DSD INTERVENTIONS FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

"Reflections on the corona covid-19 pandemic"



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- 1. The challenge of hunger and poverty in South Africa
- 2. DSD mandate on food &nutrition security work
- 3. Household Food & Nutrition Security Programme overview
- COVID- 19 impact on service delivery mechanisms in so far as implementation of food & nutrition interventions
- 5. Food parcels distribution during COVID-19
- 6. Food donations coordinated during COVID-19
- 7. Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic
- 8. Preparation for re-opening of DSD centres
- 9. Institutional arrangements and policy adjustments required moving forward





CONTEXTUAL OVERVIEW OF HUNGER AND POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA

- South Africa faces a triple burden of malnutrition, underweight (caused by diets of inadequate quantities), malnourishment (arising from diets of inadequate quality) and overweight. (South African Child Gauge 2019)
- About 13. 8 Million people live below the food poverty line, which is R561 (in April 2019 prices) per person per month (Stats SA)
- The Country faces a 29% unemployment rate and a 55% poverty rate (Statistics South Africa, 2020)
- Global Nutrition Report (2020) the national prevalence of under-five stunting is 27.4%,
- Access to food is limited by rising prices, high income inequality and increasing unemployment.
- A household survey out on 15 July reveals that there was a net loss of three million jobs between February and April 2020.
- And women accounted for two million of the people who lost their livelihoods as the economy was shut down (Daily Maverick July 2020).





DSD MANDATE ON FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY

- The Constitution Section 27 (1) (b) of the South African Constitution states that "everyone has the right to have access to sufficient food".
- The NDP goals, targets to be achieved by 2030:
 - Eradicate absolute poverty from 39% of people living below the poverty line of R419 (2009 prices) to zero.
 - Reduce unemployment rate to 6% by creating 11 million more jobs by 2030.
 - Significantly reduce inequality from 0.69 to 0.60 gini coefficient through a range of policy interventions.
- The National Food & Nutrition Security Plan (NF&NSP) 2018 2023
 - Vision "Optimal food security and enhanced nutritional status for all South Africans".
 - Mission "To significantly improve food security and reduce malnutrition in all its forms to afford South Africa's people opportunities to lead productive and healthy lives".
 - NF&NSP Strategic Objective 3: "Expand targeted social protection measures and sustainable livelihood programmes"
- Household Food & Nutrition Security Strategy Establish a robust network of Food Distribution Centres

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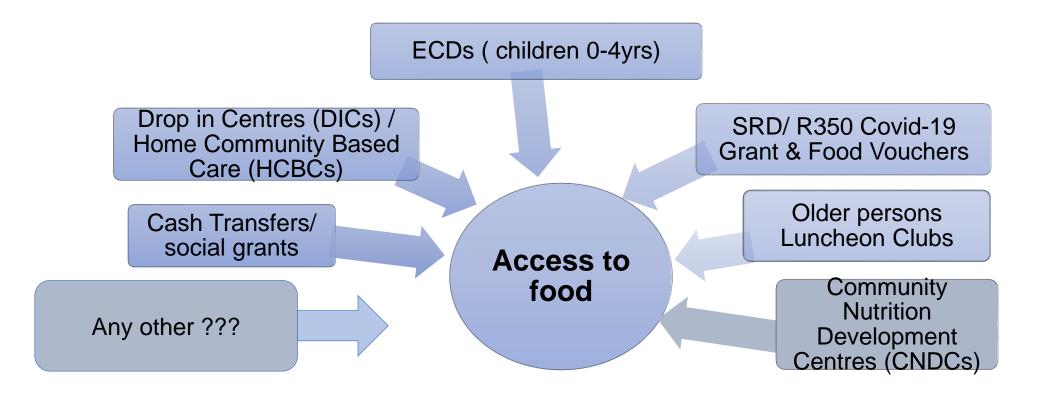




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DSD ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY PROGRAMME

(Implementing Social Protection Interventions for vulnerable people)





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HOUSEHOLD FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

DSD has established the Household Food and Nutrition Security Programme comprised a network of Food Distribution Centres to address food & nutrition insecurity in the country.

This includes services rendered in all centre based feeding programmes: Early Childhood Development Centres, Home Community Based Care Centres, Drop In Centres, Luncheon Clubs and etc.

The objectives of the Programme are to:

- Increase food access by the poor and vulnerable individuals and households
- Improve nutrition security of citizens
- Support individuals and households to attain self-reliance and self-sustenance through developmental programmes.
- Support procurement of food from local food producers





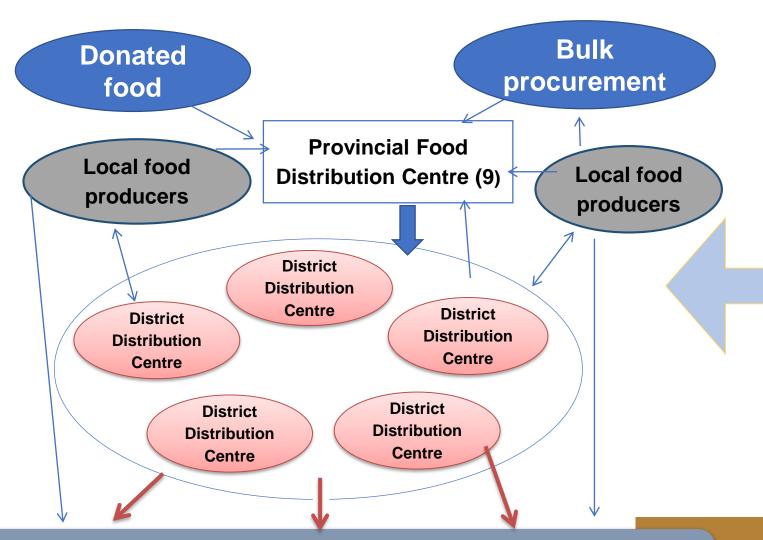
HOUSEHOLD FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY PROGRAMME THEORY OF

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<u>Transformation statement</u>: Hunger will be combated when the most vulnerable individuals / households have access to nutritious food, when food is available, an enabling environment is created, communities are empowered to be self-reliant and sustainable



THE HF&NSP APPROACH/ MODEL



Critical Components:

- Inter-sectoral coordination on the food value chain & public procurement.
- Provision of nutritious food to PVMs in CNDCs & CBFPs.
- Strategic food sourcing in PFDCs - Bulk procurement of food = Cost effectiveness.
- Sourcing of food from local producers - Coops & SMMEs = LED.
- PIAs coordination & monitoring of nutrition support services by CNDCs.

DSD Centre Based Feeding Programmes

COMMUNITY NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (CNDCs)

<u>CNDC</u>

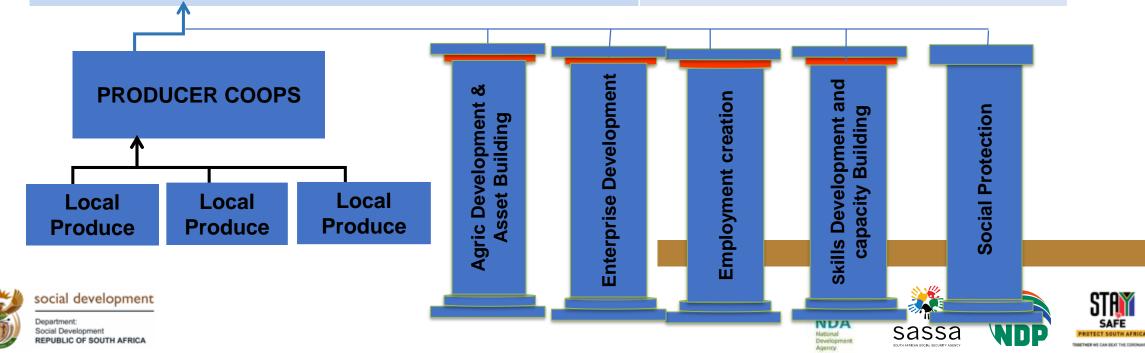
- Community facility: Hall/Church operated by CBOs
- Cooked Meals = 5 X per week
- 3 Cooks & 1 CNDC Coordinator
- 250 or more Individuals/ CNDC
- Source local produce: fresh vegetables & fruits
- CNDC equipment Tables & chairs, gas stove, etc..
- Cutlery & crockery supply for CNDC
- Cooks Training & uniforms

PARTNERSHIPS:

- NPOS
- IDT CWP & EPWP
- Private sector

Opportunities:

- Training & skills development
- Nutrition education
- Community development programmes



CNDCS MENU INLINE WITH FOOD-BASED DIETARY GUIDELINES

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HOW FAR HAVE WE GONE TO CHANGE THE SITUATION (IMPACT)?







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COVID- 19 IMPACT ON SERVICE DELIVERY MECHANISMS IN SO FAR AS IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD & NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS

Pre-COVID	During COVID Current Strategy	Beyond COVID Revised Strategy
<u>Strategy</u> was providing cooked meals through centres	<u>Strategy</u> changed to providing food parcels	<u>Strategy</u> provide multi prong approaches including food parcels, SRD R350 grant and vouchers
 <u>Delivery Mechanisms</u> Use of PFDC & CNDCs Funding to – ECD, Luncheon clubs, DIC/HCBCs Pay grants: SRD, CSG, etc 	 Delivery Mechanisms Knock and drop to households NPOs as Implementing Agents Civil Society Organisations Donors - Business, Public/individuals 	 Delivery Mechanisms Use cash/ food vouchers Use cash transfers – like the Covid- 19 grant Electronic system for monitoring distribution of food to households







FOOD PARCELS DISTRIBUTION DURING COVID-19

DEPARTMENT /ENTITITY	FOOD PARCELS DISTRIBUTED	Estimated number of people reached (1:5)	FOOD PARCELS DISTRIBUTED SASSA SRD; 105 000 Department of Environment, Forestry and 7 740 Fisheries ; 1 500	
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	1 500	7 500	Solidarity fund ; 220 674	
Solidarity fund	220 674	1 103 370	DSD total;	
DSD total	999 047	4 995 235	999 047 Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	
SASSA SRD	105 000	525 000	Solidarity fund	
Old Mutual	7 740	38 700	DSD total SASSA SRD	
GRAND TOTAL	1 333 961	6 669 805	Old Mutual	





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NDSD COORDINATED FOOD DONATIONS DURING COVID-19

Donor	Type of donation	Total Amount donated
1. Solidarity Fund	Food parcels (58 750)	R23,5 million
2. Old Mutual	Food parcels	R5,6 million
3. Unilever	Hygiene materials – soaps & tea	Not confirmed
4. Spar-Group (Pty) Ltd	8 000/month x 3 months - Food parcels	R13 million
5. CJC LDS Church	30 000 Food parcels	R24 million
6. SA Sugar Association	Selati 5kg sugar - 388 balers or 1 552 bags	R110 000
7. Khula Milling	3 000 X 10kg (30 tons) for FS, GP & Limp Provinces	R237 250
8. Majesty Oil Mills (Pty) Ltd	Soya Beef Stew (500g x 250) Soya Chicken Mince (500g x 250) Soya Soup (500g x 250) Soya Bolognaise Mince (500g x 250)	Not confirmed
9. UNDP	Bottled hand soaps	Not confirmed
10. SAB	55,000 Meals	Not confirmed
11. Procter and Gamble	10,000 boxes of Pampers nappies 10, 000 boxes of Always Sanitary towels	Not confirmed
TOTAL		R66 447 250.00

LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- There is a need to strengthen <u>resilien</u>ce of household livelihoods
- There is a need to increase <u>coverage</u> and <u>integration</u> of the social protection interventions
- Consideration must be given to foreign nationals living in SA (legally and illegally)
- There is a need to focus on the engagement with the public, CSOs FBOs, and Business :
 - Coordination of response interventions
 - Donor coordination
- Transformation of conventional service delivery strategies Digital migration, etc
- There is a need to encourage <u>self reliance</u> and empowerment of beneficiaries





PREPARATION FOR RE-OPENING OF DSD CENTRES

The following steps were undertaken by DSD in preparation for the reopening of DSD Centres in October 2020:

- 1. Development of **guidelines for COVID-19** management in DSD centres;
- 2. Virtual field testing of the guideline and training of officials;
- **3. Virtual training of 1 2000** DSD officials & centres' personnel on COVID-19 management in DSD centres;
- 4. Assessment of readiness for re-opening by trained officials;
- 5. Supply of PPEs to the Centres



	OVID-19 CENTRE SS GUIDE
HOW TO PREPARE FEEDING CENTRI FOR OPERATION DURING THE COR	ONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND POLICY ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED MOVING FORWARD

- Inter-sectoral coordination
- Collaboration with CSO, Private Sector and Government
- Functional network of Food Distribution Centres in provinces and districts
- Building of pro-poor value chains:



- Enable public procurement from local producers
- Strengthen capacities of people and communities to create sustainable livelihoods
- Develop a National Integrated Social Protection Information System (NISPIS) to streamline targeting, means testing and beneficiary targeting
- Introduce e-voucher solution to replace food parcels





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