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**Social Development
(VOTE 7)**

Hon. M.G Qabathe

DATE: WED, 24 MARCH 2021

VENUE: BOTSHABELO, LENYORA LA THUTO

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DURING THE PERIOD OF COVID-19"**

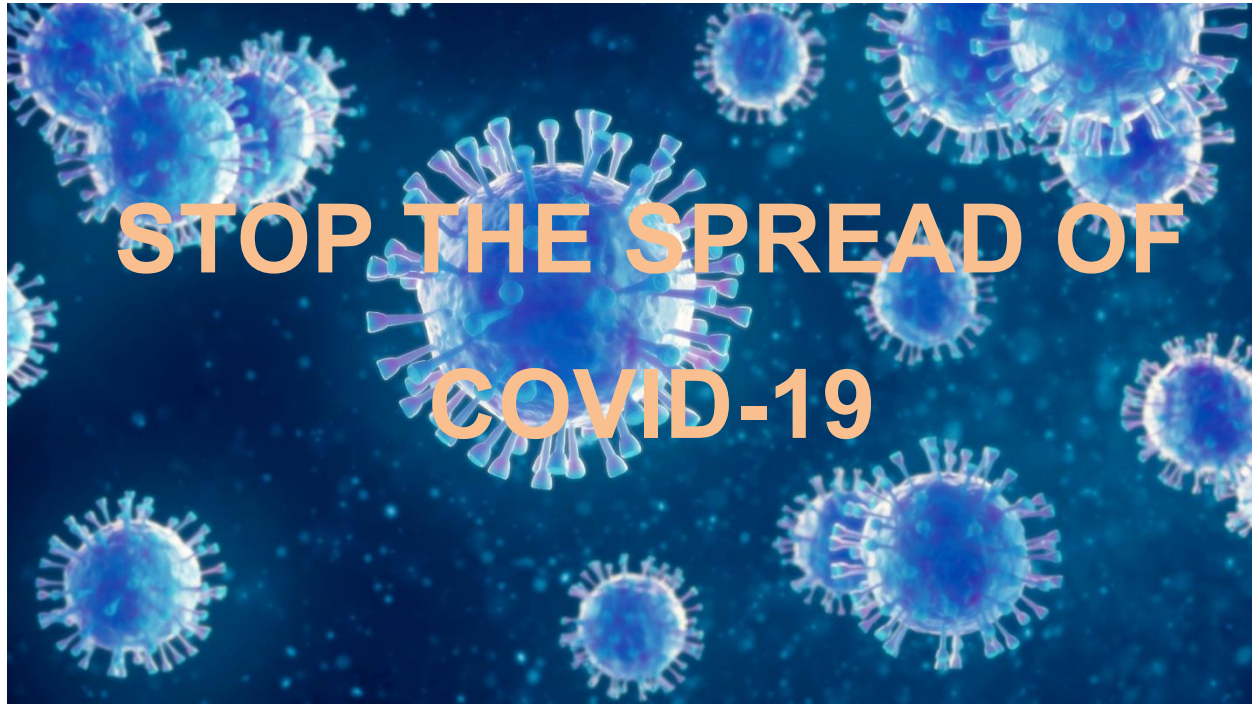


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**SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
THE HON. MG QABATHE (MPL), ON THE OCCASION OF THE
PRESENTATION AND DEBATE OF THE BUDGET VOTE 7 FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

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VENUE: LENYORA LA THUTO, BOTSHABELO**

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deputy Speaker;

Hon. Premier of the Free State Province;

Hon. Members of the Free State Provincial Legislature;

Hon. Members of the Executive Council;

Executive Mayors, Speakers, Councillors,

House of Traditional Leaders,

The Director-General & Heads of Departments and Senior Managers in all spheres
of Government;

Representatives of NPO's, ECD's and the broader civil society;

Members of the Business Fraternity;

Leaders and representatives of NEHAWU, PSA and other labour partners, Media
Houses;

Comrades, Compatriots Esteemed guests le setjhaba sa Profensi ya Foreistata

A Very Good Day to you All. Dumelang



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Honourable Speaker, I rise with humility and honor to present this Free State Department of Social Development Budget Vote 2021/22.

In honor, commemoration and celebration of 150 years of the life and times of our stalwart, Mme Charlotte Makgomo Mannye Maxeke who left an indelible mark in the history of our painful past. We continue to see her as an iconic leader of the oppressed and disposed people of South Africa, a woman of great courage, a great fortitude and a true daughter of the soil.

Speaker, as we celebrate and commemorate the life and times of the “Mother of African Freedom” who was very passionate about social issues and social upliftment of the lives of the people. In her own words she said:

“Social upliftment of African women and children could only lead to the betterment of a society as a whole”.

That is why Speaker, The Department of Social Development joins the world and the country in a salutary remembrance of our stalwart, a woman of note, a comrade, a selfless leader, a woman of courage, a mother, and a compatriot by naming the newly built Substance Dependency Treatment Centre after her.

In so doing we recommit ourselves to tell our children and grand-children her remarkable stories of heroism in order to ignite another generation of gallant leaders to respond to the challenges of this period.

Speaker, Mme Charlotte Maxeke ke mosadi wa pele wa naheng ya Afrika Borwa wa ho fumana tsa lengolo le phahameng la Bachelor of Science. Ebile ke mosadi wa pele wa ho lwanela hore bana ba thehelwe makgotla a bona a dinyewe ka thoko mme ho hirwe bomagistrata ba basadi makgotleng ao.



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Honourable Speaker,

Poverty, joblessness, hunger and disease have worsened socio-economic landscape now than ever before as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

It means that:

- The need for social welfare services in critical areas such as child protection, violence prevention, substance abuse, trauma counselling and in mental health as well as in the care of the elderly, already outstrips current levels of provision; It is also being reported that **gender-based violence** may be on the increase.
- Delays in placing children in need of foster care in long term placement could worsen; The number of required social service professionals will have to be reviewed due to the enormity of social ills that are prevailing

Speaker, let us thank and appreciate the Legislature's Budget Vote Programme as it has brought us to Botshabelo at Lenyora la Thuto Comprehensive School.

Botshabelo like any other area is hit hard by poverty, unemployment and inequalities and Covid-19 has made it worse. In our fight to alleviate the social ills and bring hope to the communities of Botshabelo, we wish to reflect that our contribution and investment in the area by SASSA is **R65.9 million** per month on Social Grants only and the Department of

Social Development is also investing as follows:

TYPE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT
SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS	R954 720
SERVICES TO FAMILIES	R672 341
SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	R1.410 million
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	R39.612 million
HIV AND AIDS	R 1.382 million
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	R 288 212.68
VEP	R 241 300.24



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Speaker,

In order to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 through our Social Security Agency, the following can be reported:

By **28 February 2021**, a total of **R1 033 532** (one million, thirty three thousand, five hundred and thirty two rand) needy people were benefiting from social grants in Free State. The number of people benefiting constitutes **37%** of the Free State population. The total amount of social grants paid is over **R890 million** per month, amounting to over **R10.6** billion per year.

The breakdown per grant type and per district is as follows:

Grants per Grant type

Grant Type	Number of Grants	Grant Value per month	%
Old Age grant	213,344	R397,793,460	21%
Disability grant	70,829	R131,741,940	7%
Care Dependency grant	8,654	R16,096,440	1%
Foster Care grant	20,265	R21,075,600	2%
Child Support grant	710,605	R319,772,250	69%
Grant-in-Aid	9,835	R4,425,750	1%
TOTAL	1,033,532	R890,905,440	100%

Grants per District

District	Nr Beneficiaries	Grant Value per month	%
Xhariep	51,677	R 44,545,272	5%
Mangaung	279,054	R 240,544,469	27%
Lejweleputswa	217,042	R 187,090,142	21%
Thabo Mofutsanyane	299,724	R 258,362,578	29%
Fez Dabi	186,036	R 160,362,979	18%
FS Total	1,033,532	R 890,905,440	100%





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SASSA also administered and disbursed the **Special Grant of R350.00** to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 for **unemployed persons with no income for the period** May to October 2020, and later this grant was extended to the end of April 2021.

As at 28 February 2021 out of a total of 525 171 application received, 319 176 (61%) were approved. 327 929 (62%) of received applications were **males**; 197 243 (38%) were **females**; and 62 956 (12%) were **persons with disabilities**.

Speaker,

We now draw your attention to our Budget Programmes in order to report how much strides we have made in the past financial year and the undertakings we want to make with our new Budget for 2021/2022.

PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION (R293.127 million)

Speaker,

The increasing pressure on the budget of the Department as a result of macro-economic challenges in our country, and the inflationary pressures on social services, mean we should be more prudent with our financial management. It is for this reason that we are putting efforts to mitigate this strategic risk.

During my 2020/21 budget vote speech, I committed the Department to conclude the appointment of former security learners. I am proud to report that all **35 security officials**, who were appointed from the provincial security learnership programme, are now permanently employed on **salary level 3**.

Madam Speaker, the safety and security of our clientele is of utmost importance. In order to meet the increasing demand for security services, we have undertaken an extensive repurposing of the **44 Masupatsela Pioneers** who have been with the Department since 2011, to become a PSIRA accredited security battalion. During 2021/22, they will be upgraded from to salary level 2 to 3.

We had also committed to enhance the Department's capacity through the appointment of Social Work Supervisors, Social Work Managers, Social Work Policy Developers and



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Social Workers and Community Development Managers. Thirty seven (37) posts in these categories were advertised and interviews have been concluded. These promotions will be effected in the new financial year and will assist the Department to improve its supervision ratio among the social work professionals.

The Department has made sixteen appointments in managerial and supervisory levels at the newly established Substance Dependency Treatment Centre in Botshabelo. These appointments were made in order to accelerate the operationalization of the Centre.

We undertook an extensive needs analysis process that highlighted the need to bolster capacity at Residential Care Facilities. In the 2021/2022 financial year, we will appoint additional Social Workers, Professional Nurses, Child and Youth Care Worker.

Honourable Speaker,

The Department of Social Development is determined to create an inclusive workplace. In 2020/21 financial year we appointed 74 officials with disabilities. During the coming year, our focus will be on ensuring that we create an enabling environment by amongst others providing aides and resources to ensure that they perform optimally.

Speaker, during this financial year, Department has also bought two vehicles for the paraplegic Social Workers to be used for field work.

These vehicles are a pilot project which has never been done in the country, meaning Free State DSD is the first Department in the whole country to have such like vehicles.

Honourable Speaker,

The Department was no exception to the devastation and the pain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, we have recorded:

- **275** officials who contracted disease;
- **5** unfortunately passed on; and
- **270** have recovered.

We continue to provide psychosocial support to the affected individuals and families of employees of the department.



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Speaker,

The disruptive nature of COVID-19 has necessitated us to enhance our IT efficiencies through the adoption of digital technology. We have finalized the process of appointing a suitable partner to assist the Department to digitise manual business processes.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Speaker,

For 2021/22 financial year, the Department has set aside an allocation of **R8.778 million** for maintenance of our government buildings which could not be done in the current year due to budget reprioritisation.

Whilst we note that the budget allocated is very limited, our end-goal focus area remains to improve the registration status of our institutions. These will mainly be on the improvement of their Health and Safety measures.

PROGRAMME 2: SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES (R245.522 million)

Care Services to Older Persons

Honourable Speaker,

As the custodian of the Older Persons Act, 13 of 2006, the Department of Social Development provides Community Based Care and Support Services, as well as residential and social work services in partnership with NGO's.

In addition to its mandate to monitor and assess compliance to the norms and standards of the Older Persons Act, the Department has included monitoring of compliance to COVID-19 regulations as a means to ensure health and safety to minimise risks amongst the elderly. This was applicable to both Government and Funded older persons residential facilities.



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We thank all residential care facilities and their Management and staff for adhering to the COVID-19 Regulations to ensure that older persons are protected. We note that the enforcement of compliance was not always easy because neither the older persons nor their families understood what was happening.

Our gratitude also go to the Private Sector for pledging their support to Residential Care facilities by providing PPEs and other means of sustenance.

Lenane la mahae a hlokomelang maqheku a seng molaong le ntse le eketseha ka sekahla se tshosang. Sena se etsa hore tlhokomelo e fokole, ebe maqheku a hlekefetswa (secondary abuse) Setjhaba se kgothalletswa ho batlisisa pele ba romela maqheku mahaeng.

Ke santse ke etsa kopo ya hore le re tsebise ha le bona mahae a seng molaong kapa ha le belaela kapa le hlokomela tlhekefetso ya mofuta ofe kapa ofe ya maqheku.

During 2021/22 financial year, the department allocated **R55.325 million** to be transferred to 200 NPO's providing, Community Based Support Services, Social Services and Residential Care Services to older persons.

Services to Persons with Disabilities

Residential Day Facilities and Day Care Centres for Children with Disabilities.

Honourable Speaker,

In 2021/2022 the Department will continue supporting residential care facilities for Children with disabilities.

For this we have set aside **R2.5 million**.

Honourable Speaker,

The department is funding 43 Day Care Centres for children with Disabilities to the tune of **R9.8million**.



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After an outcry of limited support to children with autism and children with cerebral palsy, The department is continuing to provide support and funding to Nazerene Centre for Children with Autism and Phelang centre for children with cerebral palsy in Bloemfontein with an allocated budget of **R420 480 (four hundred and twenty thousand, four hundred and eighty rands).**

Speaker,

The good news is that we are going to increase stipends for Caregivers in the Day Care centres from **R1800 to R1920**, over and above the R20 paid per child per day of attendance

Experience on Covid has highlighted a need for providing training to family members who are Care Givers.

Protective Workshops for Persons with Disabilities

Speaker,

The department will continue to fund 24 Protective Workshops with an allocated budget of **R3.170 million**. These Protective Workshops are meant to equip persons with disabilities with skills to become economically active and provide them with social services.

Disability Cooperatives and protective workshops for persons with disabilities.

The department assisted Tlamahano protective workshop in Hennenman to register as a coop and they are producing hands-free Sanitizer stands. The stands have been taken through the quality assurance process with the assistance of the Meals on Wheels NPO. The Department will be sourcing the hand-free sanitizer stands for the ECD Centres.

The department is also in partnership with a private business, named Kings Comfort, that has allocated an operating site, machinery and raw material to a cooperative of young people with disabilities who will be manufacturing wheel chair support cushions, pillows and coffee tables from recyclable materials.



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SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS

Establishment of the Departmental Rapid Response Relief Centre

The Department derives its mandate from the Social Assistance Act 13 of 2004, and Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act NO.57 OF 2002) to implement the Social Relief of Distress Programme. (Government Outcome 13)

The Social Relief of Distress Programme provides temporary and immediate assistance to identified needs in communities affected by incidences that are not declared as disasters and or any other social condition resulting in undue hardship. This came as an unfunded mandate to the department.

Speaker,

In responding adequately to the needs of the affected communities, the Department is establishing **Departmental Rapid Response Relief Centre** which will be functional in the first quarter of 2021/22 financial year. Its sole purpose would be to provide material assistance in the form of blankets, mattresses, clothing, dignity packs and food parcels to the affected impoverished households and communities in the various districts of the province.

The allocated budget is **R700 000 (seven hundred thousand rand)** for the 2021/22 Financial Year.

PROGRAMME 3: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (R558.888 million)

SERVICES TO CHILDREN,

Early Childhood Development

Early Childhood Development (ECD) is critical to ensure better performance in formal schooling which could later result in improved levels of employment, hence the first **1000 days** of a child are critical for development and nurturing.





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The Equitable share Budget allocation for ECD in the 2021/22 financial year is **R240.2 million** which is 17,7% of the total budget and this will benefit 48 650 children.

In addition, an allocation of **R50.989 million** from Conditional grant will benefit 9 369 children, this will be an increase of 3 821 children on those who benefitted in the current year.

The subsidy will still remain at R17.00 per child per day for 264 days and R1751 stipend for matrons and practitioners in equitable shares facilities.

In the 2020/21 financial year, the Department committed to construct two ECD's through its conditional grant allocation, this could not happen because funds were subsequently re-purposed for PPE's and related Covid-19 mitigation measures to prepare for readiness to reopen ECD's.

For 2021/22 financial year, R12.544 million is earmarked for the construction of just one ECD centre instead of two that was committed in the current year and also for improving sixty one (61) conditionally registered facilities to meet basic full registration requirements.

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano,

We appreciate the R38.234 million allocated to the Department from the Presidential Employment Intervention Initiative. This temporary COVID-19 relief will benefit 8637 ECD workforce, Compliance Officers, Cleaners, Cooks and Gardeners etc.

Speaker,

In June 2020, the Minister for Social Development launched the Vangasali Project which is a campaign aimed at ensuring that all unregistered ECD centres are identified and supported. In terms of the campaign no child should be left out of the official ECD programmes because they are in an informal and unregistered ECD somewhere in a backyard of a settlement.



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As a result of the initiative, the Department has been able to document 300 unregistered ECDs and the process is continuing, including targeting ECD's in the farming communities, the number may be more. We are already engaging with the representatives of the unregistered ECDs.

In fostering social cohesion with our stakeholders, we have established an Advisory Committee made up of representatives of ECD formations. Sepheo sa komiti ena ya boelets'i ke ho thusana le lefapha bakeng sa ho netefatsa tshebeletso tsa mantlha ka hara di kreche.

Speaker,

The president has made an announcement for the function shift of ECD from Department of Social Development to the Department of Basic Education. Work streams have been appointed to ensure the smooth transition between the two departments. Further pronouncements will be made by the two Ministers responsible.

Speaker,

Child Care and Protection.

The budget allocation for child care and protection in 2021/2022 is **R107.645 million** for transfers to NPO's providing prevention early intervention, community based care support, Adoptions and residential care services to children in need of care and protection.

From this allocation we will also continue to subsidize children in child and youth care centres at R4000.00 per child per month.

Honourable speaker, as we may all know that the Department of Social Development was taken to High Court by the Centre for child Law since 2013 for foster care. Every two 2 years since then the High Court order is being extended and the main issue is about addressing systematic issues which affects management of the foster Care system.



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Speaker,

Our foster care backlog was 9 862, we have so far managed to finalise 4 511 and now left with 5 351 applications.

Speaker, please note that the budget allocated to the Department of Social Development still needs to be increased in order to address the chronic shortage of Social Service Professionals.

In my 2020/21 budget vote, I made a commitment that 20 Social Workers within the Department will be registered to become Adoption Social Workers to address shortage of accredited Social Workers in this field. To date, the Council for Social Services Professionals has approved registration of 18 Social Workers who will assist a lot in reducing the backlog in foster care.

PROGRAMME 4: RESTORATIVE SERVICES (R188.305million)

Victim Empowerment Programme

Honourable Speaker,

I am proud to announce that renovations of our two Secure Care Centres for children in conflict with the law (Matete Matches and Winkie Direko) are completed and are operational.

Gender Based Violence (GBV)

I had previously reported in the 2020/21 financial year, that 16 Social Work Graduates would be appointed to work in areas with a high prevalence of gender-based violence, substance abuse and issues affecting children throughout the Province.

We are happy to announce that the sixteen (16) Social Workers are now permanently appointment, there is an additional appointment of seven (7) new Social Workers on contract. Of the 23 appointed, Four (4) are assigned to assist in Thuthuzela Care Centres, one (1) in Botshabelo Magistrate Court and four (4) in Elizabeth Ross Hospital in QwaQwa



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Shelters for Victims of Gender Based Violence

Madam Speaker,

Shelters of victims of gender-based violence, who are mainly women, remain a critical shortage in our communities.

In 2020/21 budget vote, we reported having one **(1) safety house and five (6) shelters**, this financial year, an allocation of **R1 million** is set aside for opening another shelter in Xhariep. Speaker, the house should note that, regrettably one (1) shelter in Parys closed down.

During 2020/21 financial year, we allocated **R 500 000** for the completion of a new building for **Thusanang Advice Centre in QwaQwa**. This organization has been operating a shelter from a small refurbished container at **Makwane Youth Centre**. The Centre will be completed and operationalized in 2021/22 financial year.

Funding will also be made available for improvements and maintenance of existing shelters. Our greatest challenge is to ensure that our shelters are compliant and accessible to all groups such as people with disabilities and LGBTQI+.

We are also pleased to announce that we are in talks with Sparta (Pty) Ltd for an establishment of a **Multi-Purpose Centre in Marquard** which will consist of a Skills Development Unit. The Centre will offer **life skills, IT training, business management, and technical skills to youth and women**, particularly those who have been victims of Gender Based Violence.

Speaker,

The Department has also registered **Lejweleputswa District, Welkom**, in particular, as deserving greater attention in responding to the increase in GBV cases in the area. We have started engaging with Thabong Police Station to ensure integrated and rapid responses to issues of GBV, social crime and substance abuse.





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VEP Prevention and Community awareness

The Department is funding **36 Non-Profit Organization (NPO's)** to render **Victim Empowerment Programmes** with an allocation of **R13.272 million**.

Awareness campaigns were intensified during the lower levels of the lockdown including during the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children Campaign. A total of **90 campaigns** were conducted throughout the Province. **Three (3) Webinars** were conducted during August Month focusing on Young Men, Adult Men and members of the Lesbian, Gender, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Asexual + Community (LGBTQI+)

HIV/ AND AIDS

Honourable Speaker,

In 2020/21 The Department also allocated **R 18.137 million**, to fund **117 NPO`s** to render prevention services dealing with HIV and AIDS. An additional **R4.615 million** was allocated to fund **20 NPO`s** to expand their outreach in the implementation of Social and Behavior Change Programme.

A budget of **R 5.393 million** is available for 2021/22 as part of earmarked funding to further escalate provision of the Social and Behavior Change Programme. Part of this funding will be used in expanding the Programme to the community safe parks.

A project targeting commercial sex workers will be introduced in Harrismith. The aim of the project is to provide comprehensive psychosocial support, and advocacy to commercial sex workers who remain at the periphery of service delivery. This will be our first phase which will take the form of a pilot. A few commercial sexual workers will be recruited and trained, working with an implementing partner, to focus on their social and human development.

Speaker,

There is also a great need to target young boys in particular, before they fall into the temptations of crime, drugs and alcohol abuse. A project will be initiated in





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Lejweleputswa for Men and Boys Championing Change to deal with these social problems and the ever threatening increase of gangsterism.

A total allocation for HIV and AIDS for transfer payments for 2021/22 is **R26 million**.

Substance Abuse

In the 2020/21 financial year we funded **43 NPO's** to the value of **R8.031 million** to render community awareness and prevention programmes. During December we launched a campaign on anti-substance abuse, crime prevention as well as anti-GBV. We were on the streets, in taverns; we hosted dialogues and used community and national media to reach even bigger audiences.

In the new financial year we have been allocated **R 8.473 million** for transfer payments to continue rendering services.

Drug and Alcohol Dependency Treatment Centre in Botshabelo

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like announce the completion of the Drug and Treatment Centre in Botshabelo. A total amount of **R 73.787 million** was spent on the project over the years.

The Centre has the capacity of **40 beds** divided as follows: **20 male adults, 10 female adults, 5 boys and 5 girls**.

The Centre will create 100 jobs in total and residents of Botshabelo will also be considered in filling these posts.

The Charlotte Maxeke Substance Dependency Treatment Centre is now operational, like I said earlier, the Centre will be officially launched later in the year.



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PROGRAMME 5: DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH (R156.531 million)

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

Honourable Speaker,

During 2020/21, the department facilitated the registration and support of five (5) Women Owned Cooperatives, ensuring that they are assisted to acquire industrial sewing machines, over-locker, embroidery machines, material as well as Executive Containers from which they will operate. The Women were also provided with life skills, advanced garment and masks manufacturing training, this is to ensure that they are able to sustain their businesses beyond the funding of the Department.

R1.8 million was spent in the current financial year for this purpose.

Madam Speaker, it is worth mentioning that we will be working with Kings Comfort which will not only provide Business Management practical coaching and mentorship but will also market the bedding and linens made by these Cooperatives through their bed outlets throughout the Province.

Speaker, Government spent must help to grow these Women Cooperatives into micro and macro businesses.

Honourable Speaker,

In the year 2021/22, the Department has allocated **R1.4 million** for Women Development and intends using it as follows:

- Support the **Itekeng Sewing Project in Sehlabjaneng Village**, an organisation that sews uniforms for Primary Schools in the area and surrounds, to procure industrial machinery essential for their further development and growth.
- Establish **2 Spaza Shops** owned by Women in the **Thaba Nchu Trust Areas**. These Spaza Shops will not only facilitate the independence and empowerment of Women but will also be linked to **SASSA Pay points**, ensuring that elderly and disabled grant recipients do not have to walk long distance to access the service.

More than **20 Work Opportunities** are targeted for these programmes.





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Youth Development

Speaker,

For the financial year ending 2020/21, the Department initiated a project of transforming dumping sites and neglected parks into Safe Parks to be used as facilities where young people, women and children will access information, engage in recreational activities and develop their life skills. In total, **12 Safe Parks** will be created and will be named after the **12 Disciples of Mandela**.

The Department allocated **R1.4 million** for the establishment six (6) Safe Parks for the current year. The remaining six (6) will be established during 2021/22 financial year.

Honourable Speaker,

The Department has allocated **R228 000** to the youth run **Cooperative** named **Proud to Serve** based in **Thubisi Trust** at Thaba Nchu to procure machinery and equipment for the manufacturing of Sanitizer Dispensing units and a Container from which the organisation can operate.

In addition, we will also:

Establish three (3) **Spaza Shops owned by Young People in the Thaba Nchu Trust Areas** which will be linked to **SASSA Pay points**. This will have the added benefit of bringing the SASSA services closer to people.

We allocated **R2.6 million** for these projects.

Speaker, we are proud to invest in young who are from rural areas in particular.



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EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME

Speaker,

As the lead Department in the EPWP Social Sector, Let me announce that the Department of Social Development itself has contributed 10 997 Work Opportunities in the 2 years of Phase 4.

For 2021/ 22, the Department has been allocated **R20.320 million** for the creation of **5 418 Work Opportunities**.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

Honourable Speaker,

For the coming financial year, a total budget of **R12.4 million** will be allocated to the poverty alleviation programme which will include the sustenance of the **51 CNDs**.

The Department has allocated **R600 000** to support the Sehlabjaneng Woodworks Project, a Furniture Manufacturing Project Sehlabjaneng Village in Qwaqwa, Thabo Mofutsanyana District.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to appreciate our partnership with Meals on Wheels which is assisting us in a number of programmes. Let me announce that amongst others Meals on Wheels has assisted to support young entrepreneurs to grow and professionalize their businesses.

In Virginia we are supporting T & T Pitza by donating a baking oven and assist turning the business into ekasi franchise.

In Mangaung, bakery equipment has been donated to All Events Couture Enterprises.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

We will be faltering if we do not pronounce on our contributions to support government's effort to grow the economy and aggressively support local economic development. The department consciously commits to direct its spending to support emerging cooperatives for women, youth and people with disabilities. We commit to keep an eye on our supply chain processes to ensure that this strategic intent of government is realised.

Speaker,

For the 2021/22 financial, the Department received a budget allocation of **R1.442 373 (one billion, four hundred and forty two million and three hundred and seventy three thousand rand) billion** in 2021/22, **R1.455 382 billion (one billion, four hundred and fifty five million and three hundred and eighty two thousand rand)** in 2022/23 and **R1.454 658 billion (one billion, four hundred and fifty four million and six hundred and fifty eight thousand rand)** in 2023/24.

We hereby therefore table the **Budget of the Department for 2021/22.**

Programme 1: Administration	R293.127 million	20%
Programme 2: Social Welfare Services	R245.522 million	17%
Programme 3: Children and Families	R558.888 million	39%
Programme 4: Restorative Services	R188.305 million	13%
Programme 5: Development and Research	R156.531 million	11%



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In conclusion, Hon. Speaker,

I wish to thank and appreciate the support of our Hon. Premier, Me Sisi Sefora Ntombela, the members of the Executive Council.

Let us appreciate with gratitude the work and support of the Portfolio Committee on Education, Health and Social Services under the steership of the chairperson, Hon.member Thabo Meeko, and the Provincial Public Accounts Committee (PROPAC) under the leadership of the chairperson Hon. Vusi Tshabalala

I wish to thank the **Senior Management Team** of the Department, led by **Advocate TJ Phahlo**, who currently acts capably as the Head of Department in these challenging times.

I also wish to thank all the employees of the Department of Social Development who have been at the fore-front of service delivery during these trying times of COVID-19.

We believe that the majority of our public servants serve our people with diligence and commitment. We applaud them for the excellent work they do.

Special thanks to my family and friends for their continued support at all times.

I THANK YOU!





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