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TABLINGS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Chairperson of the Social Development Portfolio Committee, Dr. N E Mokgethi, tabled the Committee's Oversight Report on the Fourth Quarterly Performance Report of the Department of Social Development for the 2022/2023 financial year, as attached:

COMMITTEES QUARTER OVERSIGHT REPORT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PERFORMANCE

**Portfolio Committee on Social Development Oversight Report on the Fourth Quarterly Report of the Department
of Social Development for the 2022/23 Financial Year**

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i. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Wording
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APP	Annual Performance Plan
CBO	Community-Based Organisation
CYCC	Child and Youth Care Centre
CYCW	Child and Youth Care Worker
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
FBO	Faith Based Organisation
GBVF	Gender Based Violence and Femicide
GCR	Gauteng City Region
GDSD	Gauteng Department of Social Development
GGT-2030	Growing Gauteng Together-Our Vision 2030
GEYODI	Gender, Youth and Disability Interventions
GPL	Gauteng Provincial Legislature
HCBC	Home and Community Based Care
HDI	Historically Disadvantaged Individual
HIV	Home Immunodeficiency Virus
LGBTQI+	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex
MTSF	Medium Term Strategic Framework (in this case, relating to 2019-2024 Term of Office)

Abbreviation	Full Wording
NDP	National Development Plan
PGDP	Provincial Growth and Development Plan
PwDs	Persons living with Disabilities
RISDP	Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SMME	Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise
SOM	Sector Oversight Model
TER	Township Economic Revitalisation
TMR	Transformation, Modernisation and Reindustrialisation
VEP	Victim Empowerment Programme

ii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department continues to lead in the coordination of social protection imperatives outlined in the United Nation (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the National Development Plan (NDP) Vision 2030 that are implemented through the Medium-Term Framework (MTFS) through priority 4, consolidating the social wage through reliable and quality basic services. The Department further considered Gauteng City-Region (GCR), ten (10) Pillar programme of Transformation, Modernisation and Reindustrialisation (TMR), Accelerated Social Transformation Strategy and Gauteng Province Anti- Poverty Strategy.

The Committee acknowledged that during the period under review, the Department continued to enhance its contribution to the Tshepo One Million through youth internships, Expanded Public Work (EPWP) and Welfare to Work Programmes by developing youth, women, and persons with disabilities potential through incorporating them to other development initiatives. A total of 7 168 work opportunities were created through the Expanded Public Work Programme (EPWP) and 16 777 Welfare to Work participants were reached.

The Department further reported to have paid 98.87% suppliers within 30 days and 87.23% suppliers within 15 days to ensure that SMME's cash flows and financial sustainability is improved.

During the period under review, 5 885 older persons were reached in residential facilities and 19 951 older persons were also reached through services provided by funded community-based care and support facilities. The Committee acknowledged that 3 811 persons with disabilities were reached through protective workshops and 44 residential facilities while 18 972 785 beneficiaries were reached through disability prevention programmes.

In mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS, the Department funded NPOs that render home and community-based care (HCBC) and support services to people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

The committee acknowledged that the department provided 155 697 food parcels and 30 755 daily meals to alleviate hunger and poverty during the quarter under review.

The Committee noted with concern that the Department has provided 30 755 daily meals to Home Based Care Centres against the planned target of 32 200 in the quarter under review. According to the Department, the underperformance was as a result fewer beneficiaries who accessed the programme and the suspension of Non-Profit Organisations who did not comply with funding requirements.

iii. INTRODUCTION

The Portfolio Committee on Social Development exercises oversight and scrutiny over the Gauteng Department of Social Development. This includes planning, budgeting, financial management and reporting by the Provincial Department of Social Development. In line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996), the Public Finance Management Act (1999) creates the basis on which oversight by Legislatures should be exercised. It clearly outlines areas of service delivery that should be reported on, including the responsibilities of officials and the role of the Legislature in cases where reports must be tabled.

This report is an evaluation of expenditure performance and the assessment of non-financial performance of the Department of Social Development during the period of January – March 2023. The assessment is conducted as per the Sector Oversight Model (SOM), the Standing Rules of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and other applicable laws including the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

iv. PROCESS FOLLOWED

- On the 4 April 2023, the Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature, Hon L.H Mekgwe referred the Fourth Quarter Performance Report of the Department of Social Development to the Committee for consideration and reporting.

- On the 19 May 2023, the Committee received a presentation on the research analysis on the Fourth Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY. Immediately after that, the Department presented the Fourth Quarter Performance Report for 2022/23 FY.
- On the 19th of May 2023, the Department presented its Fourth Quarter Report and the responses to follow-up questions arising from the Fourth Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY.
- On the 24 May 2023, the Committee deliberated and adopted the draft Fourth Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY

1. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Committee acknowledged that the Department was able to contribute to two strategic objectives, namely, Priority 1: Economy, Jobs and Infrastructure. On priority 1, the Committee acknowledged that out of the 10 planned targets, the Department managed to achieve 5 targets which represent 50%, 4 showed good progress representing 40%; and 1 target showed fair progress representing 10%.

2. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY ACHIEVEMENT OF APP TARGETS

2.1 OVERSIGHT ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANS/TARGETS

Of the 20 planned targets, the Department achieved 17 targets representing 85%; 1 target showed good progress representing 5%; 1 target showed fair progress representing 5%; and 1 target representing 5% showed very poor progress.

Of the 21 planned targets, the Department achieved 19 targets representing 90.48%; 1 target showed poor progress representing 4.76%; and 1 target demonstrated very poor progress representing 4.76%.

2.2 PROGRAMME INFORMATION

2.2.1 Programme 1: Administration

The purpose of this programme is to provide political and strategic direction and leadership and to guide and support the development policy frameworks and guidelines for the implementation of priority programmes.

The Committee noted with concern that the number of Extended Public Works Programme work opportunities created through DSD programmes has reached 7 168 as compared to the planned target of 7 432 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted that the number of Learners on learnership programmes has reached 50 which is the same number that was planned for by the end of the quarter under review.

2.2.2 Programme 2: Social Welfare Services

2.2.2.1 Care and Support Services to Older Persons

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee noted that the number of older persons accessing residential facilities has reached 5 885 as compared to the planned target of 6 526 by the end of the quarter under review. According to the Department, the underperformance was due to fewer beneficiaries accessing residential facilities than anticipated which is dependent on the number of referrals received from communities.

2.2.2 Services to Persons with Disabilities

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee noted that the number of persons with disabilities accessing residential facilities has reached 1 623 as compared to the planned target of 1 923 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee acknowledged that the number of persons with disabilities accessing services in protective workshops has reached 3 811 as compared to the planned target of 4 365 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.2.3 HIV and AIDS

The purpose of this sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of food parcels issued by Home and Community Based Care Organisations has reached 155 697 as compared to the planned target of 136 000 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee noted that the number of beneficiaries receiving Psychosocial support services has reached 108 084 as compared to the planned target of 100 085 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.3 Programme 3: Children and Families

2.3.1 Care and Services to Families

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of family members participating in preservation services has reached 46 241 as compared to the planned target of 28 513 by the end of the quarter under review. The Department indicated that the performance was due to intensified departmental efforts in the implementation of the programme including the use of a revised mode of service delivery which attracted an increased number of beneficiaries. The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of family members participating in parenting programmes has reached 25 111 as compared to the planned target of 14 035 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee

further acknowledged that the number of family members reunited with their families has reached 609 as compared to the planned target of 447 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.3.2 Child Care and Protection Services

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.

The Committee noted that the number of children placed in foster care that receive social work services has reached 897 as compared to the planned target of 1 546 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted that the number of children with valid foster care orders has reached 30 775 as compared to the planned target of 46 426 of the quarter under review. According to the Department the target was not achieved due to the delays in some of the courts in issuing out the court orders and the designated CPOs not concluding the foster care cases.

2.3.3 Child and Youth Care Centres

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.

The Committee noted that the number of children in CYCCs that are reunited with their families has reached 143 as compared to the planned target of 24 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further noted that the number of children placed in Child and Youth Care Centres has reached 4 200 as compared to the planned target of 4 512 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.3.5 Community-Based Care Services for Children

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide comprehensive child and family care and support services to communities in partnership with stakeholders and civil society organisations.

The Committee noted that number of Children reached through community-based prevention and early intervention programmes has reached 19 884 as compared to the planned target of 19 473 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.6 Programme 4: Restorative Services

2.6.1 Crime Prevention and Support

The purpose of the sub programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of persons reached through social crime prevention awareness programmes has reached 1 053 716 as compared to the planned target of 401 726 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further acknowledged that the number of NPOs implementing diversion and prevention programmes has reached 1 968 as compared to the planned target of 1 309 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.6.2 Victim Empowerment

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through programme of no violence against women and children including 16 days of activism has reached 3 212 075 as compared to the planned target of 1 338 729 while the number of students reached through the awareness programs rolled out in institutions of higher learning reached 21 064 as compared to the target of 16 089 for the quarter under review.

2.6.3 Substance Abuse, Prevention and Rehabilitation

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of beneficiaries reached through substance abuse prevention programmes has reached 5 791 417 as compared to the planned target of 3 166 757 while the number of service users who accessed outpatient-based treatment services has reached 2 980 as compared to the planned target of 2 686 by the end of the quarter under review.

The Committee further acknowledged that the number of service users admitted at registered and funded Halfway Houses has reached 338 as compared to the planned target of 180 by the end of the quarter under review.

During the engagement on the First Quarter for 2022/23 FY, the Department reported that the number of Youth (18-35) years and reached through the Ke-Moja drug prevention programme has reached 1 051 453 as compared to the planned target of 756 010 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.7 Programme 5: Development and Research

2.7.1 Institutional Capacity Building and Support to NPOs

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of NPOs capacitated has reached 120 as compared to the planned target of 200 while the number people reached through community mobilization programs has reached 32 467 110 compared to the planned target of 11 665 439 during the quarter under review.

2.7.2 Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of food relief issued to people through food banks has reached 285 813 as compared to the planned target of 273 152 by the end of the quarter under review.

The Committee noted with appreciation that the number of dignity packs distributed has reached 1 097 999 as compared to the planned target of 444 000 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.7.3 Community Based Research and Planning

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.

The Committee noted that the number of households profiled has reached 23 585 as compared to the planned target of 16 704 while the number of community-based plans developed has reached 27 compared to the target of 26 for the quarter under review.

2.7.4 Youth Development

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide sustainable development programmes which facilitate empowerment of communities based on empirical research and demographic information.

The Committee acknowledged with appreciation that the number of youths participating in youth mobilisation programmes has reached 203 201 as compared to the planned target of 23 342 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further acknowledged that the number of youths participating in skills development programmes has reached 19 063 as compared to the planned target of 11 984 while the number of

youth accessing economic opportunities/income generating programmes has reached 17 779 as compared to the planned target of 12 655 by the end of the quarter under review.

2.7.4 Women Development

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide integrated developmental social welfare services to poor and vulnerable beneficiaries in partnership with stakeholders and civil society.

The Committee acknowledged with that the number of women participating in empowerment programmes has reached 22 236 as compared to the planned target of 21 584 by the end of the quarter under review. The Committee further acknowledged that the number of women on child support grant linked to economic opportunities has reached 1 448 as compared to the planned target of 1 357 by the end of the quarter under review.

3 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT

3.1 DETAILS OF DEPARTMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Committee noted that the Department has several projects particular on infrastructure that are behind the schedule due to several reasons which some of them can be attributed, amongst others to lack of intergovernmental relations in the implementation of these projects.

4. OVERSIGHT ON PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION AND PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE:

Monitoring and Evaluation

During the deliberations on the 4th Quarter Report for 2022/23 financial year, the Department reported that it has an institutionalized management of reported performance information through both Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Central Records Management

Guideline. According to the Department, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework has ensured that Regions, Institutions and Business Units of Department support their quarterly reported performance with Evidence which they pre-verified before final verification by Directorate Monitoring and Evaluation(M&E). The Standard Operating Procedures ensures tracking and signoffs throughout the management of reported performance value chain leading to final verification.

The Department further reported that Central Records Management ensures that M&E final verified reported performance information is safely stored in a Departmental Central Records Centre which is managed by Head Office Records Management Unit as per the final verified records handed over by localized Records Management Units from Regions, Institutions and Business Units of Departments. For the quarter under review, the process delineated above has been systematically executed.

The Central Records Management Guideline and Records protocols ensure that performance information is safely stored until audit by AGSA is concluded and then kept in line with Records Management Policy and National Archive Act.

5. OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

During the 2022/23 financial year, the Department has been allocated an amount of **R5 537 037. 000.00**. During the quarter under review, the Department managed to spend **R1 528 791** across all programmes representing 93% of the allocated budget by the quarter under review.

In terms of the expenditure per programme, the Committee acknowledged that on Administration, the Department manage to spend **R241 612.00 (98%)**, on Social Welfare Services the Department spent **R304 091.00 (100%)**, on Children and Families it spent **R510 243.00 (97%)**, on Restorative Services the Department has spent **R198 372. 00 (90%)**, and lastly on Development and Research it spent **R 274 473. 00 (98%)**.

DEPARTMENTS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO GEYODI RESPONSIVE BUDGETING/PROCUREMENT FOR THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW:

The Committee acknowledged that on procurement targets that are related to Historically Disadvantaged Individuals, the Department managed to spend 90.55%, on women it has spent 42.58%, on Youth it spent 30.34% while on persons with disabilities was at 6.18%. The Committee further acknowledged that the Department reported to have paid 98.87% of its service providers within 30 days and 87.23% was paid within 15 days. On township economy, the Department reported to have spent 50.97% during the quarter under review.

In relation to conditional grants, the Committee acknowledged that the Department has spent 100% on EPWP Incentive Grant.

6 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS MANAGEMENT

6.1 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY RESOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT	
How many Responses / Actions to Resolutions were due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review	With respect to all Resolutions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Resolutions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity
10	0
What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to Committee Resolutions	
The Department has deteriorated in terms of meeting the deadlines for responses to resolutions. The Committee has still not received the responses on the 2 nd Quarter Report for 2022/23 FY which was due on the 31 January 2023	
With respect to the Resolutions / Action due during the Quarter under review but still overdue, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]	
There is no touchable reason provided for not responding to resolutions. The only response that was provided was that they will look at their archives and nothing after that.	

6.2 THE DETAILS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PETITIONS MANAGEMENT	
How many Responses / Actions to Petitions due by the Department / Entity during the Quarter under review	With respect to any and all Petitions that were due in the Quarter under review, how many Petitions have been successfully responded to by the Department / Entity
1	1
What is the Committees perception of the Quality and Timeliness of Department / Entity responses to referred Petitions	

With respect to the Petitions / Action due during the Quarter under review but not yet responded to by the Department / Entity, what reasons have been provided by the Department / Entity [with mitigating measures to submission]

MEC's Office to give progress.

7 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Department conducted Public Engagements during the period under review as follows:

The department conducted the following services delivery programs in **TISH** areas:

- Services blitz was conducted at Kwa-Thema hostel, this program brought government departments to provide services to the residents of the hostel and the surrounding areas.
- Service blitz and career exhibition at Daveyton in partnership with Oasis of Life church.
- Service blitz at Ratanda to the residents of hostels and the surrounding informal settlements
- Jabulani Hostel service blitz for hostel residents and surrounding areas.
- Back to school campaign in all five regions.
- Men's Conference was also held in Soweto.

8 OVERSIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL TREATISE / AGREEMENTS

- None (Information is applicable to OCPOL)

9 OVERSIGHTS ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY GEYODI EMPOWERMENT

During the period under review, the Department reported to have conducted HIV/AIDS programmes reaching out to 85 758 males (35%) 157 657 females (65%) undisclosed participants 16(0%). The Department also reported to have reached out to 49 545 youths (20%), 2 096 persons with disabilities (1%).

The Department further reported to have conducted Victim Empowerment Programmes reaching to 133 349 males (7%), 884 051 females (43%), 9 669 (6%) youth 101 324(5%) and 1 243 persons with disabilities (0%).

10 OVERSIGHT ON DEPARTMENT / ENTITY COMPLIANCE WITH FIDUCIARY REQUIREMENTS

None

11 OVERSIGHT ON A CAPACITATED PUBLIC SERVICE

11.1 DETAILS OF THE CAPACITATED DEPARTMENT/ENTITY

During the period under review, the Committee acknowledged that the Department had a total number of 5 644 posts. A total of 5 151 posts have been filled while 493 posts are still vacant as at the end of the quarter under review. The Department further reported that it had 473 terminations and 68 new appointments while four (1) person was on acting positions during the period under review.

12 OVERSIGHT ON ANY OTHER COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA

None

13 COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

13.1 DETAILED COMMITTEE FINDINGS / CONCERNS

With respect to termination of contracts to NPOs who did not comply with funding requirements, the Committee is concerned that the terminations might have affected the most vulnerable beneficiaries, who happen to be women and children.

14 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 [DETAILED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS]

Based on the information set out herein-above as well as the Committee Concerns, the Committee therefore recommends as follows:

Ref Number	Recommendation	Type of response expected	Due Date
SOCDEV / Q4PR / 001	The Department should provide a detailed report on the number of NPOs that had their contracts/SLAs terminated and the remedial action that was done by the Department to makes sure that the beneficiaries that were receiving services from these NPOs continue receiving services.	Written Response	31/07/23

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16 ADOPTIONS

After extensive deliberation, the Social Development Committee adopted the Fourth Quarter Performance Report on the Department of Social Development for the 2022/23 FY. In accordance with Rule 117(2)(c) read together with Rule 164 the Social Development Portfolio Committee tables the report to the House for consideration and adoption, considering the concerns and the proposed recommendations made in the report.