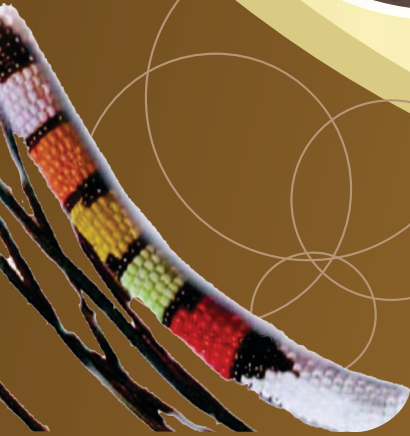




POLICY SPEECH

2022/23



BUDGET SPEECH 2022/23 EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
2022/23 Policy and Budget Vote tabled by
Honourable MEC for Social Development
Mrs. S.I. Mani-Lusithi
at the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature,
15 March 2022

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Molweni! Good afternoon! Goeie middag! Dumelang!

Sihlalo Wendlu yoWiso-Mthetho, in his State of the Nation Address earlier last month, His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa called for an urgent necessity to fuse our efforts in tackling our present day challenges. President Ramaphosa articulated a need for what he termed as a “New Consensus”. He said it must be “a consensus that is born out of a common understanding of our challenging situation and recognition of the

need to address the challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.”

Honourable Speaker, we agree that this consensus among ourselves is a natural consequence of our shared responsibility to the people and to deliver on the aspirations of the people. In his State of the Province Address, the Honourable Premier Oscar Mabuyane also pointed out that central to our efforts must be the pursuit of uplifting the people from poverty and in all the facets of socio-economic life. In this regard, the National Development Plan (NDP) enjoins us to create an inclusive social protection system that addresses all areas of vulnerability and that is responsive to the needs, conditions and livelihoods of those who are most at risk.

Honourable Speaker, the Department is conversant of the fact that we are now at the mid-term of the 6th Administration and we only have **07** years left towards the realisation of the goals set in vision 2030. This means we must prioritise the implementation of programmes, which will yield the greatest impact towards the attainment of vision 2030. As we look forward to a new financial year, we have a renewed vigour to deliver on our mandate and improve the lives of the people of the Province. We are still faced with a mammoth task of building an inclusive society that can cushion the most vulnerable members of society in order to achieve a sustainable future.

As we gather in this August House, our social compact commitment is premised on the noble idea and belief of providing care, protection and development to every household, family and community which transcends beyond our Eastern Cape borders.

Silisebe, sisamile kwaye sizibophelele ekuphuhliseni nasekumiliseleni ikhaka lokhuseleko lwentlalo (i-Social Protection ukutsho) ngokuthi sakhe kwaye sixhase iintsapho eziluhlilima ngokuthi sigxile kumantombazanana amakhwenkwanana, amanina, nomgqeku wolutsha nabantu abaphila nokhubazeko.

Honourable Premier, as we mark the Mid-Term Review of the 6th Administration allow me to report on some of the achievements towards meeting the objectives of the Provincial Development Plan since 2019 until the third quarter of 2021/2022 financial year.

In our endeavours of building resilient families we have successfully implemented Family Preservation, Re-unification and Parenting Programmes including Iindlezane, a ground-breaking project aimed at temporary safe care for children in need of care and protection. This project was launched in the Winnie Madikizela Municipality and has reached **107 563** family members.

In supporting individuals and families facing undue hardships, we have assisted **15 756** across the province.

In promoting universal access to Early Childhood Development Service, we have reached **200 702** children in the Province.

The Department has accelerated efforts towards victim empowerment, gender-based violence and substance abuse reaching **219 422** people.

The Department, in collaboration with other stakeholders, successfully implemented the Provincial Drug Master Plan through Substance Abuse prevention programmes reaching **205 864** people.

Our Social and Behaviour Change programme which seeks to reduce risky behaviours in young people reached **146 462** people.

In promoting youth development, we have successfully supported **347** youth development structures **6 354**, provided skills development and mobilised **32 607**, to participate in the social development and economic agenda of the Province.

In advancing women empowerment and economic development, we have provided skills development and supported **13 184** women.

As part of our interventions following the heightened vulnerability and food insecurity resulting from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department motivated for increased allocation to the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) programme, a temporary provision of assistance intended for persons in such dire material need that they are unable to meet their families' most basic needs.

Starting from the 2nd of March this year, 2022, the Department is currently rolling out food parcels targeting **85 741** poor and vulnerable households across the Province. This is the biggest investment we have made as a sector on food security and social relief this term. We are also aware that this is a temporary intervention and does not solve the long term challenges

associated with poverty, but it is our view that it will go a long way in providing temporary relief to those that need it the most.

In promoting the founding provisions of the constitution on human dignity, the Department has intensified the sanitary dignity drive benefitting **44 809** across the Province with the aim of keeping girl children in school to mitigate the risk of girls skipping school during their menstrual cycle.

The Department has successfully spearheaded and coordinated more than **164** Poverty Alleviation initiatives and projects through **12** Provincial Government Departments, **39** Local Municipalities, **08** District Municipalities, **06** Private Sector Organisations, **05** Government Entities and **14** Non-Profit Organisations which culminated to a recorded number of **07** out of **16** Anti-Poverty Sites graduated out of poverty.

Nkulu-mbuso ebekekileyo, kwesi isigaba mandiphuhlise igama lazo zonke iiNtloko zamaSebe, ooSodolophu, abaLawuli booMasipala, iiNkokheli zeMveli, iiNtloko zee-Arhente zikaRhulumente, iiNkokheli zeMibutho engekho phantsi kwePhiko likaRhulumente, kwakunye neeNtloko zamaZikofundo aphakamileyo; ngegalelo labo ekuphunguleni intlupheko phakathi kwentlalo yethu. Lo ngumzekelo wokuba singenza ngcono ngakumbi xa sibambisene sisonke.

Honourable Members, despite the ECD function shift, the Department still remains with the responsibility of prioritising the full implementation of the Children's Act in realizing the mandate to care and protect children as Child Care and Protection remains the primary mandate of DSD.

This must be done whether the children are in homes or communities or schools or ECDs or childcare and protection institutions broadly.

Honourable Members, we have turned the tide against COVID-19 although its effects will live with us for a considerable amount of time. One of the lessons we have drawn from the experience is that we are indeed stronger together. As a Department we would like to extend a word of gratitude to all the frontline workers including our Social Service Practitioners who provided developmental social welfare services to families and individuals during the peak of COVID-19.

Challenges brought by COVID-19 have compounded the existing social ills that we have been experiencing as a country. These include but are not limited to increased levels of poverty, household vulnerability, food insecurity, gender based violence and femicide, as well as teenage pregnancy.

Honourable Speaker, in translating both the National Development Plan and the Provincial Development Plan, the Province has seven key priorities through which we seek to build the Eastern Cape we want, by creating jobs for the jobless, reducing unemployment, enhancing food security, alleviating hunger, and building equal opportunities for all our citizens.

The Department had further streamlined these priorities for the sector and our sector priorities include:

1. Strengthening the provision of Child Care and Protection Services

2. Massification of Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes on Gender Based Violence and Femicide.
3. Intensifying Sustainable Community Development Interventions.
4. Intensifying the participation, mainstreaming and empowerment of all our vulnerable groups, the persons with disabilities, Youth and Women Development.
5. Growing and strengthening of the NPO Sector through improving monitoring and management.
6. Building capable, ethical and developmental state for effective service delivery.
7. Strengthening Social Partnerships through which vulnerable individuals, groups and communities become capable and self-reliant participants in their own development.

Honourable Speaker, to realize these commitments is a recognition of the need for a new consensus, that of going back to the basics of our mandate which places emphasis on investing in human development focusing on building resilience in individuals, families and communities through empowering and enhancing their capabilities for improved social functioning from the Cradle to the Grave. Our point of departure reaffirms the clarion call from the State of the Nation address by our President Cyril Ramaphosa which states “No One must be Left Behind”.

In order to advance the practical implementation of the priorities indicated in this speech we will build on the foundations laid by the District Development Model in ensuring that our services are accessible, integrated and coordinated in joint effort with local stakeholders and communities. In so doing, the vexing service delivery challenges can also be turned into local level

development opportunities and improve the quality of lives of our people.

OUR PLAN FOR THE YEAR

I now outline the plan and focus for the 2022/23 financial year.

Honourable Speaker, in advancing the Developmental Agenda, the department focuses on ensuring that the vulnerable groups actively participate in the economy and their developmental processes towards integrating, linking and aligning social welfare programmes more effectively with economic development programmes

Our plan for this financial year is to facilitate social change together with our partners through strengthening interventions and strategies that will alleviate poverty, promote inclusion, social cohesion and sustainable economic development of families and communities.

CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO FAMILIES

Honourable Speaker, families are a foundation and cornerstone of our society. It is within families that individuals are born, cared for, protected and developed. At the core of our interventions as a Department, we seek to build empowered and resilient families.

Families continue to be at the epicentre of our strategic interventions towards social cohesion and nation building.

Instabilities and disintegration at the family level fundamentally contributes to the manifestation and increased incidents which include rising social distress, substance abuse, violence and crime. In turn, this situation has long lasting effects resulting in the decay of moral fibre, social values and norms of our communities for generations to come. As a form of a new consensus, we need to build a strong case for the preservation and restoration of this great institution in our social structure whose walls have been broken.

In strengthening stability and resilience in families, the department will focus on Family Preservation Programmes targeting **15 932** family members, Family Re-unification targeting **409** family members and Parenting Programmes targeting and **10 944** family members.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 9,2 million

CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Investment on Care and Protection of Children

Honourable Members, our Constitution has committed to the full realization of equal children's rights to survive, to be cared for, protected and developed to their full potential.

Our plan commits to providing a continuum of care and protection services that respond to the needs and circumstances of children in need of care and protection as well as those exposed to risk factors that may hinder their development within a family context.

As we commit to invest in a Child in each household and community in the Province, I am reminded of the words of our struggle icon, Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela and I quote: *Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation.*"

Somlomo obekekileyo, isebe lizakuqinisa ngakumbi kwiinkonzo zokwenza ikhusi lokhuseleko ngokuthi kuxhaswe iinkqubo zabazali bethutyana lento sithi ziindlezane (ii-Temporary Safety Parents ukutsho). Oku sikwenza ukunika igwiba elikhawulezileyo kubantwana abadinga inkathalelo, nokhuseleko.

The Foster Care programme has proven to make a valuable contribution to the continuum of care options available to children in need of care and protection. The Department will accelerate efforts to implement Foster Care services through the placement of **3 013** children in foster care. This will be in addition to **67 745** children with valid foster care orders who are already in the system.

The Department will further ensure access to residential care and support programmes for **1 418** children in need of care and protection through in **27** funded Child and Youth Care Centres and **3** state owned Child and Youth Care Centres across our Districts.

For the child experiencing developmental difficulties or disabilities; we commit to provide access to Partial Care services and Special Day Care Centres targeting **1 739** children in our **30** centres.

For the child who is living, begging or working on the streets, vulnerable; the child who is in a state of physical or mental neglect; we will provide Community Based Prevention and Early Intervention Services to support **24 292** children in need of care and protection with specific programmes aiming at moving from vulnerability to resilience through implementation of the RISIHA Model (meaning resilience).

For the child who is addicted to dependence-producing substances and is without support to obtain treatment; we will improve accessibility to substance abuse treatment services by funding three Private Treatment Centres in the following Districts, **01** in O.R. Tambo and **02** in Buffalo City Metro.

In our Ernest Malgas Treatment Centre, we will continue to provide treatment to children with Substance Use Disorders. A total of **1 703** service users will access substance use disorder treatment services. Integrated prevention and awareness campaigns on the effects of substance abuse will be implemented targeting schools and Institutions of Higher Learning. In the 2022-23 financial year, the Department will strengthen aftercare and reintegration services as part of responsive programmes.

Child Poverty and Malnutrition

A study conducted by the Child Gauge in 2020 reveals that severe acute malnutrition is one of the three leading causes of child deaths and the number of stunted children is increasing. In the Eastern Cape, statistics from the Department of Health reveal that 23.3 % of children 1-3 years are stunted, 2.8 % are wasted and 20.6 are iron deficient and this challenge mainly manifests itself in the Eastern Region of our Province which is O.R. Tambo, Alfred Nzo Districts and is slowly showing its face in Chris Hani District.

This challenge of malnutrition, if left unattended, will affect children's potential, erode their physical health and cognitive development and undermine their education and economic prospects. This drives an inter-generational cycle of poverty that comes at a huge cost for individual children and their children and subsequently the economic development of communities.

In response to child malnutrition, we will expand our interventions in implementing the Integrated Mother and Child Development and Support Programme which will target **800** women with children below age of **05** who are affected by malnutrition from the local municipalities of Ntabankulu (Alfred Nzo), Lusikisiki and Port St Johns (in OR Tambo) as well as Inxuba YeThemba (in Chris Hani).

The budget set aside for this programme is R 62,1 million

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Honourable Speaker, young people of our Province continue to be affected by the unemployment crises which has been exacerbated by COVID 19 pandemic. As the Department we are determined to forge partnerships with young people through ensuring youth access to opportunities, facilitating education attainment especially for young women as well as empowerment, skills development and strengthening of youth structures.

Sanitary Dignity for Young Girl Learners

In advancing the rights of young girls to education, our commitment remains strong in ensuring that girl learners in Quintile 1-3 schools and special schools of Children with Disabilities receive Sanitary Dignity Packages on time. beneficiaries. This will enable them to stay within the school system until they graduate from Grade 12 to improve the level of menstrual health, hygienic practices and their quality of life in general. The programme targets to reach **70 825** girls learners.

The Budget set aside for this programme is R34 million

Young people at the centre of Economic Transformation, Entrepreneurship & Job Creation

Honourable Members, building on the foundations of the National Youth Development Policy 2021 we are determined to foster relationships and this calls for the development and

inclusion of young people into the mainstream economy in order to improve their wealth and social well-being.

During the new financial year, the Department of Social Development will optimize the outcomes of the current skills development programmes for young people by partnering with other agencies such as TVET Colleges, SETAs, DBE and DRDAR to ensure that young people are provided with income opportunities post training that is accredited.

In addition, the Department will increase the number of youth benefiting from skills training programme from **1 029** to, **1 223** inclusive of **40** young people in Child and Youth Care Centres who will receive driver training. In addition, **17** youth initiatives which include poultry, piggery, crop production and car wash projects will also be funded to benefit young people across the Province.

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles and Social Behavior Change for Young People

The Department is implementing an amassed range of Social Behavioural Change programmes to address risky behaviours and harmful social norms that negatively affect morals and values within families and communities. This programme seeks to create a safe and enabling environment in which people can have meaningful engagements about social issues and ills including HIV & AIDS prevention, teenage pregnancy, and parental behavior. A total of **3 000** young people between ages of 10-24 are targeted.

The Department has funded **04** organisations to implement Social and Behaviour Change Programmes in all **08** Districts through which **32** work opportunities were created for unemployed Social Work graduates as Facilitators of Social Behaviour Change Programme.

Honourable Members, our Provincial outlook on teenage pregnancy records (17.1%), of teenage girls between 10-19 years who fall pregnant. In responding to this prevailing challenge, the Department will collaborate to implement Sexual Reproductive Health programme with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Department of Health, Department of Education, and the House of Traditional Leaders. The programme will be implemented in Nelson Mandela Metro, OR Tambo and Alfred Nzo Districts, as areas that have high incidents of teenage pregnancy and will target **30 000** young women and teenagers in and out of school at a rate of **10 000** per District.

Combating Substance abuse and Crime among Youth

Ekuqubisaneni nomngeni weengedle zeziyobisi phakathi komgqeku wolutsha, siyazibophelela ekuziseni iinkonzo zokuthintela, ukungenelela kusekutsha, nokuhlambulula ulutsha olunengxaki yeziyobisi.

In providing support to youth in conflict with the law, we will continue to implement social reintegration programmes targeting children in conflict with the law awaiting trial or sentenced in Child and Youth Care Centre. The purpose of the programme is to empower children in conflict with the law with vocational skills such as computer training, sewing, carpentry and brick laying.

In the 2022/23 financial year the Department is targeting to reach **95 598** people through Substance Abuse Prevention Programmes.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 10 million

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT & WOMEN DEVELOPMENT

Honourable Speaker, gender based violence remains an apex priority. We have seen the harmful effects that gender based violence causes on children, women, families and communities. Our actions and interventions will be on the provision of victim centred response, care and support services aimed at restoring human dignity and healing, safety, freedom and equality to prevent secondary victimization.

Strengthening Prevention, Response, Care and Support to Victims of Gender Based Violence & Femicide

The Department will proactively support the fight against Gender Based Violence and Femicide through implementation of prevention and awareness programmes (Prevention & Rebuilding Social Cohesion), targeting **79 134** people. The purpose would be to capacitate communities on gender based violence, its effects, emphasis on reporting and services available to victims.

In 2022/23 the Department will intensify its strides on Gender Based Violence and Femicide prevention and interventions to

boys and men, through Mentorship Programme for boys and men, alignment with Fatherhood Programme and implementing the Men as positive Role Models Programme. The Programme will be implemented in hot spot areas namely KwaZakhele, Mthatha and Butterworth as part of a Social Behaviour Change in prevention of Gender Based Violence and Femicide.

The victims who need alternative care will be provided with sheltering services, therapeutic services and skills development through our Non-Profit Organisation partners, to ensure that they are able to stand on their own instead of depending on abusive partners.

The Department will intensify Social Crime Prevention and awareness campaigns focusing on crime hot spot areas targeting to reach **58 836** people.

Women Economic Development

Sihlalo wendlu yoWisio-Mthetho, amanina asahleli engumfuziselo wentlupheko kwiPhondo kwaye uninzi lwawo asezilalini ezingekaphuhliswa.

In contributing towards economic empowerment of women we will prioritize interventions that promote the Rights of Women to achieve Gender Equality through the implementation of skills development, advocacy and sexual reproductive health and rights programmes benefiting **7 874** women and **21** women-led initiatives. The Department is partnering with the UNFPA which provides technical support to the development of a Provincial Women Development Policy and Implementation Plan.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 34,7 million.

SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Services to Older Persons

Honourable Members, the value of the role of Older Persons as iintsika zamakhaya is indispensable for the long-term development of moral, cultural and ethical standards in our communities. Older persons also contribute to the stability of families and the Department has a commitment to support the well-being of older persons.

Our focus in this regard is to prioritize the development of a Provincial Strategy on Ageing 2022 -2027 that will guide the provision of care, protection and support services to all Older Persons across the Province.

We will provide accessible Residential Care Services to Older Persons who need care and protection benefitting **1 531** individuals and ensure **26 792** Older Persons access Community-Based Care Services to improve their quality of life.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 98,7 million.

Services to Persons to Disabilities

In promoting the social well-being and the socio-economic empowerment of Persons with disabilities and advance their integration into the mainstream society, we commit to support **34** Community Based Rehabilitation projects and **09** Social Service organizations for the provision of Community Based Rehabilitation Services targeting **19 480** beneficiaries.

For Persons with Disabilities in need of care and protection we will support **20** Residential Facilities targeting **892** beneficiaries.

In ensuring the Persons with Disabilities are capacitated for self-sustainability and economic development, we will support **28** Protective Workshops for the implementation of skills development programmes and provision of Psycho-social support targeting **798** Persons with Disabilities.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 30,9 million.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Honourable Speaker, poverty alleviation strategies require robust interventions that will ensure that we address the complexities in poverty, inequality and unemployment that continues to barricade livelihoods in our households and communities.

The Provincial Anti-Poverty Strategy interventions are geared towards providing integrated services, access to food, income support, sustainable livelihoods programmes, economic viability, food security, social inclusion and basic services to the most vulnerable and deprived households and communities. We will build on the success stories of these integrated efforts to ensure that we expand and accelerate, mobilise and intensify the implementation of poverty alleviation programmes across the Province.

To improve food security outcomes, we will support **39** Community Nutrition Development Centres, household vegetable gardens and agricultural cooperatives for food production and to generate income, benefiting **356** poorest households and **5 544** vulnerable individuals.

In intensifying collaboration and integration of services for food security initiative, we have partnered through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Rural Development and Agricultural Reform, to assist DSD funded food producing initiatives to access markets through linking them with the Vegetable Hubs.

Social Relief of Distress Support

Crucial to combating undue hardships and distress in households and families during the most stressful period of facing the impact of COVID 19, Social Relief of Distress measures will be provided to families in need of support. In this regard, we will provide support to **4 462** individuals in need of social relief. We will prioritise the

profiling of households and Military Veterans to ensure that they also benefit from these initiatives.

Enhancing service delivery through effective Non-Profit Organisations

Our work with Non-Profit Organisations remains a priority in the delivery of services to communities. We will focus our interventions on building the capabilities, promoting regulatory and statutory compliance, accountability as well strengthening governance systems especially to long existing and emerging organisations. A total of **276** NPOs and **141** Cooperatives across the Province will be trained on financial management, reporting and good governance to enhance compliance with the NPO Act.

Madame Speaker, unemployment remains the greatest threat to the economic development of communities especially amongst the young populace of the Province.

Job Creation for sustainable livelihoods

In response to job creation and addressing unemployment especially amongst young people in the Province, we commit to roll out our internship and learnership programmes and the placement of Social Work graduates in partnership HWSETA.

We will create **4 099** job opportunities under the Expanded Public Works Programme benefitting women, young people and persons with disabilities.

The budget set aside for this programme is R14, 4 million

A SHARED SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR APPROACH TOWARDS POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Honourable Speaker, the Social Development Sector (DSD, SASSA & NDA) has adopted a sectorial approach towards planning, programming and implementation of the sector interventions. In addition, the work to be implemented through our Provincial Entities (NDA and SASSA) will contribute significantly to provide services to the poor and the most vulnerable.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Capacity building of Civil Society Organisations

A total **220** CSOs (NPOs and Cooperatives) capacitated to strengthen their institutional capacity and **55** NPO's will be resourced with Learner Teacher Support Material, Outdoor equipment and basic furniture.

The Budget set aside for this programme is R6,6 million

Grant Funding

CSO's funding will be provided to organisations that contribute to the improvement of the quality of life in communities including those that assist the poor and the vulnerable such as women, the

elderly, youth and children. A total of **23** NPOs and **08** Primary cooperatives will receive grant funding.

The Budget set aside for this programme is R4,2 million

Job Creation

A total of **200** Volunteers will be employed through NDA volunteer programme to respond to challenges caused by COVID-19 pandemic in various communities across the Province.

The Budget set aside for this programme is R2,1 million

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

In contributing towards the poverty alleviation to poor and vulnerable individuals in the Eastern Cape, in this financial year SASSA will provide social grants to qualifying and deserving individuals as follows: Child Support Grant to **1, 9 million** children benefitting, Foster Grant to **60 156**, Care Dependency to **21 775**, Old Age - **435 959**, 75yrs and above **153 951**, Permanent Disability to **10 169**, War Veterans **06**. The total number of individuals benefitting from Social Security is 2,8 Million.

SASSA also plays a vital role in providing humanitarian support for the affected and displaced households during disasters.

The Budget set aside for this programme is R2.5, Billion

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO DELIVER SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, the National Development Plan indicates that decisive actions must be implemented to develop technical and professional skills. In this regard, the Department will reinvigorate its training and development programme to ensure that all Social Service Practitioners who deliver developmental social services are re-orientated to enable them to respond to the current nature of social ills.

We will roll out a comprehensive Wellness Programmes in all Districts to provide support, care and nurturing to Social Service Practitioners who have experienced traumatic events while executing their duties.

Our greatest efforts will be towards strengthening inter-departmental coordination and participation in Intergovernmental Relations to ensure maximum outcomes and impact.

Honourable members, we must be seen as a Department that cares for its employees. We will go back to the basics, be innovative and creative in ensuring that the state of our office accommodation especially at Local Service Offices changes for the better. We will move in a phased-in approach to graduate worse-off offices into habitable workplaces.

The Department will renovate of **05** Local Service Offices accommodation and **01** Child and Youth Care Facility:

1. Molteno Service Office
2. Emalahleni Service Office
3. Butterworth Service Office
4. Alfred Nzo Service Office
5. Middeldrift Service Office
6. Upgrades to the Child and Youth Care Centres: Bhisho Child & Youth Care Centre

We rely on our Infrastructure Information Technology Architecture to respond to the changing nature of the digital world through promoting the use of electronic services as part of implementing E-government services and virtual work environment.

The budget set aside for this programme is R 22, 9million

CONCLUSION

As I conclude, I wish to call upon all of us to play our part as individual South Africans, faith-based organisations, non-profit organisations, business, trade unions, students, academics and citizens. Let us embrace the spirit of citizen activism in line with the injunction of the New Consensus, to march towards equality and prosperity for all, where ***“No One must be Left Behind”***.

Allow me to appreciate the Head of Department, Executive Management, Senior Management and the entire staff component of the Department of Social Development for the remarkable support and dedication to the cause of providing care and support to poor and vulnerable communities.

I would also like to thank the Portfolio Committee, Audit Committee and our partners for their robust oversight role to keep the Department of Social Development on track in terms of realizing its mandate.

Budget Vote 4: Department of Social Department

I now table the budget for the Department of Social Development of the Province of Eastern Cape.

OVERVIEW OF 202/23 BUDGET AND MTEF ESTIMATES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR 2021 MTEF PERIOD							
Programme	Audited Outcome			Revised Estimate	Medium-term expenditure estimate		
	(R'000)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Administration	434 643	518 774	495 080	490 387	548 491	547 025	570 419
Social Welfare Services	755 816	779 946	791 306	1 013 088	851 448	860 952	900 288
Children and Families	567 971	622 405	605 974	657 318	632 830	637 183	666 516
Restorative Services	409 632	436 634	435 439	470 232	461 709	462 034	482 428
Development and Research	262 918	279 702	272 042	295 655	293 716	276 924	289 034
Subtotal	2 430 980	2 637 461	2 599 841	2 926 680	2 788 194	2 784 118	2 908 685

Sithi maz'enethole. Nangamso!



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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Vision

A caring society for the protection and development of the poor and vulnerable towards a sustainable society.

Mission

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