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The new financial year gives the National Development Agency another opportunity to fulfill its mandate of contributing towards poverty eradication and its causes, by means of granting funds to civil society organisations that carry out development programmes and projects. Outwardly, we cleaned up house and refined and rejuvenated our Civil Society Development Programme to respond to the fundamental needs of CSOs. Internally, we are focusing on processes that will ensure staff is motivated to deliver on the mandate. Development evolves – we need to keep up with the trends to ensure service delivery. We also relooked and adjusted our policies to ensure transparency, accountability and performance in line with Public Service and Administration principles.

The NDA has made strides with the Social Security Agency of South Africa (SASSA), to register uniform producing Cooperatives in our database and I believe it has been rewarding. Following this, we will look at further linkages for Cooperatives and tighten contracting of these services to ensure sustainability for the Cooperatives. We are also unlocking other strategic and influential partnerships with South African Local Government Association (SALGA), British Council, Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), Network Action Group (NAG), traditional leaders

and any other body that seeks to advance poor South African communities. Government alone cannot reduce the poverty numbers; we continue to call on the private sector to contribute and be agents of change – particularly where they operate, and to procure goods and services from compliant Cooperatives.

We are honoured to form part of the Presidential Task Team preparing for the Social Sector Summit called by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address, that will recognise the role of CSOs and path a way forward to ensure the sustainability and advancement of the sector.

Yours in development,
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Sustainable societies
through cooperation

On 7 July 2018, members of Cooperatives around the world celebrated International Day of Cooperatives under the theme "Sustainable consumption and

production" - creating an opportunity for cooperatives to show how they run successful businesses, while respecting the natural environment and the resources it offers.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS DEVELOPMENT

The National Development Agency's (NDA) Civil Society Organisation Development Programme will be fully implemented this financial year. This follows a period of refinement last year that focused on the decentralising of NDA services, staffing as well as office accommodation to district regions of all provinces where it will have the most impact. Previously, NDA was only based in provincial offices – the new strategy furthers presence in districts where mobilisation, formalisation, grant funding, training, capacity building and referrals of CSOs will take place.

The revised grant funding approach targets specific interventions, based on the main area of need, which will further develop CSOs to ensure they have capabilities to deliver quality services and are able to attract more funding based on their performance records. CSOs that will be considered for funding must demonstrate clear community benefits and interests, a sustainable model for the community as well as development of skills and capabilities.

The expansion to more districts provided an opportunity for the NDA to strengthen relations with local municipalities. District municipalities host three of NDA's district offices: King Cetshwayo District Municipality, Xhariep District Municipality and West Rand District Municipality. "These partnerships are encouraging, the close proximity to the district municipalities will enable us to gain better knowledge of the challenges faced by communities and allow us to respond accordingly. We hope to secure more of these partnerships, including the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and traditional leaders," says Mr Nkhensani Mthembu, *Acting Chief Operations Officer*.

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NATIONAL ANNUAL TARGETS



COOPERATIVES

Youth involvement in Civil Society, a key strategy to development

As the country celebrated Youth Month and reflected on the role that youth must play in the advancement of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), the National Development Agency (NDA) called on the country's youth to get involved in the CSO sector to ensure continuity and champion innovative approaches to modern day challenges and solutions.

Fighting poverty is a central role the youth must play in freeing themselves from their difficult circumstances, which includes unemployment, poverty and inequality. The youth should form part of CSOs by starting CSOs programmes within their immediate communities, which respond directly to the development challenges they and their communities face. Youth unemployment between the ages of 18 – 24 years in 2017 stood at 52.2%, whilst youth between the ages of 24 – 34 years was 33.5% - far higher than the total economically active population. A gloomy picture considering the future of South Africa's economic development and prosperity lies within this demographic who constitutes most of the population.

Umzamo Wethu, Youth Agricultural Cooperative, is a youth Cooperative

located in Ngwelezane Township in the Mhlathuze Local Municipality (KwaZulu-Natal). The Cooperative has 14 beneficiaries, of which five are board members, all very young. The Cooperative was established in 2013 to address the youth unemployment and food insecurity challenges as identified by the local municipality. The Cooperative, together with the local municipality, approached the NDA to assist them to strengthen the project. The NDA funded a grant to the value of R 932 646.00, which was used to erect three hydroponic tunnels, a pack house, cold room and an administrative office. Seedlings, fertilizers and other equipment were bought. Additionally, a capacity building training programme was put in place to train the 14 project members. Board members were trained in corporate governance, financial and business management and other members received hydroponics farming production skills. The Cooperative plants vegetable crops in tunnels and in an open garden. They produce cabbages, green beans, peppers, tomatoes, spinach and onions. The Cooperative has standing contracts with Spar, UThungulu Fresh Produce Market and Shoprite to provide them with produce.

The Cooperative has received numerous recognition awards since 2015 - they are the current winners of the Best Youth Cooperative in the province.



Hydroponic tunnel



Umzamo Wethu Project Members

The NDA's CSOs development programme focuses on facilitating the establishment and registration of youth community-based organisations into formal entities, providing institutional capacity building and technical training, and grants with the aim of strengthening their capacities and facilitate linkages to markets for their products and services.

"We can't simply celebrate Youth Day and Youth Month without having comprehensive discussions about empowering young people to not only improve their economic situations and be successful individuals, but to also give them the necessary tools to be change agents in South Africa. It is essential that we

encourage young people to begin to assess their communities and be part of CSOs that seek to improve these communities," said Mrs Thamo Mzobe, NDA CEO.

Youth who are interested in being change agents in their communities can find out more about NDA's CSO development programme by visiting the www.nda.org.za or contact the NDA national office on 011 018 5500.

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According to Statistics South Africa, the South African youth accounts for more than

36.2%

of the South African population (ages 15 – 34)

PARTNERSHIPS

The formation of strategic partnerships with various stakeholders to ensure community development and strengthening of Civil Society Organisations is a reality that has always been a key focus of the National Development Agency (NDA). In the last financial year, the NDA strengthened 5400 CSOs through training, mentorship and incubation due to partnerships formed with government departments and businesses.

It has become more critical for the NDA to increase its footprint with resource mobilising for CSOs, the agency's budget is not increasing, while the need for CSO strengthening is. The new CSO development model that the NDA is implementing, outlines the framework to ensure sustainability of these CSOs by linking them to strategic partners who have the resources.

Recently, a Memorandum of Agreement with Kolomela Mine in Postmansburg, was signed to strengthen 20 Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) in Tsantsabane Local Municipality in the Northern Cape. Three members will represent each NPO to ensure continuity and skills

Partnerships are the way to go in CSO strengthening

transfer. NPOs are focused on early childhood development, home based care, community development, youth-based organisations and faith-based organisation activities.

Located within this impoverished community, Kolomela Mine has responded to the call as part of their community development strategy.

"The NDA will provide training programmes for the board members in financial management, conflict management, resource mobilisation and governance. Governance will cover governance structures, policies, processes, and compliance to the NPO Act on behalf of Kolomela Mine. The strengthening package includes mentorship and incubation for the period of twelve months following the training," says Mr Lesedi Piki, NDA Northern Cape Provincial Manager.

The programme is underway, it is expected that the NPOs will be able to run their organisations and comply with the NPO Act, which allows them to attract donor interest and funding. This partnership will unlock the Tsantsabane Local

Municipality potential, as NPOs will be more equipped to implement their services and monitor the government service delivery programmes effectively. The Mayor of Tsantsabane, Cllr Maria Daniels, fully supports this partnership and the goals it will achieve.

Mrs Sylvia Sebotse, a participant trainee says, "This training has been really helpful – particularly the elements around governance that touch on policies, constitutions as well as financial management. The knowledge we acquired will be valuable for our organisations, there are several things we will need to go back to and formalise. I am grateful and learned so much through this process."



NDA Provincial Manager with Mayor of Tsantsabane Local Municipality: Cllr. Maria Daniels and Manager Social Development from Kolomela Mine: Mr. George Benjamin



Mrs Thembeke Mchunu (MMC LED King Cetshwayo District Municipality), Ms NNP Mkhulisi (King Cetshwayo District Mayor), Mr MG Mhlongo (City of uMhlathuze Mayor), Ms Judy Hermans (NDA Chairperson) and Ms Yolisa Ndima (NDA KZN Provincial Manager) at the official launch of the NDA's King Cetshwayo District office

DISTRICT OFFICES

NDA brings services closer to the people in the Umhlathuze Municipality

The City of uMhlathuze successfully launched the one-stop-shop for Small Medium Macro Enterprises (SMMEs), which is aimed at catering for youth SMMEs and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the King Cetshwayo, uMkhanyakude and Zululand districts. The launch of this one-stop-shop also meant the opening of the National Development Agency's King Cetshwayo District Office that is based at the same centre.

The recently held launch in Empangeni, included the official opening of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and ABSA regional offices, which will be based at the centre with the NDA district office. The partnership between the NDA, The City of uMhlathuze, NYDA and ABSA in the King Cetshwayo District, will ensure that the community of northern Kwa-Zulu Natal will not travel far to get assistance for their CSOs and SMMEs' needs. The services that will be rendered in the one-stop-shop were previously only available in Durban, now the services have been brought to the doorstep of this community.

"This partnership is very important to the NDA, because one of the interventions and strategies we have identified in making an impact in this country is to increase the NDA's footprint in communities and bring our services closer to the people. We have realised that having an office in the main provincial city was an impediment, as people could not easily reach us," said Ms Judy Hermans, *Chairperson of the NDA Board*.

The NDA aims to assist CSOs led by the youth, women, people with disabilities and all those who have a passion for transforming their communities in the King Cetshwayo, and all surrounding districts. Through the CSO Development Programme, the NDA will be able to reach many CSOs in this district and mobilise people in the communities of King Cetshwayo to form CSOs that will respond to challenges faced by communities.

The district office is now open and can be found at the corner of Pearce Crescent and Turn Bull Road in Empangeni (opposite Empangeni Civic Centre).

Albinos can access free care packs from the Department of Social Development offices that consist of: lip balm, hat and sunscreen.



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Cooperative House
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Tel: 060 996 8223

Western Cape

Eden District Office
62 York Street, George
Tel: 011 018 5572

Gauteng

West Rand District Office
5 Pollock Street, Randfontein
Tel: 011 492 1494

Limpopo

Greater Sekhukhune District Office
Department of Social Development /
One Stop Centre
(next to Jane Furse New Hospital)
Tel: 060 981 5267

KwaZulu-Natal

King Cetshwayo District Office
Corner Pearce Crescent &
Turn Bull Road
Empangeni (near Empangeni Museum)
Tel: 031 305 5542

Mpumalanga

Ehlanzeni District Office
Simunye Shopping Centre
Office number 7
1246 Amerd Street, Hazyview
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Free State

Xhariep District Office
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