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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

# TABLINGS

none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. The Chairperson of the Social Development Portfolio Committee, Dr. N E Mokgethi, tabled the Committee’s Oversight Report on the Second Quarterly Performance Report of the Department of Social Developmentfor the 2023/2024 financial year, as attached:**

**COMMITTEES QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PERFORMANCE**

**Portfolio Committee on Social Development Oversight Report on the Second Quarterly Report of the Department of Social Development for the 2023/24 Financial Year**

| **Committee Details** | | **Department / Entity Details** | |
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| **Name of Committee** | **Social Development** | **Name of Department / Entity** | **Department of Social Development** |
| **Which Financial Year** | **2023/24** | **Dept. Budget Vote Nr.** | **6** |
| **Which Quarter** | **2nd** | **Hon. Minister / MEC** | **Mbali Hlophe** |
| **Committee Approvals** | | | |
|  | **Name** | | **Date Considered by Committee** |
| **Hon. Chairperson** | Nomathemba Mokgethi | | 16 November 2023 |
| **Adoption and Tabling** | | | |
| **Date of Final Adoption by Committee** | | | **Scheduled date of House Tabling** |
| **23 November 2023** | | | **04 December 2023** |

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# ABBREVIATIONS

| **Abbreviation** | **Full Wording** |
| --- | --- |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| APP | Annual Performance Plan |
| CBO | Community-Based Organisation |
| CYCC | Child and Youth Care Centre |
| CYCW | Child and Youth Care Worker |
| ECD | Early Childhood Development |
| EPWP | Expanded Public Works Programme |
| FBO | Faith Based Organisation |
| GBVF | Gender Based Violence and Femicide |
| GCR | Gauteng City Region |
| GDSD | Gauteng Department of Social Development |
| GGT-2030 | Growing Gauteng Together-Our Vision 2030 |
| GEYODI | Gender, Youth and Disability Interventions |
| GPL | Gauteng Provincial Legislature |
| HCBC | Home and Community Based Care |
| HDI | Historically Disadvantaged Individual |
| HIV | Home Immunodeficiency Virus |
| LGBTQI+ | Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex |
| MTSF | Medium Term Strategic Framework (in this case, relating to 2019-2024 Term of Office) |
| NDP | National Development Plan |
| PGDP | Provincial Growth and Development Plan |
| PwDs | Persons living with Disabilities |
| RISDP | Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| SMME | Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise |
| SOM | Sector Oversight Model |
| TER | Township Economic Revitalisation |
| TMR | Transformation, Modernisation and Reindustrialisation |
| VEP | Victim Empowerment Programme |
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department continues to lead in the coordination of social protection imperatives outlined in the United Nation (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the National Development Plan (NDP) Vision 2030 that are implemented through the Medium-Term Framework (MTFS) through priority 4, consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services. The Department further considered Gauteng City-Region (GCR), ten (10) Pillar programme of Transformation, Modernisation and Reindustrialisation (TMR), Accelerated Social Transformation Strategy and Gauteng Province Anti- Poverty Strategy.

The Committee acknowledged that during the period under review, the Department continued to enhance its contribution to the Tshepo One Million through youth internships, Expanded Public Work (EPWP) and Welfare to Work Programmes by developing youth, women, and persons with disabilities potential through incorporating them to other development initiatives. A total of 5 543 work opportunities were created through the Expanded Public Work Programme (EPWP) and 14 270 beneficiaries were reached through Welfare to Work programme.

The Department further reported to have paid 100% suppliers within 30 days and 95% suppliers within 15 days to ensure that SMME’s cash flows and financial sustainability is improved.

During the period under review, 5 740 older persons were reached in residential facilities and 13 963 older persons were also reached through services provided by funded community-based care and support facilities. The Committee acknowledged that 3 670 persons with disabilities were reached through protective workshops.

# INTRODUCTION

The Portfolio Committee on Social Development exercises oversight and scrutiny over the Gauteng Department of Social Development. This includes planning, budgeting, financial management and reporting by the Provincial Department of Social Development. In line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996), the Public Finance Management Act (1999) creates the basis on which oversight by Legislatures should be exercised. It clearly outlines areas of service delivery that should be reported on, including the responsibilities of officials and the role of the Legislature in cases where reports must be tabled.

This report is an evaluation of expenditure performance and the assessment of non-financial performance of the Department of Social Development during the period of July – September 2023. The assessment is conducted as per the Sector Oversight Model (SOM), the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and other applicable laws including the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

# PROCESS FOLLOWED

* On the 27 October, the Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature, Hon L.H Mekgwe referred the Second Quarter Performance Report of the

Department of Social Development to the Committee for consideration and reporting.

* On the 15of November 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the research analysis on the Second Quarter Report for 2023/24 FY. Immediately after that, the Department presented the Second Quarter Performance Report for 2023/24 FY.
* On the 16of November 2023, the Department presented the Second Quarter Report and the responses to follow-up questions arising from the Second Quarter Report for 2023/24 FY.
* On the 23 November 2023, the Committee deliberated and adopted the draft Second Quarter Report for 2023/24 FY.

# OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Committee acknowledged that the Department was able to contribute to two strategic objectives, namely, Priority 1: Economy, Jobs and Infrastructure. On priority 1, the Committee acknowledged that out of the 10 planned targets, the Department managed to achieve 4 targets which represent 40%, 1 target showed good progress representing 10%; and 2 targets showed fair progress representing 20%, 1 target representing 10% showed poor progress, and two targets representing 20% showed very poor progress.

**2 OVERSIGHTS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS**

**2.1 OVERSIGHT ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANS/TARGETS**

**Priority No 2**

Of the 14 planned targets, 5 were fully achieved at 35.71%; 1 target illustrated good progress representing 7.14%, 2 targets demonstrated fair progress representing 14.29%; 3 targets representing 21.43% showed poor progress; 3 targets representing 21.43% showed very poor progress were not targeted for during quarter under review.

**Priority No 1**

Of the 10 planned targets, the Department achieved 4 targets representing 40%; 1 targets showed good progress representing 10%; 2 target showed fair progress representing 20%; and 3 targets representing 30% showed very poor progress.

**2.2 PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

**2.2.1 Programme 1: Administration**

**The purpose of this programme is to provide political and strategic direction and leadership and to guide and support the development policy frameworks and guidelines for the implementation of priority programmes.**

The Committee noted with concern that the number of Extended Public Works Programme work opportunities created through DSD programmes has reached 4 993 as compared to the planned target of 7 432 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted that the number of Learners on learnership programmes is 0 as it was not targeted for the quarter under review.

The committee has acknowledged with appreciation the number of people participating in internship programmes is 255 as compared to the planned target of 255 for the quarter under review.

**2.2.2 Programme 2: Social Welfare Services**

**2.2.2.1** **Care and Support Services to Older Persons**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee noted that the number of older persons accessing residential facilities has reached 5 740 as compared to the planned target of 6 146 by the end of the quarter under review. According to the Department, the underperformance was due to fewer beneficiaries accessing residential facilities than anticipated which is dependent on the number of referrals received from communities.

**2.2.2 Services to Persons with Disabilities**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee noted that the number of persons with disabilities accessing residential facilities has reached 1 667 as compared to the planned target of 1 703 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted with concern that the number of persons with disabilities accessing services in protective workshops has reached 3 670 as compared to the planned target of 4 265 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.2.3 HIV and AIDS**

**The purpose of this sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee noted that the number of food parcels issued by Home and Community Based Care Organisations has reached 69 803 as compared to the planned target of 69 803 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted with concern that the number of beneficiaries receiving Psychosocial support services has reached 82 120 as compared to the planned target of 108 865 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.3 Programme 3: Children and Families**

**2.3.1 Care and Services to Families**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.**

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of family members participating in preservation services has reached 225 541 as compared to the planned target of 35 658 by the end of the quarter under review. The Department indicated that the performance was due to intensified departmental efforts in the implementation of the programme including the use of a revised mode of service delivery which attracted an increased number of beneficiaries. The Committee further acknowledged with appreciation that the number of family members participating in parenting programmes has reached 26 702 as compared to the planned target of 22 710 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.3.2 Child Care and Protection Services**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.**

The Committee noted that the number of children placed in foster care that receive social work services has reached 920 as compared to the planned target of 1 629 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted with concern that the number of children with valid foster care orders has reached 33 049 as compared to the planned target of 46 896 by the end of the quarter under review. According to the Department the target was not achieved due to the delays in some of the courts in issuing out the court orders and the designated CPOs not concluding the foster care cases.

**2.3.3 Child and Youth Care Centres**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.**

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of children in CYCCs that are reunited with their families has reached 63 as compared to the planned target of 72 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee noted that the number of children placed in Child and Youth Care Centres has reached 3 780 as compared to the planned target of 4 423 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.3.5 Community-Based Care Services for Children**

**The purpose of the sub -programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.**

The Committee noted that number of Children reached through community-based prevention and early intervention programmes has reached 12 434 as compared to the planned target of 21 263 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.6 Programme 4: Restorative Services**

**2.6.1 Crime Prevention and Support**

**The purpose of the sub programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee noted that the number of persons reached through social crime prevention awareness programmes has reached 835 667 as compared to the planned target of 1 199 643 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee acknowledged that the number of NPOs implementing diversion and prevention programmes has reached 1 196 as compared to the planned target of 856 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.6.2 Victim Empowerment**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through programme of no violence against women and children including 16 days of activism has reached 1 444 123 as compared to the planned target of 974 854 while the number of students reached through the awareness programs rolled out in institutions of higher learning reached 144 196 as compared to the target of 134 950 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.6.3 Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through substance abuse prevention programmes has reached 2 570 238 as compared to the planned target of 2 207 148 while the number of service users who accessed inpatient-based treatment services has reached 1 671 as compared to the planned target of 833by the end of the quarter under review.

The Committee further acknowledged that the number of service users admitted at registered and funded Halfway Houses has reached 256 as compared to the planned target of 189 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.7 Programme 5: Development and Research**

**2.7.1 Institutional Capacity Building and Support to NPOs**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.**

The Committee acknowledged that the number of NPOs capacitated has achieved 300 as compared to the planned target of 255 while the number people reached through community mobilization programs has reached 3 436 737 compared to the planned target of 2 994 439 during the quarter under review.

**2.7.2 Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.**

The Committee noted that the number of food relief issued to people through food banks has reached 103 234 as compared to the planned target of 187 750 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted with concern that the number of dignity packs distributed has reached 22 054 as compared to the planned target of 444 000 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.7.3 Community Based Research and Planning**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.**

The Committee acknowledged that the number of households profiled has reached 16 412 as compared to the planned target of 8 353 while the number of community-based plans developed has reached 17 compared to the target of 13 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.7.4 Youth Development**

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of youths participating in youth mobilisation programmes has reached 245 738 as compared to the planned target of 27 015 by the end of the quarter under review.

**2.7.4 Women Development**

**The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.**

The Committee acknowledged with that the number of women participating in empowerment programmes has reached 18 826 as compared to the planned target of 11 114 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further acknowledged that the number of women on child support grant linked to economic opportunities has reached 1 790 as compared to the planned target of 1 358 by the end of the quarter under review.

# 3 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**3.1 DETAILS OF DEPARTMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The Committee noted that the Department has several projects particular on infrastructure that are behind the schedule due to several reasons which some of them can be attributed, amongst others to lack of intergovernmental relations in the implementation of these projects.

**4. OVERSIGHT ON PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION AND PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE:**

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

During the deliberations on the Second Quarter Report for 2023/24 financial year, the Department reported that it has an institutionalized management of reported performance information through both Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Central Records Management Guideline. According to the Department, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has ensured that Regions, Institutions and Business Units of Department support their quarterly reported performance with Evidence which they pre-verified before final verification by Directorate Monitoring and Evaluation(M&E). The Standard Operating Procedures ensures tracking and signoffs throughout the management of reported performance value chain leading to final verification.

The Department further reported that Central Records Management ensures that M&E final verified reported performance information is safely stored in a Departmental Central Records Centre which is managed by Head Office Records Management Unit as per the final verified records handed over by localized Records Management Units from Regions, Institutions and Business Units of Departments. For the quarter under review, the process delineated above has been systematically executed.

The Central Records Management Guideline and Records protocols ensure that performance information is safely stored until audit by AGSA is concluded and then kept in line with Records Management Policy and National Archive Act.

# 5. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

During the 2023/24 financial year, the Department has been allocated an amount of **R5 550 806. 000.00**. During the quarter under review, the Department managed to spend **R1 387 702.000** across all programmes representing 90% of the allocated budget by the quarter under review.

In terms of the expenditure per programme, the Committee acknowledged that on Administration, the Department manage to spend **R197 508.000** **(110%),** on Social Welfare Services the Department spent **R173 151.000 (122%),** on Children and Families, the Department spent **R498 680.000 (101%),** on Restorative Services the Department has spent **R178 345. 000 (74%),** and lastly on Development and Research, the Department spent **R 168 517. 000 (56%)**.

**DEPARTMENTS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO GEYODI RESPONSIVE BUDGETING/PROCUREMENT FOR THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW:**

The Committee acknowledged that on procurement targets that are related to Historically Disadvantaged Individuals, the Department managed to spend 88.51%, on women it has spent 45.8%, on Youth the Department spent 43.4% while on persons with disabilities the spending was at 4.45%.

The Committee further acknowledged that the Department reported to have paid 100% of its service providers within 30 days and 95% was paid within 15 days. On township economy, the Department reported to have spent 51.81%.

In relation to conditional grant, the Committee acknowledged that the Department has spent 100% on EPWP Incentive Grant.

# 6 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

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| **6.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review** | **With respect to all Resolutions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity** |
| 8 | 0 |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to Committee Resolutions** | |
| In most instances, the department provide accurate information to the Committee. | |
| **With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| No reasons were provided but the department | |

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| **6.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review** | **With respect to any and all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity** |
| 0 | 0 |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions** | |
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| **With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department / Entity, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| **N/A** | |

# 7 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Department conducted Public Engagements during the period under review as follows:

* Mass registration for SASSA services and the Department of social development exhibited all services provided in Hammanskraal.
* Capacity building workshop on Harm reduction – the workshop focused on mental health and substance abuse
* Wake-up Call substance abuse programme training was conducted on 22-24 August 2023
* Department has four Billboards along the N3 and N12 as part of Gender based violence awareness campaigns.
* Men and women dialogue was held was held with the following stakeholders:
* Adopt a Gogo beneficiary and coordinators.
* Boy child with Scouts SA.
* Training development was conducted for iziNduna on gender-based violence issues at Morafe, Jabulani.

**Feedback Session Conducted by the Department during the period under review**

* A service blitz was held at Diepkloof hostel on government, departmental and NPOs funded programmes.
* A services blitz was also held for the community of Windmill Park on government, departmental and NPO funded programmes.

# 8 VERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS

* None (Information is applicable to OCPOL)

# 9 OVERSIGHTS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

During the period under review, the Department reported to have conducted HIV/AIDS programmes reaching out to 51 994 males (33%) 104 611 females (67%) undisclosed participants 27(0%). The Department also reported to have reached out to 37 325 youths (24%), 1 505 persons with disabilities (1%). The Department further reported to have conducted Victim Empowerment Programmes reaching to 8 282 males (41%), 9 205 females (45%), 5 585(27%) and 118 persons with disabilities (1%).

# 10 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS

None

# 11 OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE

**11.1 DETAILS OF THE CAPACITATED DEPARTMENY/ENTITY**

During the period under review, **a** total number of 5 118 posts have been filled while 446 posts are still vacant as at the end of the quarter under review. The Department further reported that there were 41 terminations and 28 new appointments.

# 12 OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

None

# 13 COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

| **13.1 COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS** |
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| The Committee is concerned about the delays on the construction of the Bantubonke Early Childhood Centre and the Bekkersdal Social Integrated Facility. |
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# 14 PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

| **14.1 [DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS]** | | | |
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| **Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:** | | | |
| **Ref Number** | **Recommendation** | **Type of response expected** | **Due Date** |
| SOCDEV / Q2PR / 001 | The Department should provide a detailed report on the delays on construction of Bantubonke Early Childhood Development Centre and Bekkersdal Social Integrated Facility. | Written response | 31 January 2024 |
| SOCDEV / Q2PR / 002 | The department provide a detailed report on status of meeting the delivery of dignity packs and school uniforms by 31 January 2024. | Written response | 31 January 2024 |

# 15 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee would like to thank the MEC for Social Development Honourable Mbali Hlophe, HOD and Officials of the department.

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# 16 ADOPTION

After extensive deliberation, the Social Development Committee adopted the Second Quarter Performance Report on the Department of Social Development for the 2023/24 FY. In accordance with Rule 117(2)(c) read together with Rule 164 the Social Development Portfolio Committee tables the report to the House for consideration and adoption, considering the concerns made in the report.