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## **VISION**

A society free from poverty

## **WHAT WE DO?**

The NDA strengthens the capacities of civil society organisations working with poor communities, in line with its primary and secondary mandates. This in turn benefits poor communities who rely on CSOs to help speed up development and service delivery through implementation of anti-poverty strategies and programmes that improve the livelihoods of beneficiary communities.

## **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

The CSO Development Programme is the NDA's overarching programme through which the Agency strives to strengthen the capacity of civil society organisation (CSOs) to effectively and efficiently provide services to poor communities that they serve. The Agency recognizes that CSOs are development actors that contribute to economic, social and democratic development to achieve the shared goals of eradicating poverty and improving the lives of beneficiary communities. To this effect, the NDA serves as a catalyst to harness the efforts of CSOs through its CSO Development Programme which is anchored on the following four interventions:



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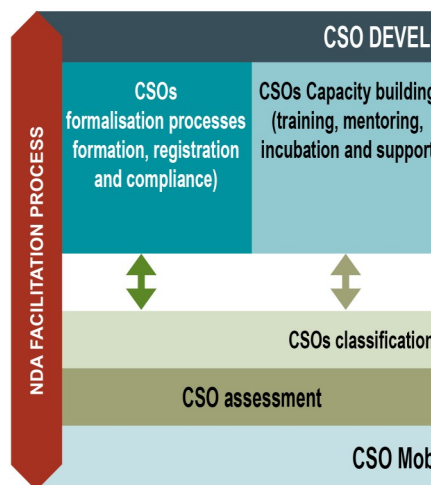
## 1. CSO's Formalisation Processes

Through the NDA CSO development framework, the NDA facilitates and supports CSO formalisation process to ensure that organisations existing in different forms can be assisted to grow and be formalised.

**The NDA, under this pillar, assists organisations to:**

- Organise themselves into formal structures or entities to fulfil the goal(s) that they aspire to achieve;
- Compile all information they require in order to register the structure as formal organisations such as NPOs or Cooperatives;

## CSO Development Model



## **Incubation**

The NDA works with established CSOs and other institutions in local areas to establish incubation centres. These centres assist organisations that need to learn and improve their systems and processes. Advice and practical examples are provided in strengthening organisational management, systems and processes.

### **3. Grant Funding and Resource Mobilisation for CSOs**

Grant funding is provided to CSOs that contribute towards the improvement of the quality of life in communities through programmes or projects that assist the poor. Resource identification and mobilisation to support NPOs and CSOs. seeks to provide information on financial and non-financial resources for CSOs. These functions also provide assistance in respect of referrals of CSOs to other state and private institutions, as well as local and international donors, for additional support.

Through this CSO Development pillar, the NDA provides the following services:

- Funding needs assessment for CSOs
- Funding proposal writing, handling face-to-face meetings
- Communicating key messages to potential funders
- Grant funding to CSOs for development programmes and projects operating in poor communities
- Developing resource mobilisation plans aimed at ensuring sustainability

### **4. CSOs Linkages for Sustainability**

A sustainable CSO is one that can continue to fulfil its mission over time and, in doing so, meets the needs of its key stakeholders – particularly its beneficiaries and supporters. As such, sustainability should be seen as an ongoing process, rather than an end in itself. It is a process that involves the interaction between different strategic, organisational, programmatic, social and financial elements.

Under this pillar the NDA provides the following services to CSOs:

- Needs assessment for linkages to sustainability opportunities
- Identifying sustainability opportunities for funding and markets for CSO's products and services
- Facilitating linkages for sustainability opportunities locally, provincially, nationally and internationally
- Assisting and facilitating CSOs access to identified funding and markets opportunities
- Facilitating creation of local, provincial and national networks for CSOs with common interests or goals.