

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT - WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

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OUTLINE

- **MANDATE OF THE DEPARTMENT ON WOMEN DEVELOPMENT**
- **STRATEGIC GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME**
- **PROGRESS ON INTERVENTIONS**

MANDATE

- The Directorate is mandated to provide socio-economic empowerment Programmes targeting Women in the Province by creating an environment to help women to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- To provide community development services targeting poor communities and vulnerable groups particularly youth and women by 2023
- The purpose of this programme is to create an environment to help women to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities through Intervention Programmes and Services (e.g Leadership and Life-skills, Service Centres, Inter-generational dialogues programmes).

WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- ❑ In contributing towards economic empowerment of women , the department has prioritized interventions that promote the Rights of Women to achieve Gender Equality through the implementation of skills development, advocacy and sexual reproductive health and rights programmes benefiting **7 821** women across the province.
- ❑ **21** women-led initiatives are funded by the Department for the year under review.
- ❑ A total of R34.7m has been budgeted for the economic empowerment of women.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY

- The Department in partnership with UNFPA has developed and launched the Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Strategy which is aimed at fostering an enabling environment with through institutional mechanisms and programme interventions by providing strategic direction to the department in facilitating the socio-economic empowerment of women and promote gender equality.

SANITARY DIGNITY PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG GIRLS

- ❑ In advancing the right of young girls to education, our commitment remains strong in ensuring that girl learners in Quintile 1-3 schools and special schools of Children with Disabilities receive Sanitary Dignity Packages, to enable them to stay within the school system until they graduate from Grade 12 to improve the level of menstrual health, hygienic practices and their quality of life in general.
- ❑ A total budget of R33.9m has set aside for this programme which will benefit 70 284 young girls.

INTERGRATED MOTHER AND CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- ❑ The department has developed Integrated Mother & Child Development & Support Programme (IMCDSP)
- ❑ This programme is aimed at Empowering Women with Children under 5 who have been diagnosed as suffering from Severe Acute Malnourishment (SAM).
- ❑ The department is currently facilitating skills development programmes for Mothers of the children affected by malnutrition for livelihood improvement & for Income Generating Initiatives & Entrepreneurship.
- ❑ A total of R1 440 m has been set aside to employ 40 women beneficiaries who will get a monthly Stipend of R3000 per person.

INTERVENTIONS ON GBV

- ❑ The Department currently is implementing prevention and awareness programmes.
- ❑ The current focus is the implementation of GBVF prevention and interventions to boys and men, through Mentorship Programme for boys and men, alignment with Fatherhood Programme and implementing the Men as positive Role models Programme.
- ❑ The Programme is targeting hot spot areas namely KwaZakhele, Mthatha and Butterworth as part of a Social Behavior Change in prevention of GBVF.

INTERVENTIONS ON GBV

- ❑ The victims who need alternative care will be provided with sheltering services, therapeutic services and skills development through our Non-Profit Organisation partners, to ensure that they are able to stand on their own and be self – sustainable.
- ❑ **19** shelters are funded across the province for abused women and their children (15 safe homes and 4 one stop centres) .

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