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Tuesday, 30 July 2024

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**TABLINGS**

none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. The Chairperson of the Social Development Portfolio Committee, Hon. T Chokoe, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Detail of the Department of Social Development Budget Vote 06 of the Provincial Appropriation Bill [G001-2024] for the 2024/25 FY, as attached:**



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### Draft Social Development Committee Oversight Report on the Budget Vote 6 Report of the Department of Social Development for 2024/25 Financial Year

[G001-2024]

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## ABBREVIATIONS

LIST OF ACRONYMS	
<b>AIDS</b>	<b>Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome</b>
<b>CYCC</b>	<b>Child Youth Care Centres</b>
<b>ECD</b>	<b>Early Childhood Development</b>
<b>EPWP</b>	<b>Expanded Public Works Programme</b>
<b>HBC</b>	<b>Home Based Care</b>
<b>HCBC</b>	<b>Home Community Based Centres</b>
<b>HIV</b>	<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus</b>
<b>MDG</b>	<b>Millennium Development Goals</b>
<b>NGO</b>	<b>Non-Governmental Organisation</b>
<b>NPO</b>	<b>Non-Profit Organisation</b>
<b>PFMA</b>	<b>Public Finance Management Act</b>
<b>PwDs</b>	<b>Person with Disabilities</b>
<b>SASSA</b>	<b>South African Social Security Agency</b>
<b>SLA</b>	<b>Service Level Agreement</b>
<b>VEP</b>	<b>Victim Empowerment Programme</b>
<b>WOP</b>	<b>War on Poverty</b>

## Portfolio Committee on Social Development

31 July 2024,

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Social Development, Dr Tlou Chokoe, hereby tables the Committee's Report on the Budget Vote of the Gauteng Department of Social Development, vote 6 for 2024/25 FY as follows:

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the current financial year, the Committee noted that the Department has been allocated a budget of **R 5, 466,262,000.00**.

**On Programme 1:** Administration has received an allocation of **R826, 269, 000.00** with a decrease of **R28, 520,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

**Programme 2:** Social Welfare Services has received an allocation of **R883, 281.000.00** marking a decrease of **R20, 093, 000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

**Programme 3:** Children and Families has received an allocation of **R2, 131, 258.000.00** marking a decrease of **R20, 177,000,00** compared to the previous financial year.

**Programme 4:** Restorative Services has received an allocation of **R800, 053,000.00** marking a decrease of **R92, 567,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

**Programme 5:** Development and Research has received an allocation of **R825, 401, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R48,620,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

During the engagement on the Budget Vote 6 for 2024/25 Financial Year, the Department indicated that it would reach 17 461 beneficiaries through community-based services and 6 146 through residential facilities for older persons while 1 250 NPOs will be capacitated.

On School Uniform and Dignity Packs, the department planned to provide school uniform packs to 185 000 learners in the 2024/25 financial year in no-fee schools as well as schools located in previously rural nodes. Each school uniform package consists of a pair of shoes, one shirt, one jersey, one trousers/tunic, and one pair of socks.

On sustainable employment creation, the Department reported that 7 494 work opportunities will be created through Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the current financial year.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

The Committee report on the Budget Vote 6 of the Gauteng Department of Social Development seeks to examine the link between the Department's objectives with resource allocation across programmes as well as linkages to the policy trends and GPG strategic objectives. When scrutinising the budget, the Committee takes into consideration the legislative and legal frameworks governing financial management in the Public Service. According to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA, Act 1 of 1999 as amended by PFMA, No. 29 of 1999), the Departmental votes should represent a commitment to transparency and good governance in the interests of service delivery. As a result, the Department conducts performance budgeting, a process that integrates strategic planning, financial planning, and financial management to ensure effective and efficient service delivery.

## **3. PROCESS FOLLOWED**

- 3.1 The Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature, Hon Lentheng Ntombi Mekgwe referred the Budget Vote 6 of the department of Social Development to the Committee on the 12 March 2024 for consideration, reporting and adoption.
- 3.2 On the 25th of July 2024, the Committee convened a meeting to receive the presentation of the Research Analysis on the Departments Budget Vote 6 for 2024/25 Financial Year.
- 3.3 Immediately, after the presentation of the Research Analysis, on the 25 July 2024, the Committee received the presentation by the Department on the Budget Vote 6 for 2024/25 FY.
- 3.5 On the 30 July 2024, the Committee convened a meeting to consider the draft and adopted the Budget Report for 2024/25 Financial Year.

## **4. COMPLIANCE AND QUALITY**

### **4.1 Timeframes**

The report was prepared timeously and submitted to the Legislature in March 2024

### **4.2 Format**

The department has aligned its report to the format used by other executive departments, and it has also linked its performance to the outcome-based approach adopted by government.

### **4.3 Policy and Legislation**

The department complied with Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) by preparing and submitting its budget vote report within the required reporting period, to the Legislature.

#### **4.4 Controls**

The report tabled in the Legislature has been signed off by the Head Official responsible for planning, the Accounting Officer, and the Executive Authority.

#### **4.5 Adequacy of Controls**

The report controls within the department have proven to be adequate to ensure compliance with the necessary requirements for submission of the Budget Vote Report.

## **5. OVERSIGHT ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

### **5.1 NATIONAL PRIORITIES**

- Rebuilding of family, community, and social relations
- Integrated poverty eradication strategy
- Comprehensive social security system
- Violence against women and children, older persons and other vulnerable groups
- HIV/AIDS
- Youth Development
- Accessibility of social welfare services
- Service's to people with disabilities
- Commitment to co-operative governance
- Train, educate, re-deploy and employ a new category of workers in social development.

### **5.2 MEDIUM TERM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK GAUTENG PROVINCIAL PRIORITIES (2019-2024)**

- Reforming the welfare sector through legislative and policy reform- The department seek to expand services by ensuring adequate numbers and training of social service professionals, review of the funding model and the role assigned to non-profit organizations.
- Improve access to quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) through the provision of comprehensive ECD services as an instrument to make investments in health,

development of capabilities and mitigate vulnerabilities and to serve as the building blocks for future resilience.

- Deepening social assistance and extending the scope for social security to address both issues of coverage and policy instruments including the defining of social protection floor that provides a minimum set of guarantees coupled with a framework of progressive realization of rights.
- Enhancing social protection systems and strengthening of monitoring and evaluation of services so as to ensure that interventions are responsive and yield sustainable outcomes.
- Enhancing the capabilities of the identified groups and communities to achieve sustainable livelihoods and household food and nutrition security through a combination of income, direct provision, and support to local economies through local procurement.

### **5.3 MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger

MDG 2: Promote Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women

MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other Diseases

## **6. OVERSIGHT ON TECHNICAL PERFORMAMNCE**

### **6.1.1 S.M.A.R.T**

The Budget Report for 2024/24 FY adhered to the S.M.A.R.T principles.

### **6. Programme Information**

#### **6.1.1 Programme 1: Administration**

The strategic objective of this programme is to render accountability through good governance and sound monitoring and evaluation.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of learners on learnership programmes remain at 50 which is the same target that was planned in the previous financial year while the number of people participating in internship programmes are also at 359 which is the same target that was planned in the previous financial year.

## **6.2. Programme 2: Social Welfare Services.**

The purpose of this programme is to provide integrated development social welfare services to the poor and vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

### **6.2.1 Care and Services to Older Persons**

The objective of this sub-programme is to provide services to older persons within the communities, not in institutions.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R374, 401, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R825, 000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee noted that the number of older persons accessing community-based care and support services has decreased to 19 675 in the current financial year compared to 23 559 in the previous financial.

### **6.2.2 Services to Persons with Disabilities**

The objective of this sub-programme is to develop, implement and monitor integrated programmes for persons with disabilities.

The sub-programme received an allocation of **R157,587, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R5,114.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee noted that the number of persons with disabilities accessing community-based care and support services has reached 19 675 which is the same target that was planned in the previous financial year.

The Committee further noted with concern that the number of persons with disabilities accessing services in funded residential facilities has reached 6 146 which is same target that was planned in the previous financial year.

### **6.2.3 HIV and AIDS**

The strategic objective is to develop, implement and monitor integrated HIV and AIDS and granny headed households.

This sub-programme has received an allocation of **R345, 149, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R14,038, 000.00** compared to the previous financial year.



During the deliberations on the Budget Vote 6 for 2024/25 FY, the Department indicated that 148 000 beneficiaries will receive food parcels through Home Based Care which is the same target that was planned in the previous financial year.

### **6.3 Programme 3: Children and Families**

The purpose of this programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support to services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organizations.

#### **6.3.1 Care and Support Services to Families**

The objective of this sub-programme is to provide integrated care and support services to promote functional families and to prevent vulnerability.

This sub-programme has received an allocation of **R242, 278, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R103, 375,000.00** as compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of family members participating in family preservation services has increased to 175 735 in the current financial year compared to 144 320 in the previous financial year while the number of family members re-united with their families has reached 2 211 in the current financial year compared to the planned target of 2 114 in the previous financial year.

#### **6.3.2 Child Care and Protection Services**

The objective of this sub-programme is to design and implement integrated programmes and services that provide for the development, care and protection of rights of children.

This sub-programme has received an allocation of **R969,475,000.00** marking an increase of **R56, 556,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of homeless beneficiaries admitted in homeless shelters has increased to 3 210 in the current financial year compared to 3 150 in the previous financial year.

#### **6.3.3 Child and Youth Care Centres**

The objective of this sub-programme is to provide alternative care and support to vulnerable children.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R710, 497, 000.00** marking an increase of **R 25, 359,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee noted that the number of Children placed in Child and youth Care Centres has reached 4 423 in the current financial year compared to 4 512 in the previous financial year.

#### **6.4 Programme 4: Restorative Services**

The objective of this programme is to provide integrated development social crime prevention and anti-substance abuse services to the most vulnerable in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.

##### **6.4.1 Crime Prevention and Support**

The objective of this sub-programme is to develop and implement social crime prevention programmes and provide probation services.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R182, 480,000.00** in the current financial with an increase of **R859.00** when compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number persons planned to be reached through social crime prevention programme has increased to 2 536 312 in the current financial year compared to 2 483 571 in the previous financial year.

##### **6.4.2 Victim Empowerment**

The objective of this sub-programme is to design and implement integrated programmes and services to support, care and empower victims of violence and in particular women and children.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R187, 492, 000.00** marking an increase of **R4,166,000.00** as compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of LGBTQIA+ beneficiaries receiving psychosocial support increased to 1 188 in the current financial year compared to 1 125 in the previous financial year.

The Committee further acknowledged with appreciation that the number of beneficiaries to be reached through programme of no-violence against women and children including 16 days of

activism has increased to 3 200 659 compared to the planned target of 2 675 026 in the previous financial year.

#### **6.4.3 Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation.**

The objective of this sub-programme is to design, implement integrated services for substance abuse prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R 427,929, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R98, 007, 000.00** as compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through substance abuse prevention programmes has increased to 4 736 786 in the current financial year compared to 4 196 055 in the previous financial year while the number of service users who accessed inpatient treatment services at funded institutions has increased to 5 201 compared to 3 172 in the previous financial year.

#### **6.5. Programme 5: Development and Research**

The objective of the programme is to provide development programmes, which facilitate empowerment of communities, based on empirical research and demographic information.

##### **6.5.1 Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods**

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R539, 858, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R457,898,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of people participating in income generating programmes and economic opportunities has increased to 56 629 compared to 52 707 in the previous financial year.

##### **6.5.2 Youth Development**

The purpose of this sub-programme is to create an environment to help young people 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.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R27, 021,000.00** marking a decrease of **R7, 841,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of youths participating in skills development programmes has increased to 123 292 which is the same target that was planned in the previous financial year.

### **6.5.3 Women Development**

The objective of this new sub-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 communities.

The sub-programme has received an allocation of **R24, 356, 000.00** marking a decrease of **R5, 740,000.00** compared to the previous financial year.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of women participating in empowerment programmes has increased to 36 886 in the current financial year compared to 22 228 in the previous financial year while the number of women on child support grant who will be linked to economic opportunities are at 5 429 compared to 5 429 in the previous financial year.

## **7. OVERSIGHT ON BUDGET ALLOCATION**

The Department has been allocated an amount of **R5, 466, 262,000.00** for the 2024/25 financial year.

## **8. Committee Concerns and Recommendations**

The Committee is concerned that:

8.1 The Department has planned to deliver 185 000 school uniform for the 2024/25 Financial Year while it has failed to deliver school uniforms to deserving beneficiaries for the past five (5) financial years.

## **9 Proposed Recommendations**

**The Committee recommends as follows:**

9.1. The Department should provide a detailed and realistic plan that will demonstrate that the promises and commitments made in the Budget for 2024/25 in as far as the delivery

of school uniform to rural nodes will be met. **The report should be submitted by 30 August 2024.**

- 9.2** The Department should submit all the outstanding responses to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report of the Department for 2023/24 as these will help the Committee properly conduct its oversight on the Department Budget for 2024/25 Financial Year. **The report should be submitted by 30 August 2024.**

## **10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Committee would like to thank the MEC for Social Development, Hon Faith Mazibuko, the Acting Head of Department Mr Bongani Ngomane and Officials of the department.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Members of the Committee: Hon. Nazley Sharif, Hon Refiloe Ntsekhe, Hon Lentheng Ntombi Mekgwe, Hon Laura Abrahams, Hon Emma More, Hon Mpho Sesedinyane, Hon Noliqwa Semahla, Hon Ayanda Allie, Hon Meso Nomthandazo, Hon Louisa Evans, Hon for their commitment to the oversight process. I commend them for their diligence during deliberations on the Budget Vote for 2024/25 FY.

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## **11. ADOPTION**

After extensive deliberation, the Committee adopted the Oversight Report on the Department of Social Development Budget Vote 6 for 2024/25 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 recommendations made in the report.

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**Hon. Dr Tlou Chokoe**

**CHAIRPERSON: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**