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The National Development Agency's role in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic is implemented in partnership with 52 national Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) who provide poverty eradication interventions within their local communities. Through a grant funding intervention, each of the 52 CSOs has enlisted ten (10) volunteers to reach almost all districts within the country, to facilitate various programmes during the lockdown period. This is a total of 520 volunteers. The CSOs and volunteers provided training to already established provincial teams which included the Departments of Social Development, Health, SASSA and Municipalities. The NDA provided the CSOs with protective clothing and kits (including face masks, gloves and hand sanitisers) and information pamphlets in local languages from the GCIS.

At a basic level CSOs are assisting communities with distribution of food parcels, support of elderly and disabled persons and dissemination of Covid-19 information at hot spots as well as

door-to-door visits within communities. At an advanced level, and based on their competence, others are assisting with community screening interventions, counselling for Gender Based Violence cases, and assisting people who need access to chronic medication to visit the health care facilities. In addition to that, they are assisting communities with the various registrations to access government relief funds such as the SASSA special relief of distress funds and the Department of Agriculture Disaster Relief Fund for small scale farmers.

To date, we have reached and interacted with over 76 679 household in the programme. As of level 3, the contracts will be extended by an additional six months until the end of September 2020. The NDA, is therefore, currently identifying additional volunteers to take the number to 2000. In this way, NDA will have created 2000 jobs at a rate of R1500 per month on stipends. Moving forward, the programme will expand to reach schools, public transport facilities and stores that receive grant recipients



to create awareness and administer social distance protocols as more people will be on the move. It is with relief and pride to report that none of the 520 volunteers have been tested positive for Covid-19, a good indication that not only are the PPEs effective, but that these volunteers are themselves adhering to safety protocols.

Yours in development,
Mrs Thamo Mzobe
Chief Executive Officer

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MINISTER LINDIWE ZULU CONDUCTS SERVICE DELIVERY MONITORING VISITS IN MPUMALANGA

As part of the ongoing national response measures to contain and mitigate the spread of Covid-19, the Minister of Social Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, regularly conducts monitoring visits to sites that have been set up across the county to assist poor, disabled and vulnerable citizens.

She visited a temporary shelter for persons living on the street and a child and youth care centre in Middelburg, Mpumalanga Province, to assess the implementation of the Department's response on COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with the lockdown regulations.

In response to the declaration of the state of national disaster by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 15 March 2020, the Department of Social Development is working jointly with municipalities across the country to provide temporary shelters for the homeless.

This is part of a wider national effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 amongst this particularly vulnerable and high-risk group. To date, the Department has set up 163 shelters that provide temporary accommodation, meals, psychosocial support, healthcare services and other basic necessities.

There are currently over 14 000 homeless persons receiving these services in various shelters throughout the country. The Middelburg shelter renders services to 63 persons living on the streets, comprising of 5 females and 58 males.

All the shelters are expected to comply with the lockdown regulations such as prevention and infection control measures, screening, maintenance of strict hygiene standards and social distancing guidelines to limit the spread of the virus.

The Minister also visited Middelburg Care Centre which renders care and support services to 108 children. As part of the visit, Minister Zulu handed over personal protective equipment to help protect essential workers on the frontlines of the Department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Contact the 24-hour Gender Based Violence Command Centre toll-free number: 0800 428 428 to report abuse.



THE VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME ENABLING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) is the interdepartmental and inter-sectoral programme that seeks to develop, implement and monitor policies and programmes for victims of crime and violence. The Victim Empowerment Programme is strongly based on partnership between Government and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

The Department of Social Development, as the lead and coordinating Department for the Victim Empowerment Programme, has requested funds from the Criminal Assets Recovery Account (CARA) to strengthen the prevention of victimization and support services for victims of crime and violence. The Victim Empowerment Programme is one of the key priorities of the Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster as reflected in the Integrated Criminal Justice System Strategy and it contributes to Outcome 3: "People in South Africa are and feel safe".

In January 2020, the NDA in partnership with the Department of Social Development and the Interim Steering Committee on GBVF issued a Request for Proposals from CSOs that implement VEP in response to Gender-Based Violence and Femicide targeting all nine provinces. The NDA reported to the committee that the Call for Proposals delivered a total of 592 applications from CSOs in all nine provinces.

The NDA has commended the positive response from CSOs that submitted their proposals for the CARA VEP. All proposals have been assessed and adjudicated by a panel led by the NDA and DSD, together with representatives from members of the Interim Steering Committee as appointed by the Presidency. Of the 592 proposals, 169 are shortlisted. The committee will soon conduct site

visits to the shortlisted CSOs as part of the verification process. Once the verification process is completed, contracting with the final CSOs will commence.

At a special joint sitting of Parliament in September 2019, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced he would have a meeting with representatives of the private sector to discuss the establishment of a Gender-Based Violence and Femicide Fund (GBVF). This will increase support to survivors and include other measures that ensures programmes that supported the GBV in South Africa will also be supported by government. This was also as a result of the commitments made by government, civil society and business at the GBV Summit of 2018 which was hosted by the President.

The Co-Chairperson of the Interim Steering Committee, Advocate Brenda Madumise said, "The fight against GBV and Femicide continues. As a country we all have a responsibility to ensure that we win this fight for the next generation. We call on all South Africans to support the work of the Interim Steering Committee, focus our energy and resources towards ensuring that homes, communities, workplaces, churches and all public spaces are safe".

South Africa is plagued by high levels of gender-based violence and inundated daily by media and police reports of the horrific and senseless murder, rape and maiming of women and children in homes and communities. This onslaught is part of a wider culture of violence and intolerance that manifests in homes, workplaces, places of worship and communities, regardless of the class, race or geographic location of perpetrators or survivors or victims.





A PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE THE ECD CENTRES FROM EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

In 2017, the Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) as part of its social responsibility investment, identified and partnered with the National Development Agency (NDA) to empower 20 Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs) within the Vaal area in Emfuleni Local Municipality. The NDA provides institutional Capacity Building support to registered civil society organisations (such as ECDs) as one of its key deliverables. The training programme is a process that develops and strengthens the institutional skills, instincts, abilities and processes needed for the sustainability of community organisations.

After calling for proposals, the GMA received 27 proposals in the Emfuleni Local Municipality and numerous assessments and site visits were undertaken. Finally, the GMA funded grants to 20 deserving ECD centres to the value of R100 000 (one hundred thousand rand) each. The money was paid in two tranches directly to the ECD centres to meet their basic needs. Following the first tranche payment, one centre was disqualified from further grant funding as they didn't meet the criteria. Overall, 19 ECD centres were fully funded with grants and completed the training.

The NDA's role in the partnership was to provide these ECD centres with training programs focused on the following areas;

- Financial Management
- Conflict Resolution and Management
- Governance and Compliance
- Resource Mobilisation
- Training on Non-Profit Organisation Act
- Childcare Act

The NDA Gauteng Provincial Office conducted the training as outlined in the partnership agreement with GMA. The training offered to the practitioners will empower them with the necessary skills to build sustainable state of the art ECD centres.

Recently, both Agencies hosted a

certificate ceremony at the GMA offices in Midrand attended by enthusiastic practitioners representing the 19 ECDs, they were also spoilt with a surprise ride on the Gautrain.

Ms Mapule Phora, NDA Gauteng Provincial Manager, emphasized the importance of ECD practitioners and their role in society. She also acknowledged their hard work, not only in educating the children, but also ensuring that they are fed, stimulated and safe. "This was a pilot programme in the province, we hope to take the partnership forward and replicate it in other parts of the province".

The following ECD centres completed the programme:

- Arise and Shine Educare
- Karabo Day Care Centre
- Lesedi Pre-School
- Little Pleasure Early Childhood
- Little Voices Crèche
- Modern Day Care Centre
- Reach Out Community Project
- Rising Star Day Care Centre
- Rising Star Pre-School
- Sefate Day Care Centre
- Sharpeville Noah Day Care
- Sisonke Early Learning Centre
- Sunrise Angels
- Sunrise Day Care Centre
- Thabang Educare
- Thabong Crèche and Pre-School
- Tswelopele Pre-School
- Tshepo Day Care
- Thuto-Boho Pre-School

One of the practitioners, Mr Gideon Ramokgopa: "I was very excited as it was my first time on the Gautrain and most importantly, I felt safe. The overall grant funding and capacity building training was an eye opener and I am so happy to be afforded the opportunity to be part of this."

The GMA Acting COO, Mr Tshepo Kgobe, said "Through this corporate social investment initiative, GMA wanted to invest in young children at ECD level to better equip future engineers and leaders."



PROJECT PROFILE

Name of Project:

Ubunele Primary Cooperative

Location:

ZF Mgcawu District Municipality
10 Klankof Street, Rosedale,
Upington, Northern Cape

Established:

2017

Background:

The ladies that started Ubunele Primary Cooperative were unemployed. After attending a briefing session on Starting Cooperatives, organised by the Department of Small Business, they collectively registered a cooperative in 2017.

Membership:

5 (25 beneficiaries)

Employment:

8 Full-time jobs and 4 temporary workers who are manning the cleaning contract at Department of Social Development

Activities:

Sewing, cleaning and catering services

Products:

School uniform, wedding garments, clothing and linen

NDA Funding:

R44 617.87 (2018)

Shareholder involvement:

NDA linkage to Northern Cape SMME Trust enabled further funding of R150 000 (2018).

Challenges:

Shortage of an embroidery machine: *Purchasing the embroidery machine would reduce costs on outsourcing this service.* Clothing material is expensive in Upington (they are currently sourcing in Johannesburg): *They can grow their operations by selling clothing material with additional stock and space.*

Sustainability/Market:

The funding empowered the Cooperative to supply South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) with school uniforms to the tune of R475 980. There is big support from their community and recently they provided linen to a local Hospital.

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NDA CEO, Mrs Thamo Mzobe with the Minister and NDA provincial team members.



Ubunele Primary Cooperative premises

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SILENCING THE GUNS – CREATING CONDUCTIVE CONDITIONS FOR AFRICA’S DEVELOPMENT AND INTENSIFYING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Department of Social Development celebrated Africa Day by hosting a Takuwani Ri Ime Virtual Men’s Dialogue. The dialogue was attended by over 95 people who represented various civil society organisations. The dialogue was hosted in partnership with South African National Council On Alcoholism And Drug Dependence (SANCA) and the Men’s sector.

The Men’s dialogue chose the event’s date intentionally, highlighting that men were at the centre of ensuring that the African dream becomes a reality. The dream is an Africa that is free of violence, safe for women and children, has economic freedom for all, free movement to allow trade and free from poverty. Men were encouraged to take the responsibility of building the **#AfricaThatWeWant**.

The Deputy Minister of the Department of Social Development, Mrs Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu expressed her appreciation to the Men’s Dialogue for ensuring that the dialogue continued even during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially on Africa Day where we remembered the aspirations of our forefathers who dreamed of a united Africa since 1963.

Men were urged to look beyond the concept of self if they want to champion change in Africa. In today’s world, life has become more about ‘me’ and ‘mine’. Men need to do self-introspection and start

comparing their values and standards with those of men during pre-colonialism to bring about the necessary change that will move Africa forward.

At the Dialogue, the “Brave Campaign” was launched by the Department of Social Development Deputy Minister, Mrs Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu. The campaign was designed to create an online conversation for men and provide support to boys. The campaign will be on a WhatsApp group spearheaded by ABInbev. Currently the group has over 8000 members. The WhatsApp number is 0800 150 150.

African men must intentionally ensure that the AfricaWeWant is realised. Men are encouraged to share LIFE as follows:

- L = Labour to build the Africa we want**
- I = Inference**
- F = Finances to support one other**
- E = Expertise to build one other**

“As we remember the momentous occasion of 1963, it is our solemn duty to rededicate ourselves to the struggle to unite Africa towards economic growth, social cohesion and political stability”
– Prof. PLO Lumumba

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