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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 Annual Report of the Department of Social Development for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:**

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 2022/23 FY**

| **Committee Details** | | **Department / Entity Details** | |
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| **Name of Committee** | **Social Development Committee** | **Name of Department / Entity** | **Department of Social Development** |
| **Which Financial Year** | **2022/23** | **Dept. Budget Vote Nr.** | **6** |
| **Hon. Minister / MEC** | **Mbali Hlophe** |
| **Committee Approvals** | | | |
|  | **Name** | | **Date Considered by Committee** |
| **Hon. Chairperson** | **Dr Nomathemba Mokgethi** | | **24 October 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 |

# **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 2022/23 financial year. The Committee is therefore mandated amongst others, by the Legislative Sector Oversight Model (SOM), the GPL Committees Oversight and Accountability Framework (COVAC) as part of the GPL Project on Standardization of Oversight, Accountability and Reporting in Gauteng (SOAR-GP)

# **PROCESS FOLLOWED**

1. On the 31 August 2023, the Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature, Hon L.H Mekgwe referred the Annual Performance Report of the Department of Social Development to the Committee for consideration and reporting.
2. On the 17 October 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the research analysis on the Annual Report for 2022/23 FY.
3. On the same day, 24 October 2023, the Committee held a physical public meeting with stakeholders at Merafong Civic Centre in Carletonville. In the same meeting, the South African Social Security Agency was in attendance to present on the non-payment of grants to elderly and other affected beneficiaries.
4. On the 23 November 2023, the Committee considered and adopted the Draft Annual Report on the Department for 2022/23 FY.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In responding to Growing Gauteng Together (GGT) Provincial Priority 1: Economy, jobs and infrastructure and Pillar 1 of the TMR: Radical Economic Transformation, the Department has been contributing to the economic and developmental agenda of the province. In responding to the escalating rate of unemployment, the Department contributed to Tshepo One Million through the provision of 315 youth internships, 7 222 Expanded Public Work Programme (EPWP) opportunities and 16 777 Welfare-to-Work opportunities that developed youth potential and linked them to other developmental initiatives. The Department also intensified its preferential procurement spend, particularly in townships, and its main beneficiaries were historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs); women; youth; and persons with disabilities, whose companies were awarded thirty-two contracts. The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that 99,93% of suppliers were paid within 30 days during the 2022/23 financial year.

In contributing towards GGT Priority 4: Safety, social cohesion and food security, the Committee acknowledged that the Department expanded its food security programmes in the poorest wards by providing nutritional food parcels through Home and Community-Based Care Organisations.

The Committee is concerned with the growing irregular expenditure amounting to more than R1 billion in the Department especially with the growing poverty and unemployment trends and limited availability of financial resources.

**DETAILS OF THE REPORT – THIS SECTION CONTAINS THE DETAILED INFORMATION OF ALL SECTIONS COVERED IN THE SUMMARY ABOVE**

# **OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

| **1.1 THE DETAILS ON Department / Entity achievement on relevant Strategic Priorities for the period under review]** |
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| The Committee acknowledged that the Department was able to contribute to two strategic objectives, namely, Priority 1: Building a capable, ethical, and developmental state and Priority 2: Economic transformation and job creation. On priority 1, the Committee noted that of the 10 planned targets, 6 (60%) indicators were fully achieved while 4 targets were partially achieved at 40%. |

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

| **2.1 [THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY APP PERFORMANCE]** |
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| **Number of APP targets relevant for this Financial Year** |
| Of the 25 APP targets applicable to for the period under review, the Department managed to achieve14 which equates to 56% of the APP achievement, 3 were partially achieved at 12%, 2 on fair progress at 8% with 3 targets at 12% and 2 (8%) not achieved and 1 target (4%) not achieved for the period under review. |
| **Number of APP targets for this Financial Year that have been achieved during the Financial Year under review** |
| 14 |
| **Percentage of APP targets for this Financial Year that have been achieved during the Financial Year under review** |
| 56% |
| **Measures in place (with timeframes) to correct the deviation in targets for the Financial Year under review and to prevent recurrence of such or similar deviation** |
| The Department is in a process of putting measures in place in order to overcome the non-achievement of targets and one of those is the urgent capacitation of service delivery centres. |
| **Summarized information on how the Department / Entity maintains portfolios of evidence to verify its reported performance information** |
| The Committee was informed by the Department 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 period under review, the process delineated above has been systematically executed.  The Department also reported that the Central Records Management Guideline and Records protocols to 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. |

# **3. 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 of the 10 planned targets, the Department managed to fully achieve 4 targets which represent 40%, 3 targets showed good progress representing 30%.

The Committee further acknowledged that on Priority 4, of the planned 24 targets, 17 were fully achieved, representing 71%, 2 targets were not achieved with good progress which represent 8%; and 1 was not achieved with poor progress which representing 4%.

# **4. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS**

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

Of the 24 planned targets, 17 were fully achieved representing 71% while 3 targets exhibited with good progress representing 13%, 3 targets showed fair progress representing 13% and 1 indicating poor progress representing 4%.

In the previous quarter the Committee acknowledged that, out of the 25 planned targets,17 targets were fully achieved at representing 56% and 3 were partially achieved representing 12%, 2 was not achieved with fair progress representing 8% and 1 target not achieved representing 4% was not achieved. On the targets that have not been achieved during the period under review, the Department reported that it will continue to monitor the implementations of the plans with a view to make sure that it improves in the next reporting period.

**5. PROGRAMME INFORMATION**

**5.1 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 acknowledged that the number of persons with disabilities employed by the Department has reached 4% as compared to the planned target of 3% by the end of the period under review. The Committee noted that the number of comprehensive assessments conducted by social workers has reached 1 012 as compared to the planned target of 1 920 by the end of the period under review.

The Committee further noted with concern that the number of ECD Centres that have been refurbished or upgraded has reached 51 as compared to the planned target of 84 while the number of contracts awarded by the Department to Historically Disadvantaged Individuals and Small Medium and Micro Enterprise Companies (SMMEs) has reached 19 as compared to the planned target of 45 by the end of the period under review.

**5.2 Programme 2: Social Welfare Services**

**5.2.1** **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 5 886 as compared to the planned target of 6 525 by the end of the period 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.

The Committee further noted with concern that the number of beneficiaries reached through elderly abuse prevention programmes has reached 20 088 as compared to the planned target of 23 559 by the end of the period under review.

**5.2.2 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 1 637 as compared to the planned target of 1 923 while the number of persons with disabilities accessing services in protective workshops has reached 3 907 as compared to the planned target of 4 365 by the end of the period under review.

**5.2.3 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 acknowledged with appreciation that the number of food parcels issued by Home and Community Based Care Organisations has reached 155 697 as compared to the planned target of 136 000 by the end of the period under review. The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of beneficiaries receiving daily meals at HCBC organisations has reached 32 578 as compared to the planned target of 32 300 by the end of the period under review.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through social and behavioural change programme has reached 221 908 as compared to the planned target of 139 948 by the end of the period under review.

**5.2.4 Social Relief**

**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.**

According to the Department, number of social relief applications recommended for approval by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) has reached 622 as compared to the planned target of 1 077 by the end of the period under review.

**5.3 Programme 3: Children and Families**

**5.3.1 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 that the number of family members participating in preservation services has reached 191 782 as compared to the planned target of 119 660 by the end of the period under review. The Committee further acknowledged that the number of family members participating in parenting programmes has reached 119 665 as compared to the planned target of 54 315 by the end of the period under review.

**5.3.2 Childcare 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 acknowledged that the number of family members reunited with their families has reached 2 777 as compared to the planned target of 1 888 by the end of the period under review. The Committee noted with concern that the number of Children placed in foster care that receive social work services has reached 58 176 as compared to the planned target of 62 706 by the end of the period under review.

**5.3.3 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 that the number of children in CYCCs that are reunified with their families has reached 364 as compared to the planned target of 106 while the number of children placed in Child and Youth Care Centres has reached 4 336 compared to the planned target of 4 512 by the end of the period under review.

**5.3.4 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 acknowledged with appreciation that the number of Child and Youth Care Centres (CYCCS) reached through community-based prevention and early intervention programme has reached 20 370 as compared to the planned target of 19 473 by the end of the period under review.

**5.4 Programme 4: Restorative Services**

**5.4.1 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 acknowledged with appreciation that the number of persons reached through social crime prevention awareness programmes has reached 2 956 944 as compared to the planned target of 1 843 623 while the number of children in conflict with the law assessed has reached 1 968 as compared to the planned target of 1 309 by the end of the period under review.

**5.4.2 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 victims of crime and violence accessing psycho-social support services has reached 1 752 as compared to the planned target 729 by the end of the period under review. The Committee further acknowledged with appreciation that the number of beneficiaries reached through programme of no violence against women and children including 16 days of activism has reached 3 212 075 as compared to the planned target of 1 338 729 by the end of the period under review.

**5.4.3 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 with appreciation that the number of service users admitted at registered and funded Halfway Houses has reached 37 407 as compared to the planned target of 28 076 while the number of service users who accessed out-patient based treatment services has reached 1 224 as compared to the planned target of 720 by the end of the period under review.

**5.5 Programme 5: Development and Research**

**5.5.1 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 reached 1 663 as compared to the planned target of 800 by the end of the period under review.

**5.5.2 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 acknowledged that the number of food relief issued to people through food banks has reached 285 813 as compared to the planned target of 273 152 by the end of the period under review. The Committee noted with concern that the number of dignity packs distributed has reached 1 100 128 as compared to the planned target of 1 628 000 by the end of the period under review.

**5.5.3 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 23 585 compared to the planned target of 16 704 while the number of community-based plans developed has reached 27 compared to the planned target of 28 by the end of the period under review.

**5.5.4 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 that the number of youths participating in youth mobilisation programmes has reached 309 220 as compared to the planned target of 89 423 while the number of youth’s development structures supported has reached 172 as compared to the planned target of 160 by the end of the period under review.

**5.5.5 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 that the number of women participating in empowerment programmes has reached 22 236 as compared to the planned target of 21 584 while the number of women on child support grant linked to economic opportunities has reached 5 578 as compared to the planned target of 5 429 by the end of the period under review.

# **6. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**6.1 DETAILS OF DEPARTMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The Committee noted that the Department has two infrastructure projects that are still under construction from the previous financial years.

**6.2 OVERSIGHT ON PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION AND PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE:**

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

In achieving the above, 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. 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.

# **7. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

During the 2022/23 financial year, the Department has been allocated an amount of **R5, 537, 037, 000.00**. During the period under review, the Department managed to spend **R5, 419, 229.000.00** across all programmes representing 98% of the allocated budget by the end of the period under review.

In terms of the expenditure per programme, the Committee acknowledged that on Programme1: Administration, the Department manage to spend **R800, 070,000.00** **(100%),** on Social Welfare Services the Department spent **R1 048, 013, 000 (100%),** on Children and Families it spent **R1, 935 ,055 .000 (97%),** on Restorative Services it spent **R793, 442, 000 (93%),** and on Development and Research it spent **R 842, 649, 000 (96%)**.

On township economy, the Department reported to have spent **38%.**

On women, the Department recorded 42.58 % against 40% planned target for the period under review.

On Youth, the Department recorded 30.34% against 10% planned target for the period under review.

On people with Disability, the Department recorded 6.18 % against 5% planned target for the period under review.

According to the Department, **99.93 %** suppliers were paid within 30 days while the Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI) women; youths and persons with disabilities were awarded thirty-five (35) contracts during the period under review.

| **7.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Actual amount (in Rands) allocated to the Department / Entity as budget for the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **R5, 537, 037, 000.00**. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Total amount (in Rands) spent by the Department / Entity for the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **R5, 419, 229.000.00** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Percentage spent by the Department / Entity as compared to the total budget allocation for the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **98 %** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Quarter 1** | | | **Quarter 2** | | | **Quarter 3** | | | **Quarter 4** | | |
| Projected Expenditure | Actual Expenditure | % expenditure of total budget allocation | Projected Expenditure | Actual Expenditure | % expenditure of total budget allocation | Projected Expenditure | Actual Expenditure | % expenditure of total budget allocation | Projected Expenditure | Actual Expenditure | % expenditure  of total  budget  allocation |
| **R1 174 343** | **R1 389 309** | **24%** | **R1 455 900.000** | **R1 482 687.000** | **101%** | **R1 653 054** | **R1 544 577** | **72%** | **R 2 070 198** | **R1 528 791** | **79%** |
| **If there was over / under spending of greater than 3% of projection, what were the main challenges that led to the over / under spending** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Underspending on the following Programmes:**  **The Department underspent the allocated budget by R118 million by the end of the 2022/23 financial year.**  **The following are reasons for the under-expenditure in each programme:**  **Programme1: Administration- R 5 423 000.**  The underspending was due to the vacant posts not being filled by the end of the financial year.    **Programme 3:** **Children and Families**- **R16 394 000**.**00**  The underspending in this programme was due to vacant posts not filled by the end of the financial year.  **Programme 4: Restorative Services- R91 739 000. 00**  The underspending was because of the delays in filling the vacant posts and the NPOs budget for the expansion of bed capacity for in-patient treatment  centres, diversion programmes and victim empowerment sub-programme were not spent in full by the end of the financial year**.**  **Programme 5: Development and Research** - **R4 252 000.00**  The underspending in this programme was due to vacant posts not filled by the end of the financial year. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Mitigating measures by the Department / Entity to remedy over / under expenditure** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Department will continue to facilitate access to the programmes in compliance with relevant legislation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The Department / Entity’s achievement with respect to GEYODI responsive budgeting / procurement during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women :45.72%  Youth :16.71%  PWD :42,62% | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The Department / Entity’s achievement with respect to township economy / SMME / local procurement during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * Provincial annual target **: 40.00%** * Achievement as of 31 March 2023 **: 38%** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A with respect to payment of service providers within 15-30 days during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 99.93% of suppliers were paid within 30 days during the period under review. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A summary with respect to fruitless, wasteful, irregular, and unauthorized expenditure during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Department incurred irregular expenditure of **R1, 075, 629,000.00** which was mostly accrued from the from the previous financial years. The closing balanceby  the end of the 2022/23 financial year amounts to **R1, 084, 668,000.00.** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A summary with respect to efficiency / value for money in all SCM / procurement processes during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Department continues to implement the procurement plan which commenced in the previous financial year. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A summary with respect to reduction of fraud and corruption in all SCM / procurement processes during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The following Supply Chain Management (SCM) policies and systems are in place and were implemented to detect fraud and prevent irregular expenditure:   * Bid Committee members were appointed to facilitate the procurement of goods and services through a bidding process. * Segregation of duties is implemented across all SCM functions. * SCM officials are issued with individual delegation letters to enhance the segregation of duties. * Departmental SCM functions are executed in line with the existing legislative framework. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **8. A summary with respect to ongoing clean audits during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Department has obtained a clean audit with emphasis of matter | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A summary with respect to spending on conditional grants (where applicable) during the Financial Year under review** | | | | | | | | | | | |

* EPWP INTEGRATED GRANT: spent 100%

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| **8.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the period under review** | **With respect to all Resolutions that were due in the period under review, how many Resolutions 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 Committee Resolutions** | |
| The Department is submitting the resolutions on time, and they are always of good quality. | |
| **With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the period under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]** | |
| N/A | |

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| **8.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT** | |
| **How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the period under review** | **With respect to all Petitions that were due in the period under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity** |
| There were 8 petitions that were received, and they are being processed. | None |
| **What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions** | |
| The Department in most cases submit the resolution even before the due date and they are of good quality | |
| **With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the period 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]** | |
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# **9. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Department reported to have conducted the following activities during the period under review:

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

The department conducted the following services delivery programs in **TISH** areas:

• Services blitz was conducted at Kwa-Thema hostel, this program brought government departments to provide services to the residents of the hostel and the surrounding areas.

• Service blitz and career exhibition at Daveyton in partnership with Oasis of Life church.

• Service blitz at Ratanda to the residents of hostels and the surrounding informal settlements

• Jabulani Hostel service blitz for hostel residents and surrounding areas.

• Back to school campaign in all five regions.

• Men’s Conference was also held in Soweto.

# **9. OVERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS**

None

# **10. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT**

During the period under review, the Department reported to have conducted HIV/AIDS programmes reaching out to 85 758 males (35%) 157 657 females (65%) undisclosed participants 16(0%). The Department also reported to have reached out to 49 545 youths (20%), 2 096 persons with disabilities (1%). The Department further reported to have conducted Victim Empowerment Programmes reaching to 133 349 males (7%), 884 051 females (43%), 9 669 (6%) youth 101 324(5%) and 1 243 persons with disabilities (0%).

# **11. 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, the Committee acknowledged that the Department had a total number of **5 644** posts on the establishment. A total of **5 151** posts have been filled while the vacancy rate was at 9% at the end of the period under review.

# **12. OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA**

None

# **13. COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS**

| **13.1 DETAILED COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** |
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| The Committee is concerned with the underspending of R117 million, noting the unending pressures of poverty, unemployment, and skills development gaps. |
| The Committee is concerned with procurement and contract management within the Supply Chain Management Unit whereby some of the goods and services of a transaction value above R1 000 000 were procured without inviting competitive bids and deviations which contravene Treasury Regulation 16A6.1 |
| The Committee is concerned with the Department’s regress on the attraction and retention of clinical psychologists, nurses, social workers, social auxiliary workers and other scarce skills, whilst these are important posts for the mandate of the Department. |

| **14. [DETAILED COMMITTEE PROPOSED 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** |
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| SOCDEV / ANNUAL / 001 | The Department should provide a comprehensive report on the status of unspent funds and whether these funds were surrendered or committed. | Written Response | 31/01/2024 |
| SOCDEV /ANNUAL /002 | The Department should provide details of the contracts that were awarded during the year under review without following Treasury Regulation 16`A6.1 | Written response | 31/01/2024 |
| SOCDEV/ANNUAL/003 | The Department to also share on their attraction drive for these scarce skills. | Written response | 31/01/2024 |
| SOCDEV/ANNUAL/004 | The Department should provide a detailed report that demonstrates progress made in clearing the irregular expenditure. | Written response | 31/01/2024 |
| SOCDEV/ANNUAL/005 | The Department should provide a comprehensive report on the Community Nutrition Services and the allocation thereof. The report should also include detailed information on their names, addresses and contacts. | Written response | 31/01/2024 |

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# **16. ADOPTION**

After extensive deliberation, the Social Development Committee adopted the Annual Performance Report on the Department of Social Development for 2022/23 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 and the proposed recommendations made in the report.