

INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ERADICATION OF POVERTY 17 OCTOBER



Today marks the commemoration of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty throughout the world. As an agency tasked with the eradication of poverty in South Africa, the National Development Agency (NDA) responds to the National Development Plan (NDP) and government's call to do away with poverty, unemployment and inequality to achieve its vision of "A society free from poverty". The inclusive creation of jobs, skills and education is very important to realising both the NDP and NDA visions of eradicating poverty in South Africa.

Working towards the "desired" Poverty Cycle

Child born poor grows up in poverty

Poor nourishment, bad health, no schooling)

NDA ECD Programm

- Capacity development information on ECD registration
- Training on usage of Learning. Teaching and Support Materials
- Institutional capacity building on NPO registration & compliance with the NPO act
- Grant funding of ECD programme
- Other role players: DSD, DBE, UNICEF, SACECD, SRSA & DoH

Adult is significantly disadvantaged in education and skills (unemployment)

- CSO formalisation process (formation, registration and compliance)
- CSO institutional capacity building (training, mentoring, incubation)
- Other role players: Department of Social Development (DSD), Companies & Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), CSO's and municipalities

Establishment & support of cooperatives to contribute to economy

NDA CSO Development Programme

- CSO grant funding & resource mobilisation
- inkages to sustainable opportunities
- Other rote players: Public & private sector donors

The programmes of the NDA at the simplest form are targeting families to address the cycle of poverty, which when defined says that poverty tends to be ongoing over generations in families if there are no outside interventions. At the core of the NDA's grant funding model to eradicate poverty is job creation, when one person is eventually employed within a family there is an income that immediately enables a change to the poverty profile of that family. There is evidence that typically one female beneficiary member of a Cooperative supports at least 3 – 5 people. Early Childhood Development for children has been a focus for the NDA for many years as it is a fact that children who undergo a holistic early childhood development programme (coupled with nutrition, health care, etc.) have a better chance at a better life and at turning this poverty cycle around.