

# THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CHILD RIGHTS COALITION

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN  
ADDRESSING CHALLENGES FACED  
BY CHILDREN DURING A  
PANDEMIC

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# WHAT IS THE SANCR?

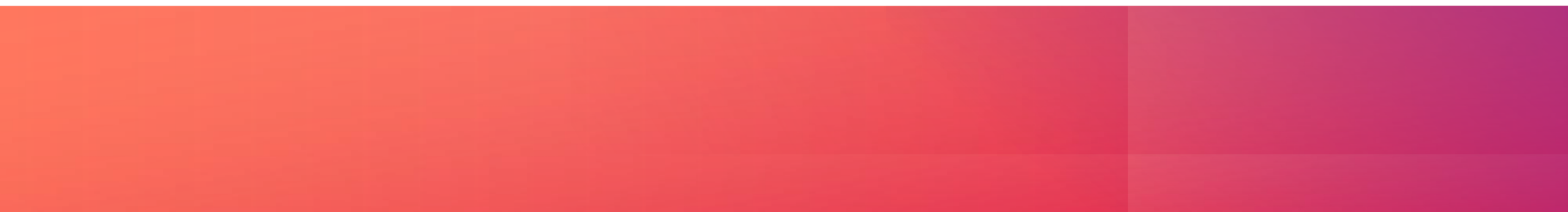
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THROUGH CHILD  
RIGHTS GOVERNANCE



# THE SANCRC

Is a coalition of CSOs, activists and children

Advocating collectively to increase number of children who develop to their full potential

- **South Africa has committed to realising children's rights**
  - **Fulfilling these duties requires focused child rights governance. It requires the whole state, all development partners and children**
  - **Child rights governance requires that children's rights are at the centre of all decisions and are advanced**
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# SOUTH AFRICA IS AT CROSSROADS

The decisions made now in terms of priorities and what we invest in will determine how we:

- Recover from COVID-19 effects
- Get back on track to achieve NDP/SDG/NPAC goals
- Eliminate poverty and inequality along equity fault lines – race, gender, geography, disability etc

# HOW WELL ARE WE DOING?

We have clear policy recognition and commitment to nurturing care as the foundation of sustainable human capital for inclusive development

We have seen significant increases in budgets to some key services.

- Health
- Education
- ECD infrastructure

**Spending more, but outcomes are deteriorating. Pre-covid: 60% of children – the most marginalised – were not accessing the required services**

**38% of under fives are at risk of poor development and stunting increasing – almost at 30%**

# Parliament and CRG Cycle



**SUGGESTED  
WAY FORWARD**



# SPECIFICALLY

Establish consultative policy and budget dialogues for developing coherent, child-centred policy and short-term priorities

Strengthen human resources for child-centred developmental planning, provisioning, and monitoring

Strengthen systems to ensure adequate allocation and efficient spending of public resources to implement priorities

- Especially across provinces and local municipalities marked by high levels of multi-deprivational poverty

Strengthen accountability mechanisms for resourcing of national priorities

# SPECIFICALLY

Developing and using a shared national child rights monitoring, reporting and follow-up framework currently in development to measure progress against the shared goals to monitor, hold accountable and report across the operations of both entities

Supporting participatory processes with children and beneficiary communities – Constitute National Children'

Ensure effective institutional mechanisms for long-term leadership, coordination - especially a adequately resourced and capacitated ORC across all spheres of governance to ensure aligned child-centred budgeting

Institutionalize our partnership through MOU with parliament's institutional support structures

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