development and emphasize that the decisions they take related to their sexuality will affect them later in their lives. Help them realize how special they are. Make them trust and confide in you. Teach them about how a pregnancy would affect their lives. Teach them that what they see on TV and in movies seldom reflects real life. Monitor their cellular phone so that they do not easily access materials or contents that will be detrimental to their development.

TEENAGERS

Talk to your parents or any adult you are comfortable with, about changes happening in your bodies and ask how you should respond to them. Avoid relying on friends for advice on sexuality issues. Seek advice on sexuality education from a reliable elderly person. Be responsible. Don't let sex prevent you from achieving your goals and destroying your dreams for the future. Focus more on education and developing yourself towards a better and independent YOU! Stay healthy because your future depends on a better educated, healthy and knowledgeable YOU! "Every girl, no matter where she is born, should have a chance to reach her potential"...Dr. Babafunmi Osafirehin: UNFPA

ECONOMIC FACTORS

- 54.9 percent of the teenage mothers believed having multiple sexual partners is helpful financially
- Majority of teenage girls seek love from older men to escape the misery of living in destitute families

"If you date an older partner or 'sugar daddy' and you expect that person to buy you food and clothes and you ended up having sex with him..." - Teenager FGD: Nkangata District

"Sugar can lead to children attracting beautiful gifts from poor families to give them money and have sex with them..." - Teenage Mother FGD: Ekurhuleni District
 "...If you are poor, you can go... and sell your body and get money..." - Teenage Mother FGD: Gertrusie District

HOUSEHOLD FACTORS

"...If parents and children's are staying in one room or shack children's may see what's going on (sex at night) and may learn to have sex at the early age..." - Parent FGD: Ekurhuleni District

"We don't listen to our parents when they try to teach us. We tell them that we are a new generation..." - Teenage mother FGD: Ekurhuleni District

Research also reveals the following as contributing factors that fuel teenage pregnancy:

EXPOSURE TO SEX

- High level of sexual activity amongst adolescents below the age of 16
- The mean age of sexual debut among the teenage mothers in Mpumalanga was 15.5 years
- Age at sexual debut has implications for exposure to pregnancy and HIV/AIDS
- Sex games such as spin the bottle, swapping partners, sisters sharing a partner & sleeping with a virgin, contribute to the increase in the risk of unwanted pregnancies, and contracting HIV.

Why do parents fail?

- Family involvement is very minimal due to parents' shyness
- Parents assuming that kids are still too young
- Parents' mindset needs to change and communication with children should be encouraged
- Leaving the responsibility to teachers in schools is not helping the situation
- Knowledge should be built slowly into the child's mind: Prof. Akim Mtshali, Parental involvement: The jigsaw puzzle missing in Teenage pregnancy (Northwest University)

POLICIES

- Policies need to be coordinated
- They sometimes contradict one another

Most worrying facts

These are responses from teenage mothers who participated in the study:

- 76.8% indicated a person cannot get pregnant having sex standing
- 77.6% knew that consistent condom use prevents pregnancy
- 73.4% said a person cannot get pregnant on sexual debut
- 31.7% knew they can use emergency contraceptive to prevent pregnancies
- 30.9% indicated they knew they have a right to terminate the pregnancy

How do we reduce Teenage Pregnancy?



BELOW ARE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES THAT COULD BE EMPLOYED BY VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS

Rules/Law Enforcement:

There is need to enforce the Child Sexual Rights so as to reduce the prevalence of rape and lightening Law Enforcement on perpetrators. This should be coupled with the support of rape victims and education on rape. Families should monitor their teenagers closely when coming to exposure to pornographic material on cell phones, TV or print media.

Improved accessibility to services:

Service providers need to strengthen community outreach services so as to increase accessibility and market their services that are targeted at reducing teenage pregnancy.

Increased Public Awareness:

There is need for awareness campaign to promote teenage sexual rights and to change traditional, religious and modern norms that violate their rights, with specific emphasis on rape. Multiple methods should be used to educate, inform and empower communities on issues that relate to teenage pregnancy. Health workers need to conduct forums where they capacitate other service providers so that they may assist in cascading the relevant information to the teenagers and communities. Teenage mothers could play a role in campaigns.

Community Development/Economic Empowerment:

Government in partnership with private sector needs to create jobs for impoverished communities to reduce poverty and incidences of intergenerational and transactional sex.

Stakeholder Capacity Building:

Parents need support and training on how to raise teenagers in the modern world. There is also need to sensitize other stakeholders on human rights. Parents also need resource materials in other local languages on how to articulate sex education to teenagers. Traditional leaders and initiation schools need to be trained on sex and sexuality issues.

Basic Service Delivery:

The study has shown the importance of showing commitment in providing services to all age groups including teenagers.

Issues of intergenerational relationships

Older men are seen as more mature and experienced in all parts of life, which might be appealing to a young girl, especially if she wants to escape a bad financial situation she finds herself in. Today, desperate young girls are looking for "blessers", who are "sugar daddys", and who are richer. They provide expensive gifts and luxurious trips to young women and such relationships look more trusting since the man comes through as experienced and reliable.

• Blessers are older men on the prowl for young girls • "Blessers" (girls accepting material things), are financially cared for by these "blessers", in exchange for sexual favors or companionship. They are desperate for money and financial support, and mostly lack parental compassion • Peer pressure pushes them to becoming popular among their peers and in the end they feel as if they owe these older men • Some of the girls might be looking for physical independence, to get away from their environment and such a lifestyle becomes attractive • "Blessers" give "blessers" a much desired good life in return for a good time • These transactional relationships are disempowering to young girls since they have less power in the relationship • The "blesser" is usually married and has multiple partners, while he doesn't agree to using protection • The "blesser" lifestyle degrades and objectifies women, while it puts most of them at a risk of being infected with HIV or falling pregnant. Society tends to shake heads at the poor girls but turn a blind eye to the deeds of the men who are nothing more than sexual predators. The future of the country rests with the youth. They can only contribute meaningfully to the development of the country by: • Remaining healthy • Possessing the skills needed for self-development, which will enable them to reach their full potential, thus taking the country forward. Parents, educators and society at large have a crucial role to

A WOMAN WITH A DESIRE F

She is passionate about seeing progress and success amongst the youth.

Her passion for young people is what keeps the youth centre going strong

M eet Ms. Joyce Phumla Khoza an innovative woman from Thambokhulu trust under the Mlambo tribal authority. She is the founder and manager of Dobby youth advisory centre which assist the young people in her community, she is passionate about making a positive

impact in her community and changing how the youth view life in general. The department had a chance to talk to her, the interest was how she manages the centre and what is it that inspired her to form the centre, and what keeps her and the centre going strong. This is what she had to say.



Dobby youth advisory centre in service

What inspired you to start Dobby youth advisory centre or be part of it?

I was inspired by the life of other young people especially those who had no access to computers in schools, community and in the village. In my village where I live people had to travel long distance in order to access the internet most of them lacked basic computer skills. When they finally reach the internet café they had to que and wait for someone to assist with E-mailing.

Students from tertiary institutions had to pay for typing assignments so that inspired me to be part of the centre in order to reduce the number of young people who lacks basic computer skills.

What is your work or job specification at Dobby youth advisory centre?

I am a project manager at Dobby.

I create a detailed work plan which identifies the sequences, the activities needed to successfully complete the project

To develop schedules for the project completion

To train the beneficiaries

To develop formats and records to document project activities

To ensure that personnel files are properly maintained and confidential

FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Dobby youth advisory centre proudly servicing the community

What is it that the centre deals with?

The centre deals with issues that affects the youth in and out of school. Assists the youth to search for employment opportunities. The centre also assists the youth who want to venture into business and refer them to suitable stakeholders. The centre also assist with skills development.

Your objectives and what are you aiming to achieve as a youth centre?

- To provide Basic computer skills
- To provide life skills to the youth
- To provide entrepreneurial skills
- To provide easy access to communication, information and advisory services
- To provide career guidance

The aim of the centre is to educate and provide access to youth in Mlambo Tribal authority and neighboring villages focusing on educating young people on every aspect that can empower them to develop themselves.

What impact does the presence of Dobby youth centre have in the community of Mbangwane?

The lives of young people living around Mbangwane have changed since the establishment of Dobby. The centre managed to reach many young people that are trained quarterly. Most of the youth who utilise the centre to apply at tertiary institutions got accepted. They no longer have to travel long distances for typing and sending E-mails even to receive e-mails. The youth now apply online.

What does helping the young person mean to you?

Changing the life of a young person you have changed the community at large and the world, because the youth are the future of tomorrow, He/ she shares information obtained with others. It makes me want to wake up and go to the centre every day.

The thought of reaching the youth in this manner is my reason for getting up and continue to do what I do.

MPUMALANGA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Families

- ✓ Shelter for Destitute Families
- ✓ Marriage Enrichment
- ✓ Family Support

Community Development

- ✓ Profiling of Households and Communities
- ✓ Community Mobilisation
- ✓ Funding and Support to Community Based and Household Initiatives

Victim Empowerment

- ✓ Shelter for Abused Women
- ✓ Victim Empowerment Services
- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Income Generating Activities

Older Persons

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Residential Care Services
- ✓ Service centres
- ✓ Community Based Care and Support Services
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Protection Service
- ✓ Prevention Programmes

Persons with Disabilities

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Residential Care Services
- ✓ Protective Workshop
- ✓ Day Care Centre for Children with disabilities
- ✓ Community Outreach Services
- ✓ Support Groups Service
- ✓ Prevention Programmes

Children

- ✓ Foster Care
- ✓ Alternative Care
- ✓ Adoption Services
- ✓ ECD and Partial Care
- ✓ Child Protection Services
- ✓ Child and Youth Care Centres

Youth Development

- ✓ Funding of NPOs Rendering Youth development Services (Youth Development Centres)
- ✓ National Youth Service Programme
- ✓ Life Skills Programmes
- ✓ Youth Empowerment Programmes
- ✓ Socio-economic Development programmes
- ✓ Youth Mobilisation
- ✓ Linking Youth to Work Opportunities

Crime Prevention and Support

- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Diversion Programmes
- ✓ Secure Care Facilities
- ✓ After Care Services
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development

Social Relief

- ✓ Counselling
- ✓ Material Assistance for Families in Distress

Population Policy Promotion

- ✓ Population Information for Planning

Women Development

- ✓ Empowerment Programmes
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Socio-Economic Empowerment
- ✓ Support to Cooperatives

Substance Abuse

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Prevention Services
- ✓ Treatment Service
- ✓ Inpatient and Outpatient Services
- ✓ Community Based Services
- ✓ Re-integration and After Care Services
- ✓ Life Skills Training and Development Vocational Skills
- ✓ Funding of NPO's
- ✓ Monitoring of Compliance with minimum Norms and Standards

NPO Support

- ✓ Facilitate Registration of NPOs
- ✓ Funding of NPOs
- ✓ Monitor Compliance to Norms and Standards
- ✓ Monitor Compliance to Relevant Legislative Frameworks, Policies Norms and Standards
- ✓ NPO Support and Capacity Building
- ✓ Quality Assurance

HIV and AIDS

- ✓ Psychosocial Support
- ✓ Community Based Care and Support Services
- ✓ Skills Training and Development
- ✓ Prevention Programme

The department aims to provide services to the vulnerable groups of society, the poorest of the poor, and the marginalised. These vulnerable groups are identified as children, women, young people, people with disabilities, older persons and people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The Department is committed to the transformation of the people of Mpumalanga by reducing poverty inequities and promoting social integration.

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**"KHUMBULANI KUTSI TIDZAKAMIVA TIBULALA
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INSIDE THE 2017 PROVINCIAL YOUTH CAMP

The department hosted a provincial youth camp from 15-17 November 2017 in Graslop, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality. This is done in response to the national mandate that Provincial Youth Camps should be held annually after it was decided by the Minister of the Department of Social Development in 2012; that all provinces shall participate in Youth Camps.

The provincial youth camp was done in preparation for the National youth camp that took place from 25 November in Kimberley. The Department of Social Development to this far had conducted three successful Provincial Youth Camps in the previous years. The event targeted 130 youth, 06 Youth Mentors including officials from the three Districts and Provincial Office. The 2017/2018 Provincial Youth Camp was facilitated through the Jump Start Your Career Youth Development Centre (YDC). The YDC has a sound governance

structure under capable, skilled and qualified professionals that brings confidence.

The objectives of the Provincial Youth Camp are to create platforms for youth to dialogue on socio-economic challenges facing young people and generate solutions thereof, to build awareness of personal identity within a social context and build adaptive and positive behaviour that enables youth to deal effectively with life and lay foundations for their future, to create a positive influence on youth being motivated to get involvement in initiating and running Youth Clubs within their wards, Ignite the youth on understanding their role as Agents of Change within their communities, to facilitate the establishment and support of youth clubs.

The Head of Department said in his annotations that each day that comes by, one must ensure that one does everything that one has planned to do in that day. By the

time you go to bed tell yourself that more is yet to come the next day. Always remember that more is yet to come. You have not arrived you are a human being meaning that you are a human becoming; said the Head of department. He continued to say that "one can attend workshops, youth camps even at national level, motivational talks and all but UNTIL that one action something nothing will ever happen. "My message to you young people of the Province of the Rising, where wise came from is ACTION IT. ACTION IT. ACTION IT". Without action you are no different from those who could not attend this camp. I and the MEC will truly be happy to hear of positive stories about you in your communities as a result of your attendance of this camp. DO NOT LET THEM STOP OR SLOW YOU DOWN. Press on as if they are fueling you up."

"Khumbulani kutsi tidzakamiva tibulala emaphupho lamahle. Nitigadze. Niphatse kahle."

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HOW SOCIAL ISSUES GET TO THE

Know about the role played by social development

The Prevention and Combatting of Trafficking In Persons Act 7 of 2013 provides a legislation framework in terms of Human Trafficking. The Act gives effect to the Republic's obligation concerning the trafficking of persons in terms of International obligations;

The Act serves to:-

- Provide for an offence of trafficking in persons and other offences related to trafficking in Persons.
- To provide penalties that may be imposed
- To make provision to assist and to protect and victims of trafficking
- To prevent and combat the trafficking in persons within or across the border of the Republic

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

It 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.

How does trafficking work?

- Trafficking is a process that consists of three stages, recruitment of a person, transportation of a person and exploitation of a person.

Types of identified trafficking in South Africa

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

traffickers and the exploitation phase continues. Trafficking always constitutes a violation of individual freedom of a person and a violation of their human rights. Trafficking is a serious crime against an individual.

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.

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.

The Department of Social Development is mandated to provide services to victims of human trafficking.

These services include provision of the psychosocial services to the victims as well as provision of shelter. The Department also assist in collaboration with other Departments repatriation and reunification services.

The Department of Social Development work closely with the SAPS since most referrals are received from them. A thorough assessment is done by social workers to ensure if a person is being trafficked.

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.

In order to identify a victim of trafficking one should know that trafficking involve three phases namely:-
Recruitment,
Transportation
Exploitation.

Once trafficked victims reach their destination, they are most often forced into prostitution or bonded labour, to earn profits for their

The Department has assisted in providing services to suspected victims of trafficking.

These include psychosocial services, provision of accommodation, repatriation and reunification services. The role of the Department is to also create awareness and educate communities about human trafficking since many victims are living within

TRAFKING IS REAL

HANDS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

opment with a focus on human trafficking

these communities. If awareness is created communities can take responsibility in reporting suspicion to the SAPS.

One can identify if a person is being trafficked if they are exploited in the following ways but not limited to :-

- Sexual exploitation.
- Forced labour
- Domestic servitude
- Street begging or peddling
- Organ removal
- Removal of body parts
- Forced to engage in criminal activities
- Children trafficked for adoption.

Human trafficking can occur across borders or within the country within different provinces. Means that are used to traffic persons:-

- Threat of harm
- The threat or use of force
- Abuse of a person's vulnerability
- Deception

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO VICTIMS

A victim is any person who has suffered harm, including physical injury; emotional suffering; economic loss or substantial impairment of his or her fundamental rights, through acts or omissions that are in violation of the criminal law.

Victims include indirect victims such as the immediate family dependants, or even neighbors or colleagues of the direct victim.

Victims can be victims of domestic

violence, physical, emotional, sexual and economic abuse, hate crimes, abuse against an older person or a person with a disability, rape, These are some examples of victims, but is not limiting to. One needs to affirm that a victim is person whose basic fundamental rights as stipulated in chapter two in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution (Act No 108 of 1996) is violated.

The Department of Social Development provides the following services to victim of crime and violence:-

- Provision of psycho-social services.
- Provision of accommodation for the victims
- Referral services to other Departments
- Vocational Skills to encourage independence



SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR NON PROFIT ORGANISATIONS (NPOs)

Institutional Capacity Building and Support (ICBS)

SERVICES RENDERED BY ICBS OFFICE

A	Facilitate the implementation of the NPO Act 71 of 1997
B	Registration of organisations as NPOs which include the following
•	Providing information on how to register
•	Provide the application form, model of constitution
•	Register organisations as NPO on –line
•	Follow-up with National NPO Registration Directorate of progress on applications
•	Receive and manage the distribution of NPO Certificate to NPO members
C	Support NPO to comply with the NPO Act by facilitating the following
•	Receive and check completeness of annual reports from NPOs
•	Submit annual reports for NPOs on-line
•	Print acknowledgement letters of reports submitted and give to NPO members
•	Update NPO information /details of NPOs on the on-line system
D	Provide capacity building to NPOs with emphasis to amongst others on the following
•	NPO Act
•	Obligations of registered NPOs
•	Governance
•	Financial Management
•	Conflict resolution
E	Attend to queries on NPO matters from NPOs ,communities ,government departments and agencies ,Private Sector ,donors and other stakeholders who have interest in NPOs
•	Manage and maintain NPO database on all registered NPOs in The Province
•	Coordinate the operations on the 19 NPO Help Desks for NPO on-line services
•	Advocate for compliance with the NPO Act through NPO Forums
•	Conduct NPO Roadshows in Municipalities in the three districts in partnership with the National NPO Directorate

[*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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Drugs Disorders Are Preventable And Treatable

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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.



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