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PLAN/BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2010/11(SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
BRANCH)**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Health and Social Development (Social Development branch) briefed the committee on its strategic plan and also unveiled its allocated budget for 2010/11. The purpose of the strategic plan is to set out strategic policy priorities and plans that shall be applicable to the Social Development branch from 2010/11 and also highlight challenges that may threaten Department's effort towards identified priorities and remedial actions. The Social Development branch budget amounts to R749 875 000.00m.

**2. PURPOSE**

The objective of the meeting was to receive a briefing from the Social Development branch on the 2010/11 Annual Performance Plan. This was done in order for the Portfolio Committee to engage with the departmental Annual Performance Plan and budget for the 2010/11 financial year.

**3. BUDGET PER PROGRAMME**

<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
1. Administration	R 70 911 000.00
2. Social Welfare Services	R567 175 000.00
3. Development and Research	R111 789 000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R749 875 000.00</b>

**4. Main services to be delivered by the Department:**

- Rebuilding of the family, community and social relations
- Monitoring the implementation of the integrated poverty eradication strategy
- Reduction of violence against women and children, older persons and other vulnerable groups.
- Youth development

- Transformation of social welfare services
- Prevention, care and support for people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

## **5. CHALLENGES FACED BY THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**

- Shortage of corporate support personnel
- Decrease of R12m on baseline budget for the core programmes.
- Transfer of R78 million to Human Settlements for corporate support.
- Transfer of R44 million from core programmes to fund corporate support, resulting in under allocations of R34million on corporate support and R44million on core programmes.
- Insufficient office accommodation.
- Inadequate social welfare infrastructure.
- Inadequate programme performance information systems.
- Allocated budget for funding of non-governmental organizations is not adequate to respond to the growing need to fight the impact of HIV and AIDS on the poor.
- Project and financial management capacity is still a challenge for many nongovernmental organizations.
- HIV and AIDS coordinators at service point level have multiple responsibilities e.g. coordinate many programmes and still perform routine Social Work functions.

### **▪ CONCERNS RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE**

- South African Social Security Agency is still experiencing long queues at pay points during the payment of grants.
- There is inadequate budget to cater for Masupatsela that is already operating at Vryburg and Taung.
- There is no implementation of Skills Development Programme at the Social Development branch for staff development.
- The Committee raised the point that there is no clear information on whether the South African Social Security Agency account to National Department or to the MEC in Province.

- Social Development branch experience shortage of personnel at the service point e.g. Tlakgammeng village.
- Most of the vehicles at SASSA are un-roadworthy especially those transporting money to the pay points.
- There are no tents and toilets at the service points; people are receiving money on an open space at some of the pay points.
- SASSA is utilizing the government equipments even though they are on their own e.g. telephones, offices and vehicles.
- Social Development is experiencing poor management of contracts.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The Committee should be provided with a report on how the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is going to address long queues experienced at the pay points.
- Social Development should allocate adequate budget to enable them to pay Masupatsela.
- There should be an implementation programme for the skill development at the Social Development branch.
- South African Social Security Agency should operate within the parameter of the Department.
- Social Development should increase personnel at pay point to enable the delivery of services effectively and sufficiently to the community of North West Province.
- SASSA should be provided with roadworthy vehicles to transport money to the pay points.
  - Poor management of contracts should be addressed as a matter of urgency.
  - The department should review pay points and eliminate those that are not viable.
  - Cash Pay Master Services (CPS) as a sub-contract should be reviewed given to the fact that it has been operating for quite a long time in the Province.

### **Social Development should submit the following reports to the Portfolio Committee:**

- A report on how the department is going to address matters raised by the Auditor General.

- A specific report on the work done SASSA to date should be submitted to the Portfolio Committee and should a report should include the following:
  - A strategic plan to solve all the problems affecting the grand receipts
  - Total number of people receiving grants in the Province.
  - A copy of service level agreement
  - Name of the shareholders of SASSA
- A quarterly report of War on Poverty Eradication Strategy should be submitted to the Portfolio Committee similar to the one submitted to the Office of the President.
- A quarterly performance report that includes internal audit report should be submitted to the Portfolio Committee.
- The MEC should carry the mandate to the MINMEC that they should do away with the third party arrangement at SASSA pay points.

## 7. CONCLUSION

The Committee commended the Department on its detailed Annual Performance Plan and budget presentation. The Committee also requests the house to approve the budget for the 2010/11 financial year.



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**Chairperson: Health and Social Development**

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**Date**