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**NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
BUDGET SPEECH AND POLICY STATEMENT 2023/2024**



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**Honourable Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature,
Susan Dantjie**

**Deputy Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature, Lenah
Miga**

**Honourable Premier of the North West Province, Bushy Kaobitsa
Maape**

Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature

Honourable Members of the Executive Council

Executive Mayors, Mayors, Speakers of all Municipalities

Leaders of Political Parties

House of Traditional Leaders

Leaders of the Labour Movement

Members of Provincial Forum for Persons with Disabilities

Members of Provincial Older Persons Forum

Members of Women Organisations

Business leaders, religious leaders

Representatives of various Non-Profit Organisations present

Heads of Departments,

Distinguished guests, Comrades and Friends

Members of the media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Baagi botlhe ba Porofense ya Bokone Bophirima

Fellow South Africans

Greetings to you!

It is an honour and privilege for me to stand before this House to present the Budget Vote of the Department of Social Development for 2023/24 financial year.

As I present this budget speech and policy statement, I am reaffirming our commitment as the Department of Social Development to serve the people of the North West province whose hopes and aspirations lie squarely on us.

We have lived up to this commitment over the years by providing indispensable social services to the most vulnerable groups in our communities despite the limited resources at our disposal. We have never folded our arms when the masses of our people needed us the most. We have never wallowed in despair and anxiety. We have always been at their back and call, ensuring that they rise up again from distress and undue hardships.

Honourable Speaker and Members, we are not tooting our own horn to grab the audience spellbound. We have been on the ground. We have seen how are people are leading their day to day life. We know their distress and we are making inroads towards improving their lives for the better. The gains of our democracy are indelible in the sands of time.

Our commitment for the year ahead is that, we will leave no one behind as we deliver integrated social services in our communities across the province.

Providing services to the masses of our people has always been the core principle of the African National Congress, the oldest liberation movement in the continent under whose mandate we serve.

In pursuit of service delivery we rely on the National Development Plan (NDP) Vision 2030 which is the blueprint that continues to guide the policy priorities of the Department. The NDP grants a central role to social protection in addressing the challenges of multi-dimensional poverty, unemployment, and inequality, in order to improve the quality of life of our people.

We derive our mandate of providing social protection services and leading the government's efforts in forging partnerships through which vulnerable groups and communities become capable and self-reliant participants in the development of themselves and society at large.

Therefore, Honourable Speaker, this budget reaffirms our commitment to improve the quality of life of the vulnerable groups in our province, which include children, youth, women, older persons, persons with disabilities, military veterans, as well as LGBTQI+ and those who work or dwell in farming areas.

King Solomon, the wisest king that ever trodden the face of the earth reaffirmed our commitment to serve the vulnerable groups among us and this is what he wrote in the book of Proverbs Chapter 31: Verse 8 to 10 (**I quote**):

**“Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.
Speak out in order to judge with righteousness
and to defend the needy and the poor.” (Close quote)**

SERVICES TO CHILDREN

Honourable Speaker, Early Childhood Development function is now in the custody of the Department of Education in line with the pronouncement made by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa in his 2019 State of the Nation Address. The Department of Social Development remained with other functions which include child protection, psycho-social services, the child support grant, access to social services, parental support programmes, and partial care facilities that relate to after-school services, private hostels and temporary respite care centres.

North Gauteng High Court has ordered the Departments of Social Development across the country to extend foster placements and payments in collaboration with South African Social Security Agency and Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. In line with this order, Honourable Speaker, we are making inroads on management of foster care backlog.

By the end of March 2023, we have finalised cases for new foster care applications by placing six thousand and forty-nine (6 049) children in foster care and we will continue to monitor eighteen thousand three hundred and twenty four (18 324) existing valid foster care orders including 22 adoption cases which were finalised in partnership with accredited adoption organisations in the same period.

Our plans are afoot to place one thousand three hundred and three (1 303) new applications of children in foster in the new financial year and continue to monitor, support and sustain eighteen thousand and twenty-nine (18 029) children with valid foster care orders.

Furthermore, six thousand two hundred and ninety five (6 295) foster children who will be turning 18 years as at the end of December 2023 will be linked to educational and empowerment opportunities as provided for by the Children's Act.

I am please to announce that Children's Act as amended, allows the department to implement adoption services. To this end, the Department has registered and accredited eighty two (82) adoption social workers who will provide adoption services including other key child protection services.

Furthermore we will establish alternative child protection units in all our service points across the province in phases.

The establishment of these child protection units will go hand in hand with the appointment of additional social workers and social work supervisors, canalisation officers including social auxiliary workers.

The Department will reunite ten (10) foster care children with their families including twenty one (21) other children who are based in our Child and Youth Care Centres.

Honourable Speaker and Members, let me hasten to indicate that we are doing a sterling work by placing children in these centres and changing their lives for the better. We have fifteen (15) children in Child and Youth Care Centres who have passed matric in 2022. We have eighteen (18) children on our independent living programme from similar centres who are currently studying at TVET colleges and universities.

Furthermore, the Department of Social Development has entered into a trilateral protocol agreement with the provincial Departments of Health and Education to provide assessment, therapeutic treatment and

psycho-social support services to children with intense disruptive behaviour in various schools and Child and Youth Care Centres.

Honourable Speaker, our moral fibre as a society is measured by how we treat those that are vulnerable among us, the children. In the year under review, the Department reached out to twenty five thousand nine hundred and sixty one (25 961) children through Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programmes with the aim of reducing incidents of child abuse and educating our communities on child protection.

Our target for this year is to reach out to twenty seven thousand five hundred and fifty (27 550) children across the four districts.

The Department will provide funding to five (5) drop-in centres to improve access to child protection services within the community-based intervention and family environment targeting 399 children. Our aim is to reduce incidents of children living and working on the streets which has become a cause for concern in small and big towns in the province.

The Department has registered one Drop-In centre at Signal Hill village Legae Child Care Centre. This centre will provide services to eighty (80) children who are in need of care and protection services.

The Department collaboratively with the National Department of Social Development implements social behaviour change programmes for children, youth and adults with the aim of addressing the social norms barriers and structural drivers that make communities vulnerable to HIV infections and gender-based violence.

These programmes include Men Championing Change, Boy Championing Change, Family Matters, the Rock leadership, ChoMMY and You Only Live Once.

During the year under review department reached out to thirty six thousand six hundred (36 600) young people who are at risk of HIV & AIDS infection and gender-based violence.

We commit to ramp up these social and behaviour change programmes by providing funding to five (5) NPO's to the value of R16,7 million. This will enable us to recruit and train hundred (100) social service professionals on HIV testing and reach out to forty three thousand two hundred (43 200) people in the most rural areas in the province.

Honourable Speaker, we will continue to implement Social and Behaviour Change programmes through partnership with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to the value of R3.5 million.

This programme has been running in Bojanala since 2019 and it will now be expanded to Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Ngaka Modiri Molema until 2026, targeting three thousand (3 000) people per district. We will replicate the same programme in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati through the Equitable Share grant.

The provision of community-based services and psychosocial support services to Orphans Vulnerable Children and Youth (OCVY) remains the priority of the Department. These services, Honourable Speaker, enable us to build resilient and enhance capacity of children and their families.

The Department is committed to recruit a new cohort of Orphans Vulnerable Children and Youth, targeting 10 597 in the current financial year in the Community Care Centres and RISIHA sites across the four districts.

RISIHA is a Xitsonga word for “resilience.” The RISIHA Programme is a community-based child protection programme aimed at protecting orphans and vulnerable children, some of whom are living in child and youth-headed households, as well as those living and working on the streets.

The total of (635) youth who are transiting from youth to adulthood will be trained on skill development in Community Care Centres in the four districts as part of the implementation of OVCY Phase three in partnership with National Department of Social Development and German Development Bank in 2023/2024 financial year.

SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS

The services that we offer as a Department seek to promote and maintain the rights, the status, the well-being and the security of older persons, and also to combat their abuse. In the year under review, Department provided residential care services to one thousand eight hundred and sixty one (1 861) older persons and monitored compliance to norms and standards in all funded residential care facilities as required by the law.

Furthermore the Department has improved community-based services through service centres, meals on wheels and the service clubs in the most rural areas in the province. The beneficiaries are provided with

nutritious food, capacity building on ageing and other health related programmes. To date the department have provided community-based services to four thousand six hundred and ninety two (4 692) older persons in all the four districts.

Honourable Speaker, Ninety (90) older persons from the North West province participated in the national active ageing programme called the National Golden Games in Gauteng. This year, a selected team of older persons will participate in the National Golden Games that are scheduled to take place in Mpumalanga in October 2023. We have set aside an amount of R13 million for the implementation of this active ageing programme.

Honourable Speaker, our plans are at an advanced stage to admit older persons at our newly established old age home in Pudumong in July this year.

We are still in a process to establish another old age home in Matlosana local municipality in honour of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Six hundred and ninety three (693) persons with disabilities were provided with day care services which include stimulation, nutrition, numeracy, literacy programmes, life skills and empowerment services.
- Two thousand two hundred and eighty seven (2 287) persons with disabilities benefited from the social rehabilitation programme. This programme aimed at capacitating parents of children with disabilities to cope with persons with disabilities in their households.

- Two thousand six hundred and sixty eight (2 668) persons with disabilities will access social rehabilitation and psychosocial support services.

Furthermore Honourable Speaker we will place social workers in thirty (30) Special Schools in the province to support the learners. This programme will be implemented collaboratively with the Departments of Education and Health.

JOB CREATION

Honourable Speaker, unemployment is still rife among various groups within our society because of the sluggish economic growth and the repercussions of Covid-19.

We are on cause to mitigate this challenge by creating work opportunities through the implementation of the Expanded Programme Works Programme (EPWP) within the Social Sector, and through the Equitable Share linked to the funds that we transfer to the NPOs.

Furthermore, we commit to utilize R6,577 million of the Conditional Grant to caution the impact of poverty and vulnerability by creating one thousand two hundred and fifty one (1 251) work opportunities in the current financial year.

The mandatory requirements for participation in the EPWP work opportunities to be created are primarily targeted at women, youth, and persons with disabilities in our communities across the province.

Honourable Speaker and Members, our financial support to most NPO's is not in vain. In the year under review we have provided funding to two hundred and ninety three (293) NPOs to the tune of R240 million.

On rand value, these NPO's have created three thousand three hundred and two (3 302) jobs opportunities in various communities across the province.

The National Department of Social Development has initiated a campaign targeting de-registration and cancellations of non-compliant NPOs registered within the NPO register.

The period of the NPO's de-registration and cancellations will be implemented through a phased-in approach in May, July and October this year.

Honourable Speaker, by March this year the status of the North West NPO register for the registered NPOs stood at forty thousand seven hundred and forty nine (14 749), with a total number of nine thousand one and ninety six (9 196) representing the non-compliant NPOs, and only four thousand one hundred and ninety eight (4 198) NPOs are deemed to be compliant.

The envisaged departmental outreach campaigns for the NPO's de-registration intend to encourage the NPOs to come on board, and to be supported such that they remain legitimate entities that are compliant to the provisions of the NPO Act.

Honourable Speaker, Our country is required by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to put measures in place to prevent money laundering, terrorism financing and other financial crimes. The

deregistration of illegitimate NPOs will therefore help us a great deal in preventing financial crimes and moving away from greylisting status as a country.

Re tla kgona re le naga ya Aforika Borwa go efoga botsuuludi, go gweba ka madi go se ka fa molaong le go tlosa naga ya rona mo seemong se lefatshe le e bonang ka sona.

Honourable Speaker, A range of interventions to assist ailing NPOs to be compliant have been implemented by the department over the years and we will continue to do so by taking NPO roadshows to the four districts in the current financial year.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, the fight against gender based violence is still on and we dare not to surrender until we win it.

In the year under review, we have successfully provided psycho-social support to many victims of gender based violence across the province.

- Three five hundred and twenty one (3 521) Victims of Gender Based Violence Femicide and crime received sheltering services,
- Forty (40) human trafficking victims have accessed social services,
- Six five sixty three (6 563) victims of crime and violence have received various support services,
- Twenty two (22) NPOs have been funded to provide GBV services to all service points across the province,

Our partnership with Nyamukara NPO is paying dividends in our fight against gender based violence. Thirty (30) young women who have survived gender based violence have undergone accredited training on garment production during the financial year that ended in March 2023. These survivors have been given material support in the form of sewing machines, routers and laptops as a start-up kit to enable them to venture into business.

This ground breaking initiative, Honourable Speaker, will go a long way in empowering young women to become self-reliant and lead their lives without having to depend on the their male counterparts who happen to abuse them.

In the fight against gender based violence we still need the concerted efforts of government departments, state owned entities, traditional leaders, faith based organisations, civil society organisations including men in general.

Furthermore, we will continue to work in partnership with the law enforcement agencies to ensure that perpetrators of gender based violence and femicide receive swift and adequate sanctions.

Motlotlegi-Mmusa Kgotla, re buletse banna serala gore ba nne disanyana. Ba ithune dintla le go nna dikai tse dintle mo baneng ba bona ba basimane. Se, se tla re kgontsha go fokotsa tshotlako ya bong mo malapeng le mo loagong.

We have launched Monna Emelela programme in all the districts to encourage men to be positive role models in their communities and protect women and children against any form of abuse.

The Department is currently in the process of converting Mafikeng Crisis Centre into a shelter for an extended stay of the victims of gender based violence.

Our Honourable Speaker, our plans for this year is to intensify the awareness campaigns on gender based violence and femicide through community dialogues, door to door campaign and engage men and boys in various platforms at our disposable.

Social workers and GBVF Combat activists will be placed in all the service points for intensive implementation of our GBVF programmes.

Furthermore, we will strengthen victim empowerment centres at Coligny in Ditsobotla, Ottosdal in Tswaing and Amalia in Mamusa to enable the centres to provide 24 hour services to the victims of gender based violence. The department will continue to popularize the National GBV Command Centre number to encourage the community members to access 24 hours GBV services wherever they are.

Honourable Speaker, we have set aside an amount of R23 million to fund twenty four (24) NPOs to enable them to provide support services to the victims of gender based violence throughout the province. We have also prioritised capacity building of staff to enable them to provide effective services to the victims gender based violence.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Motlotlegi-Mmusa Kgotla, tiriso e e botlhaswa ya diritibatsi e santse e le tlhoba boroko segolo jang mo thakeng e tshesane go akaretsa bagolo.

Re dira ka natla kwa setheong sa puso se se kwa Witrand go kgopolola badirisi ba diritibatsi.

Re kgonne go kgopolola badirisi ba diritibatsi ba le 4 009 mo kotareng tse tharo tsa ngwaga o o fetileng wa ditshelete.

Ntle le foo, re kgonne go fitlhelela batho ba le 97 660 ka mananeo a thibelo ya tiriso ya diritibatsi mo dikotareng tse tharo tsa ngwaga o re tswang mo go ona wa ditshelete.

Eight NPOs will this year, receive funding to the tune of R4.2 million to enable them to provide aftercare and substance abuse prevention services.

Local Drug Action Committees will be established in all local municipalities for coordination and intensification of substance abuse prevention programmes which includes Siyalulama Community Outreach Programme, Festive Season Campaign and Debates on Substance Abuse in identified secondary schools.

Honourable Speaker, we will officially start to admit drug users at Taung treatment centre with effect from 1st November 2023. This is the second state-run treatment centre to be used to render services to drug users in the province.

SOCIAL CRIME PREVENTION

Motlotlegi-Mmusa Kgotla, bosenyi e santse e le botlhoba-boroko go ralala porofense ya rona mme lefa go le jalo, re ntse re semeletse go reba bosenyi ka tshwaragano le batsaya-karolo ba bangwe.

In the year under review we have reached forty five thousand three hundred and twenty five (45 325) through social crime prevention programmes including anti-gangsterism campaigns in the 3rd Quarter of 2022/23 financial year.

Children in conflict with the law continue to receive residential diversion services while awaiting trial.

We have set aside an amount of R1,5 million fund four NPOs to enable them to render after-care and re-integration of ex-child offenders back into communities and crime prevention. Community engagements on anti-gangsterism programme at identified areas and hot spots will be conducted in order to promote restorative justice.

The department will intensify monitoring of crime prevention services in all the service points.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Honourable Speaker, this year we celebrate 29 years of freedom from the shackles of Apartheid. Despite these years we are still grappling with the repercussions of Apartheid in our communities. It has left us with abstract poverty, unemployment and inequality. As our stalwart of freedom and a struggle icon, Tata Nelson Mandela puts it:

“Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.” (Close quote).

Ke ka moo, Motlotlegi-Mmusa Kgotla re dirang ka natla go kgarametsa maparego a bohuma kwa morago letsatsi le letsatsi gore bagarona ba seka ba lala ka tlala.

Year on year we have provided households facing starvation and undue hardships with social relief of distress in the form of food parcels.

Through Community Nutrition Development (CNDC) have also ensured that community members had access to nutritious food in the form of cooked meals during the period under review.

We are committed to implement social relief of distress through Household food security strategy and food for all to families and individuals in dire need across the province and this will be done through funded two hundred and ten (210) NPO's by various programmes in the department.

Our target for this year is to reach out to fifteen thousand nine hundred (15 900) beneficiaries through our social relief of distress programme and a further 15 036 beneficiaries will access prepared food through community-based development centres.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Motlotlegi-Mmusisa Kgotla, lenaneo la rona la natlafatso ya basadi le ntse le ungwa maungo a a namatsang.

In the year under review we handed over equipment and stock to women owned entities and small businesses.

The provision of material support to rural women across the province, is in line with the departmental policy on economic strengthening of individuals, households and community initiatives with aims to reduce vulnerability, poverty and dependence on the state.

The targeted beneficiaries in this groundbreaking initiative include young women in non-profit organisations, women in profiled households with Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), social grant recipients,

survivors and victims of gender based violence We are affording women opportunities to participate in the mainstream economy and also to be more independent and self-reliant.

I am pleased to announce that in the current financial year we will direct ten percent (10%) of preferential procurement of goods and services to youth enterprises, Five (5%) percent will be directed to enterprises owned by persons with disabilities. Women enterprises will get a lion's share of forty percent (40%) in the procurement of the same commodities.

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Honourable Speaker, social assistance has become the largest safety net against destitution and poverty across the country. We want to applaud the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) for making significant strides in increasing the take up rate of social grants on a monthly basis to ensure that the masses of our people do not go to bed hungry.

In the current financial year, SASSA will procure school uniform for 3 624 learners through the SMME and Cooperatives, with an estimated value of R10,8 million. Over and above the uniform, the agency will continue to provide social relief of distress to families experiencing undue hardships.

Honourable Speaker, in the year under review, the National Development Agency (NDA) has provided training to 260 civil society organisations on financial management and governance in all the districts and will increase the number of benefiting organisations to two hundred and eighty (280) in the current financial year. This capacity

building programme will benefit 560 members of these civil society organisations.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PER PROGRAMME

Programme	Budget Allocation R'000
1. Administration	225,112 Two Hundred and Twenty Five Million, One Hundred and Twelve Thousand
2. Social Welfare Services	599,727 Five Hundred and Ninety Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand
3. Children and Families	382, 754 Three Hundred and Eighty Two Million, Seven Hundred Fifty Four Thousand
4. Restorative Services	298, 985 Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand
5. Development and Research	206, 494 Two Hundred and Six Million Four Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand
Total Budget	1 713, 072 One Billion, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Million, and Seventy Two Thousand

As I conclude this budget speech and policy statement, Honourable Speaker, allow me to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to

the Honourable Premier Bushy Kaobitsa Maape for his prudent leadership.

I thank Honourable Members for their continued support in pursuit of service delivery. A word of gratitude also goes to the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development.

I thank the oldest liberation movement in the continent, the African National Congress (ANC) for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving the people of North West Province as a Member of the Executive Council.

I express my gratitude to Team Social Development that is comprised of officials from the provincial office, districts and service points who dare to go an extra miles in rendering indispensable social services to the masses of our people. I thank the social development family, the National Development (NDA) and South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). The same goes to my fellow comrades and friends.

Ke leboga magosi a rona a ka gale a dirisanang le puso go tlhabolola matshelo a baagi.

I would like to thank my family for their continued support and encouragement.

Lastly Honourable Speaker, I take courage from the words of Prophet Isaiah Chapter 41: 10. He said : **(I quote)**

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Close quote)

I thank you.

NORTH WEST
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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