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**Budget Speech Vote by Me M.A. Tsopo
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Honorable Speaker
Honorable Premier
Members of the Legislature
Members of the National Assembly present
All leadership from Local Government
Marena le Dikgosi
Leadership from business and civil society
Members of the social welfare constituency
Distinguished guests

Honorable Speaker, I stand before this august house to present the Budget Vote Speech for the Department Social Development. I do this against the background and understanding of the present socio-economic reality of widening poverty and macro economic shocks. I am also presenting this budget speech fully aware that it must provide tangible responses to address the plight of the vulnerable groups who live in conditions of poverty. I therefore do not intend to stand here and be poetic or deliver a memorial lecture but to put forward a pragmatic social plan which seeks to mitigate conditions of deprivation and develop responsive capacities of communities to win the war against poverty.

The fluctuation of global markets is putting a strain on our economy. This is witnessed in the spiral rise of energy prices and interest rates which have a ripple and dire effect on basic commodities such as food, clothes and shelter. Food prices have risen by 14% to date and continue to rise.



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Since poverty does not have a human face, logic dictates that the number of food insecure households will increase significantly. The projected hostile winter accompanied by load shedding is a terrifying prospect to child headed households and malapa a kobo di mahetleng who eke their living from the sidelines of life. Such a situation precipitates an increase of a range of related social ills and offences such as crime and violence. The sporadic incidences of xenophobia are an expression of rising levels of social and economic insecurities. This is the reality we must contend with and need to brace ourselves to deal address. Let me pronounce to this House that we **STAND READY TO DELIVER**

Ladies and gentlemen the department carries a mandate to forge the agenda for social transformation. This agenda is central in the war against poverty and creation of a better life for our people through provision of comprehensive social protection measures and development of social and human capital. The agenda for social transformation commits us to develop and implement both progressive and radical policy and programmatic instruments to realize socio-economic rights and promote social justice.

This mandate captures and expresses the aspirations of the electorate and the vision for a better life which is articulated by the people's movement. This therefore is a historical task which we dare not fail. We thus owe it to the silent and poor majority of our people to **STAND UP AND DELIVER**. I make this undertaking mindful of the organizational constrains and service delivery pressures and challenges. I want to believe that the solution lies in the bold and imaginative leadership committed to energize all social forces and build partnerships to create a sustained wave towards developing caring communities.



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Historic and authentic change and development is championed and owned by the people. An analogy in the art of war dictates that war is not won by guns and generals but by the people. I also truly believe that it is only when we stand and remain steadfast in covenant with the people that we can as a unified collective usher a better life for all. This philosophy, which we embrace cherish and practice, is echoed in the Chinese mantra which says:

Live with the People
Walk with the People
Learn from the People

We therefore commit ourselves to deepening the provision of community based services in partnership with the people. In this we re-affirm our commitment to a contract with the people to develop a carrying society.

DIPHIHLELO (Achievements)

Mohlomphehi Motsamaisi wa Dipuisano, ntumelle hore ke buwe ka diphihlelo tsa rona tsa selemo, sa kete supa/kete robedi (2007/2008) jwalo ka ha re ile ra itlama ho ntlo yena. Ho etsa jwalo ke ho latela moetlo le wa mokgwa mmuso o lokolohileng, o ikarabelang setjhabeng mme o sebedisana le setjhaba.

Lefapha le entse matsapa a maholo ntshetsopeleng ya ditshebeletso ka ho lokisa leqeme la ho hloka basebeletsi ba mmuso le ditlhoko tsa boiphihlelo.



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- (1) Balaodi (Directors) ba bahlabano (5) ba ile ba kena tshebetsong lebakeng la ho matlafatsa tsamaiso.
- (2) Baokamedi (Chief Directors) le Balaodi (Directors) ba ile ba kenela boikwetliso ba Khaedu Leadership Program.
- (3) Lefapha le kentse tshebetsong basebeletsi ba setjhaba (Social Workers) ba lekgolo le mashome a mabedi a metso e mehlano (125). Hona e bile ketsahalo e kgolo ha re hopola hore sehlopa sena sa basebeletsi ba setjhaba, ke leqeme le leholo. Re ikemiseditse ho tswela pele ka maikitlaetso ana le hona selemong sena.
- (4) Basebeletsi ba setjhaba (Social Workers) ba sebetsang ka ntle setjhabeng, ba fumane thepa ya tshebetso e jwalo ka, dikoloi (cars) mehala ya thekeng (cell phones) le di computer (laptops)
- (5) Basebeletsi ba tshireletso (Security Officers) ba lekgolo le mashome a mane a metso e robong (149) ba ile ba kena tshebetsong mme ba romelwa dibakeng tse fapaneng ka hara profense ho sebetsa teng.

Mmusakgotla, boikitlahatsong ba rona ba hore ho be le tekano meputsong ya basebeletsi ba setjhaba (Social Workers) ba ka mmusong le ba poraefete (private sector) re ile eketsa meputso ka diperesente tse leshome (10%) ho mekgatlo e poraefete e tholang dithuso lefapheng. Bo Mme le bo Ntate, re ya dumela hore hosa hlokahala tse ngata tse tshwanelang ho etswa ho tliša thuso e phethahetseng karolong ena.

Ho ntse ho na le mekgwa e meng ya boikitlaetso eo re e entseng ho eketsa phumaneho le ho thibela tahleho ya boiphihlelelo bona



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porofenseng. Baithutwana ba basebeletsi ba setjhaba ba lekgolo le metso e robong (109), ba fumane di basari ho tswa National Department of Social Development.

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano

Taba ya ho hloka kapa bofokodi ba ntlafatso ya meaho ya rona (infrastructure) e se ele nako e baka ho se kgotsofale setjhabeng le masedinyaneng. Ke motlotlo ho tsebisa ntlo ena hore Matete Matches Secure Care Centre e lokisitswe. Moaho ona ha o wa ntlafatswa feela, ebile o ekeditswe ho fana ka tshebetso e tswileng matsoho tlhokomelong ya bana ba mashome a mane (40). Hona ke ditholwana tsa tshebedisano mmoho le Lefapha la Tlhabollo (Correctional Services). Lefapha la Ditsela le Dipalangwang (Public Works, Roads & Transport), MTN Foundation le Kloppers. **REA LEBOHA BATHO BESO!!!**

The construction of a new secure care centre in Thabo Mofutsanyane began in April 2007. Whilst the department believes that this is an important resource; the project is hamstrung by shortage of funds to fastrack its completion. The department will explore ways of addressing this challenge within the resources made available over the MTEF cycle.

In July 2007 we opened the Bloem Secure Care Centre which caters for a maximum of 50 children awaiting trial. These centers and all other institutional care facilities, which are currently upgraded, act as safe guards to provide supportive and nurturing environment to children in difficult circumstances. Focused and rapid delivery measures to address infrastructural backlogs are a living testimony to our pledge and commitment to BANA PELE.



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The uptake of children in the Early Childhood Development Centers (ECD) was increased by four thousand (4000) in November 2007. These centers do not only nurture psycho-social development, they also play an important role in curbing child abuse. In recognition of their important role in the continuum of care, material support was provided to ECD centers who are currently not receiving subsidies. These were provided with an assortment of donations which included toys, food stuff, children blankets and food hampers. These items were donated by staff and business community.

Ladies and gentlemen is worth noting that foster care backlog was reduced from 27 000 to 9 053. This will ensure that foster children will receive their much needed foster care grants to which they are entitled. The appeals backlog was also reduced from in excess of 2 000 to less than 150 by the end of the previous financial year (2007/08).

All backlogs in the medical assessment of disability grants were resolved. One hundred and fifteen (150) assessment sites for disability grant applications have been secured within primary health care centers throughout the Free State by relocating them from centralized private doctor's rooms thereby improving accessibility. The number of trained doctors to conduct assessment of cases for applications of disability grant was increased from 23 to 112.

Research has demonstrated that social grants are an important means of livelihood for poor households and offer greater social returns in the war against poverty. We shall continue to strive to create greater access to this important safety net for the vulnerable groups.

Ladies and gentlemen we are a truly caring government. In 2007/08 a total budget of R7, 8 million was made available through



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SASSA for social relief of distress. This funding benefited 15 652 individuals who were awaiting the processing of their applications for social grants or were exposed to situations of undue hardships. These individuals were provided with food hampers.

A concerted effort was been made to increase access to social grants. The Integrated Community Outreach Programme (ICROP) which made use of 10 mobile units was a great success with 8 533 people living in rural areas, farms and informal settlements registered for various grant types.

The department initiated and strengthened smart partnerships with important partners such the National Development Agency, Youth Commission and some banking institutions. Some of benefits which accrued from these partnerships include absorption of two young people from poor households by First National Bank as part of its internship programme. The ABSA Bank procured mattresses, chairs and tables which will be donated to needy ECD`s.

Last but not least, the department championed a crusade to consult with NPO`s in their different sectors to take them into confidence on matters regarding the organizational standing, plan and allocated budget for 2008/09. We also negotiated new terms of engagement. This engagement gave us an opportunity to develop more insight on service delivery pressures, and blockages, experienced on the ground. We will be developing mechanisms to institutionalize this engagement as part of entrenching participatory and collaborative governance.

ONS VERBINTENIS

Dit is 'n normatiewe praktyk vir die regering om voortdurend die sosio-ekonomiese milieu te beoordeel en te takseer ten einde beleidsvoorskrifte en strategiese voorkeure te voorsien en te verwoord om as riglyn vir dienslewering te dien.



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In Februarie 2008 het die President in sy Staatsrede die Apex Prioriteite aangekondig wat ook deur die Premier in haar Provinsiale Rede bevestig is. Die Apex Prioriteite verteenwoordig die strategiese stukrag vir volhoubare ekonomiese groei en vir die bevordering van maatskaplike ontwikkeling. Dit dien ook as 'n politieke beheersentrum en lanseerblad vir 'n totale aanslag op armoede en maatskaplike ongeregtighede.

Dames en here, ons maatskaplike beplanning vir 2008/09 rus op agt strategiese inisiatiewe wat 'n verdrag uitmaak wat duidelik en op logiese wyse strukture daarstel om maatskaplike transformasie te versnel. Hierdie strategiese inisiatiewe behels:

- 1) Staatsbestuur en institusionele ontwikkeling
- 2) Oorlog teen Armoede
- 3) Aanspreek van armoede onder kinders
- 4) Maatskaplike Samehorigheid
- 5) Jeugontwikkeling
- 6) Aanspreek van armoede onder volwassenes en bejaarde persone
- 7) Gemeenskapsontwikkeling
- 8) Internasionale solidariteit

OUR AGENDA FOR ACTION

This agenda, which is a reflection of our priorities, will find expression through corporate services and the two service delivery programmes. The department has been allocated a sum total of R536, 193 million to implement its plan of action. This figure represents an 18% budget increase.



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PROGRAMME 1: CORPORATE SERVICES

Governance and institutional development provides for overarching frameworks which defines business systems, management structures and regulatory environment. In this instance the department will focus on reviewing on business systems and strengthening of management competencies to achieve business excellence. A total budget of R 149,826 million has been set aside for this programme to provide cooperate support services.

The process of reviewing the departmental organogram, which is part of the national drive, is currently underway. Our commitment is to develop a district model underpinned by ethos of decentralization, effective, efficient and responsive administration and governance. This strategic intent is already reflected in the allocation of resources in this financial year guided by business requirements, poverty profiles and demographics. This will give us an added advantage to be more visible and responsive the needs of communities.

Ladies and gentlemen some of the systemic challenges which continue to beset the department are information management, monitoring and evaluation. To this end we commit ourselves to implement an information management system which will be able to provide us with critical data for development planning and management. I am glad to announce that the process of creating a system which allows for interface between BAS and Persal will be finalized in this first quarter. Resolving this nightmare will help the department to have a proper record of its personnel and reflect correct expenditure trends per programmes.

The poor performance and collapse of funded projects is largely attributed to poor monitoring. The report of the Auditor General has confirmed this finding. In response the department will constitute a



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fully fledged and functional monitoring unit which will be established in the districts to provide oversight function.

Human capital formation and management remains a foundational imperative in the delivery of humane services within the dictates of Batho Pele. A comprehensive human resource management and development plan has been put forward to address identified needs and priorities.

All critical vacant and funded posts will be filled within six months. Particular attention will be given to social work which has been declared a scarce skill. The retention strategy for social workers has been finalized and is being implemented. One hundred and seventy one (171) social work students will be awarded bursaries. The allocation is as follows:

- First year is- 72 students
- Second year -33 students
- Third year- 36 students
- Fourth year -30 students

Learnerships will also be implemented targeting 50 students.

At this stage it is opportune for me to also announce that the department will implement Occupation Specific Dispensation (OSD). We are currently finalizing the modalities, as proposed in the national implementation framework, to be presented to Cabinet soon. A budget has been set aside for this purpose. The following occupation specific categories will benefit from this process: community development practitioners, probation officers, child care workers, social workers and auxiliary social workers. This dispensation is already implemented for the nursing profession.



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PROGRAMME 2: SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

This programme addresses provision of care and protection primarily through legislative measures which entitles the vulnerable to social services. The programme is therefore premised on a right based approach. A total budget of R343, 188 million has been appropriated for this programme.

MAITLHOMO A GO LWANTSHA LEHUMA MO BANENG

Tsela e dipalopalo tsa tshotlego ya bana e oketsegang ka yona e mo maemong a a tlhobaetsang mo Afrika Borwa ka bophara - bothata jo bo tshwanetse go tsewa jaaka maemo a tshoganyetso mabapi le ditirelo tse di maleba mo setshabeng.

Go lekanyediwa gore go feta bobedi borarong jwa bana mo afrika borwa bo mo maemong a sa itumediseng ka ntlha ya lehuma la letseno le le kwa tlase mo porovinseng le naga yotlhe ya Afrika Borwa.

Go lekanyediwa gape gore bana ba ba dikete di le lesome ke dikhutsana ka ntata ya kokwana tlhoko ya HIV le AIDS. Ditlamorago tsa lehuma le dintsho tse di tlhodiwang ke HIV le AIDS di pateletsa bana go tlhokomela le go tlamela bo-monnabo ba sale basha.

Go lwantshana le bothata jwa lehuma le le aparetseng bana, lefapha le sweeditse go tihatlosa tekanyetso ya madi go tswa go diranta tse dimilione di le dikete di le lekgolo mashome a mararo le borataro makgolo a robong le mashome a robedi le botlhano(R136 985 million) ka ngwaga wa ditshetele wa kete pedi le bosupa le wa kete pedi le borobedi(2007/2008) go ya go dimilione di le dikete di le lekgolo mashome a robong le borara le makgolo a le robong le-



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mashome a mabedi (R193 920) mo ngwageng wa kete pedi le borobedi le wa kete pedi le borobon.(2008/2009.)

Lefapha le ikaelela go lepalepana thata le go atolosa ditirelo tsa Tlhabololo ya Bana ba Bannye (ECD) le Tlamelo le Tshireletso ya Bana.

KATOLOSO YA DITIRELO TSA TLHABOLOLO YA BANA BA BANNYE

Go setse go tihomamisitswe Lenaneo-Kakaretso la go tlamela le go sireletsa bana, bogolo jang ba ba aparetsweng ke lehuma. Lefapha le tsile go tsaya dikgato tse di latelang:

- Tlhatloso ya kamogelo ya bana mo mafelong a tlhabololo ya bana ba bannye go tloga go dikete di le mashome a le bobedi (82 000) go ya go dikete di le lekgolo(100 000)
- Tlhatloso ya mafelo a tlhabololo ya bana a a tlhokang tshegetso ya madi go ya go dikete di le nne (4 000)
- Katiso ya badiri ba mafelo a tlhabololo ya bana ba bannye. Ga jaana, gontse go katisiwa badiri ba le Lekgolo le mashome a le matlhano (150). Moragonyana mo ngwageng go tlaa katisiwa ba le makgolo a le mabedi le mashome a robedi(280) ele bontlhannngwe jwa lenaneo la Katoloso ya Ditirelo tsa Lefapha la Ditiro.
- Go runa kana go tihomamisa ditlhokego tsa sechaba. Seno se tla thusa thata mo go direng dithulaganyoo tsa nako e e tlang.

TEKANYETSO POTLANA

Bomme le Borra, bontlhannngwe jwa tlhatloso ya tekanyetso ya madi e re e boneng e tla diresetswa go lepalepana le tiragatso ya



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melawana potlana go latela tsela e e dirisiwang ya ditekanyetso tsa madi.

Ke boitumelo jo bogolo mo go nna go le itsise gore ditshegetso tsa tlhabololo ya bana ba bannye di tlatlositswe go tswa go diranta di le tlhano le disente di le mashome a mabedi (R5.20) go ya go diranta di le robong (R9.00). Go bothokwa gape go netefatsa gore madi a ditshegetso tsa bana ba ba sa itekanelang mo mmeleng a tlatlositswe go tswa go diranta di le robedi (R8.00) go ya go diranta di le leshome le bongwe (R11.00) ngwana mongwe le mongwe ka letsatsi.

- ***Care and protection services***

Provision of foster care is one of the legislative mandates of the department. Blockages in the system have however resulted in the denial and delays in the provision of socio-economic rights to children in need of care as enshrined in the constitution. The Department has jointly embarked on Letsema campaign with South African Social Security Agency (SASA) and other stakeholders to resolve foster care backlog and facilitate greater access to social security. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which was signed last year has been reviewed as per new set of imperatives. The new MOA was signed this morning of the 21st April 2008 to regulate this partnership.

The following will constitute key deliverables of the campaign:

- Reduction of foster care backlog from 9 053 to zero.
- Provision of relief of distress prioritizing cases of orphans and vulnerable children.
- Deployment of 23 support staff in the form of auxiliary social workers to help with of foster care cases under the supervision of social workers.
- Community outreach registration campaigns in all districts.



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- Fastrack resolutions of appeals of backlogs for Disability Grants and Care Dependency.
- Implementation of improved grant administration (IGAP)
- Implementation of 20 outreach campaigns through Integrated Community Outreach Project (ICROP)

Honorable Speaker, let me pause here and express my appreciation to the collective leadership of South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) for the consultative management and demonstration of willingness to always take an extra-mile to accelerate service delivery. The communicative ability of the agency keeps communities updated and informed of the prevailing circumstances regarding service delivery. Such a management practice is pivotal in upholding and realization of Batho Pele.

The Children's Amendment Act, amongst other things, brings the full spectrum of child protection instruments available to promote the preservation of families and strengthening community childcare and protection structures. The department is exploring possible ways of intensifying child protection services. Such measures will include hosting of Children's Summit to craft strategies to realize this legislative mandate. The Summit will be held during the course of 2008.

Children of the twilight, meaning those who find themselves in the streets because of dysfunctional family support systems, deserve equal priority. The department will continue to provide support to 14 community projects dealing with street children. As the 2010 World Cup Tournament draws near the Provincial Alliance for Street Children is urged to develop a plan to address the potential threat of exploitation and trafficking of children by racketeers who will be masquerading as legitimate business entities.



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- **Ditshebeletso ho bana**

Lefapha letla tsetela tjhelete e kalo ka dimilione tse R24 243 ho twantshong ya dikgutsana le bana ba hlomohilng ke lebaka le HIV hloakang ka lenane la HIV le AIDS.

Mohlomphehi, ke sibollotse hore twantsho kgahlano le bohloko ba HIV le AIDS e hloka matsapa ka kopanelo. Mmuso o behile lenane lena kahara moralo wa naha wa HIV le AIDS mme wa neha mafapha ka ho fapana boikarabelo bona. Boitlamong, lefapha le lekotse le ho tsepamisa ditshebeletso tsa tlhokomelo ya setjhaba ka ho fana ka tshehetso haholo ho dikgutsana le bana ba hloakang.

Lefapha le ipehetse tse latelang ka sehlohong bakeng sa monongwaha.

- Katoloso ya diforamo tsa tlhokomelo ya bana dikarolong tse senang ditshebeletso
- .Qalo ya disenthara ho dibaka tse hloakang.
- .Kopanelo ya diovc ka hara profensi.
- Keketso ya bahlokamedi ho diccf's le disenthareng, ho netefatsa dipapalo tse nepanetseng bakeng sa expanded Public Works Programme.

Manane ana a kenywa tshebetsong ka kopanelo le mekgatlo e 137 e fumantshwang dithuso tsa ditjhelete ke mmuso. Molao o motjha wa lefapha o tla sibollwa ho lekanya ditefello ho bahlokamedi ba bakudi.

Ho sibolla kgonahalo ya bahlokamedi, ba 100 batla fumantshwa dithuto tse 8 (thuto e feletseng, NQF level 4) selemong sa 2008/2009. Sena hasena ho etsa feela hore ba sebetse ka thata ho afna ka ditshebeletso ho bana empa setla bopa motheo bakeng sa ho betla lekala la bahlokamedi ba setjhaba.



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- **Kekeletso ya katiso ya dithuso tsa bana (CSG)**

Sebui Se hlomphehang, mmuso o nkile qeto ya ho eketsa chelete ya tlhokomelo ya bana bakeng sa selemo sa 2008/2009 ele ho tlosa bofuma baneng ho fihlella ditokelo tseo badi abatsweng molaotheong wa naha. SASSA ka ona motsetso e patla chelete ya tlhokomelo ya bana ho boamohedi ba kana ka 455 849 ho ya ka dipalopalo tsa 16 Mmesa 2008.

Lemong se feliteng sa dichelete, chelete ya tlhokomelo ya bana ene ele diranta tse magolo a mabedi, etla eketswa ho tloha ka 01 April 2008 ho ya ho magolo a mabedi le diranta tse leshome. Ka kgwedi ya Mphalane 2008 hotlaba le hekeletso enngwe ho fihlela chelete ena e eba diranta tse R220. Ke motlotlo leho tsebisa hore bana base batla fumana chelete ena ho fihlella bale dilemo tse mashome a mahlano.

Ho eketsa hona ha dilemo hotla thusa bana ba 35 000 ba nang le tokelo ya ho ya ka molao ya ho fumane chelete ena.

Ke tshepa ha mekutu ena etla imollo leho fedisa bofuma baneng hape ebe motheo wa ho ehetswa ha chelete ena dilemo tse tlang.

SOCIAL COHESION

Ladies and gentlemen the subject of social cohesion is at the heart of the agenda for nation building and social integration. Social cohesion seeks to find the glue that holds us together when everything else is tearing us apart. Other than racism, crime, all forms of abuse against vulnerable groups are now new forms of unnecessary evils which haunt our communities. The cumulative impact of these phenomena is social disorganization and weakening of family and the moral fibre of society. The Premier has commanded all of us to lead an offensive against racism and all forms of crime.



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- **Social crime prevention**

The Department has set aside an amount of R20, 377 million for rendering social crime prevention services. The allocation will be spent on the development and implementation of social crime prevention programmes and to provide probation service targeting children, youth, adult offenders and victims in the criminal justice system.

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Naha ya rona ke mohlala melaong e tshireletsang le ho matlafatsa basadi. Leha re hatetse pele haholo ho bontsha bokamoso ba basadi ba thefutsweng ke bofutsana, bo ba fetotseng makgoba a tlikefetso, re sa tshwanela ho sebetsa ka thata hore ba kgone ho tswa le go intsha bokgobeng bona boo bo ntseng bo ja setsi.

Boima ba tlikefetso ha bo hatelle feela mohlekefetsuwa, esitana le basebeletsi ba setjhaba ba ba thusang e.g. Mosebeletsi wa Qwa Qwa o teng ya reng “ ka kgwedi ke bona basadi ba fetang 30 ba hlekefeditsweng le ho betoa, ha ke sa kgona ho tiisetsa ho sebetsana le maemo ana a tshosang, ke kgathetsehile moyeng le maikutlong, ke robala ka maikutlo a phahameng ke ipotsa hore ekaba ya tla latela ke mang?”

Program Thuso ya Diphofu Tsa tlikefetso ke motheo wa tshireletso le tshebeletso ya diphofu tsa botlokotsebe e mamolotsweng ka molao (Service Charter for Victims of Crime). Tshebeletso ena e kenyeletsa dithuso tse kang ho tshehetsa ka meriana, ho thoba maikutlo le ho thusa phofu ho ema a tselwe pele ka bophelo ba hae. Re le klastara ya Toka le Thibelo ya Botlokotsebe re tshwanetse re boele re hlahlobe ho bona hore keng hoo re ka ho etsang hape ho tshireletsa esita le ho tshedisa motlatlapuwa.



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Lefapha le tla bula setsha Qwa Qwa se tla thusa diphofu le batlatlapuwa ka dinako tsohle (24 hours). Ditsha tse robong (9) tse tshehetsang diphofu tsa tlhekefetso di tla thuswa ka tjelete hore re tle re be le ditsha tse 39 Freistate. Basebetsi ba ka bang 300 (makgolo a mararo) ba tla rupellwa hore ba tle ba fane ka tshebetso e tswilweng matsoho, ho diphofu tsa tlhekefetso.

Tjelete e kana ka R4, 065 million e tla fuwa programo ena, mme Mmuso wa Flemish o fana ka ditsehetso ho lefapha ho fihlella ditabatabelo tsa ho thusa diphofu tsa tlhekefetso. Lemong sena Mmuso wa Flemish o ntshitse R7, 500 million mme re ya leboha.

Misbruik van Afhankelijkheidsvormende middels

'n Totale begroting van R9,463 miljoen vir die 2008/2009 boekjaar is geormerk vir die ontwerp en implementering van 'n geïntegreerde diens ten opsigte van die voorkoming, behandeling en rehabilitasie van die misbruik van afhankelijkheidsvormende middels.

Die departement het in samewerking met die Departement van Gesondheid die "Mini Drug Master Plan" asook die strategie vir die daarstelling van detoksifiseringsdienste in alle distrikhospitale, gefinaliseer. Plaaslike Dwelmaksiekomitees sal in die lewe geroep word in alle munisipaliteite. Hierdie komitees sal die ontwikkeling en implementering van geïntegreerde gemeenskapsvoorkomingsprogramme koördineer. Vennootskappe met die Departement van Onderwys en ander belanghebbendes vir die implementering van "Ke Moja, I'm fine without drugs" in skole, sal versterk word.

Twantsho ya bofuma ho maqheku

Molawana o motjha wa maqheku o fana ka dipehele le metjha e tlamehileng ho latelwa ho etsa hore maqheku a tsebe ho tshireletswa leho baballwa.



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Lefapha letla sebedisa tjehelete e kalo ka dimillione tse 64 366 (R64 366 million) ho hlokomela leho fana ka ditshebetso maqhekung.

Dilemong tse fetileng boholo ba tjehelete ya lefapha ene e sebedisetswa maqheku haholoholo tlhokomelo ya bodulo. Lefapha le makgatheng aho lekodisisa kabo ya ditjhelete ho etsetsa hore ho be le ditshebeletso tsa setjhaba

Ditekong tsa rona tsa ho phethahatsa phethobo le melao e teng kahara naha, diphuphutso di ile tsa etswa dibakeng tsohle tseo magheku a dulang ho tsona. Sephetho sa diphuphutso tsena setla fana ka motheo waho netefatsa moralo wa porofens otlala sebetsana le ntlafatso ya phetho.

Ke tlameha ho amohela hore among a mahae a maqheku a amohetse lenane tsamaiso la tlhabollo ya setjhaba.

Hona le tlhokeho ya ho dula re le hlokolosi kgahlano le diphephetso tsa tlhabollo ho among a mahae a maqheku a jwaloka ditoropong tse kang Frankfort, Petrusteyn le Parys. Ka baka la mathata ana diphetoho, lehae la maqheku le toropong ya Petrusteyn, le ikgethetse ho se kenyeletswe dithuso tseo lefapha le fanang ka tsona.

Speaker, lefapha le hlokolosi ka diphephetso tse tobaneng le diluncheon clubs. Bongata ba diluncheon clubs dihloka moralo oo dika sebetsang ka ona.

Ha jwale re buisana le bomasepala, mafapha a a fapaneng kahara lefapha, mekgatlo ya lehae ka tshebediso ya meaho e kang dikereke, dilaborari, diholo tsa motes jwalika keno dipakeng ya nakwana.

Luncheon clubs le ditshebeletso tse itshetlehileng setjhabeng ha di fumantshwe tshehetso e lekaneng ya ditjhelete.



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Lefapha le tlilo nyolla dithuso tsa dichelete diporojekeng tse thusang maqheku ka hara setjhaba (Community Based Care Services).

- **Persons with Disabilities**

In addressing the plight of People with Disabilities, the department will be investing R15, 041 million. The objective of the sub-programme is to design and implement integrated programmes and provide services that facilitate the promotion of the well-being and socio-economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

The allocated funding will be used mainly to sustain and reinforce provisioning of Community Based and Residential services to Persons with Disabilities.

EQUALIZATION OF THE OLD AGE GRANT

The Social Security Assistance system has afforded us an opportunity to impact positively on the lives of adults and older person's living in poverty increase The equalization of the old age grant will start with in 2008 with the uptake of males who are 63 and 64 years old.

The full implementation of the equalization will be implemented once Parliament has approved the amendment of the Social Assistance Act. An estimated total of about 5 000 men in the Free State will benefit from this pronouncement.



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PROGRAMME 3: DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

This programme is tasked with the responsibility to promote community development through social capital formation and development of productive assets of the poor to improve their quality of life. The appropriated budget for this Programme totals to R43, 179 million.

WAR ON POVERTY

Highlighting the moral imperative and need for a sense of urgency in addressing poverty, Comrade Madiba correctly observed "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life."

War on poverty will be anchored on two primary pillars which are anti-poverty framework and sustainable livelihood.

- **Raamwerk vir armoedebestryding**

In 1998 het die departement 'n Vrystaatse Armoede-uitwissingstrategie bekend gestel. In 2007 is die Maatskaplike en Menslike Ontwikkelingsgroepering opdrag gegee om die strategie te hersien. Gedurende die hersiening is bevind dat die strategie konseptuele en institusionele uitdagings oplewer. Die groepering het nou 'n nuwe strategie ontwikkel wat in 2008 bekend gestel sal word.

LEANO LA TLAMELO YA LERURI (SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD APPROACH)

Bomma le borra, ke lo itsisi gore lefapha le tsile go dirisa leano la tlamele ya leruri go fitlhelela maitlhomo a lone a go ntsha batho mo ditsuatsueng tsa tshotlego le lehuma le le tseneletseng.



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Go fitlhelela maitlhomo ano, re rulagantse go dirisa leano leno la tlamelo ya leruri go gokaganya batho ba ba amogelang madi a disuga le ditshono tsa go ka tokafatsa maemo a ikononi.

Re tla dira ka bojotlhe go netefatsa gore leano leno le tswela batho ba ba sa itekanelang mo mebeleng mosola. Re setse re simolotse ka dithulaganyo tsa dipuisano le batho ba ba sa itekanelang mo mebeling.

Leano la go diragatsa Diporojeke tsa diteko tse di tla fitlhelang batho ba ba lekgolo(100) le tla thagololwa mo di-masepaleng tse Nne (4) tse di aparetsweng ke kobo ya lehuma le le tseneletseng ebong:

- Phumelela
- Nketoane
- Tswelopele
- Tokologo

Lefapha le tsile go diragatsa porojeke eno ya teko ka tirisano mmogo le Koporasi ya Tlhabololo ya Freistata, setheo-kemo sa Tshireletsego ya Loago le Setheo-kemo sa Tlhabololo ya Setshaba. Madi a kana ka dimilione di le leshome le borara le mkgolo a mararo le leshome le borobedi (R13 318m) a beetswe kwa thoko go netefatsa gore maitlhomo a Leano la Tlamelo ya Leruri a a fitlhelwa.

LENANEO LA GO TSIBOGELA DINTLHA TSOTLHE TSA DITLHOKO (income and Multi-Purpose Programmes)

Maikaelelo a Lefapha ke go fitlhelela batho ba ba sa direng ka maitlhomo a go leka go ba thusa gore banne le seabe mo kgolong ya ikononi. Go fitlhelela seno, Lefapha le ikaeletse go tshegetsa diporojeke dile mashome a mabedi le boshupa (27) tse maitlhomo a tsone e leng go thusa badiri ka lotseno. Diporojeke tseno di tla



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fitlhelela batho ba tlhokang tiro ba le makgolo a le matlhano(500). Go netefatsa gore diprojeke tseno di nnela ruri, lefapha le tsile go tlhokomela gore go dirwa dithulaganyo tse di mabapi le gore botsaimisi bo tlhaloganya tshegetso ya tsamaiso.

Tshegetso eno e tla atoselediwa le mo diporojeke tse dintsing di le gone. Ke rata go lo itsise gore Lefapha le beeletse thoko madi a kana ka dikete di le mashome a mane le borobong (R49 000) go netefatsa gore setheo-kemo sa Tlhabololo ya Kgwebo Potlana se katisa badiri ba diprojeke tsa Mabaka. Katiso e no ya badiri e tla wediwa ka kgwedi ya Lwetse 2008.

Lefapha le tsile go nna le pitso-thuto e dipuisano tsa yone di tla be di le mabapi le bomme ba kwa metseng-selegae. Dipuisano tseno, di tla sekaseka kgang tse di lateng:

- Lenaneo le le kwa Setlhoeng la Bomme ba ba nang le bana ba dingwaga tse di ka fa tlase gatse tlhano.
- Go lebelela gape mananeo a a lebaneng le go matlafatsa bomme.

Maitlhomomagolo a pitso-thuto eno ke go kwala Lenaneo-Kakaretso le le tla dirisiwang mo ditirelong tsa go arabela ditlhoko tsa bomme ba ba nang le bana ba dingwaga tse di kwa tlase ga tse tlhano, go tlhabolola metse selegae le matlafatso a bomme. Ditirelo tseno di tlhodiwa ke go tlhaloganya gore bomme ke bone batswa setlhabelo ba lehuma le gore ba kgapelwa thoko ke loago.

Madi a kana ka dimilione di le tlhano phegelelwan nne (R5 4 million) a tlaa dirisiwa mo diprojekeng tse di fang baagi tshono ya go simolola diporojeke tse di tla netefatsang gore ditlhoko tsa bone tsa dijo di sireletsegile le gore ba kgone go simolola ditheo tse di tla nnetefatsang gore ba na le lotseno.



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DIPHAHELLO TSA TSHOHANYETSO: (SOCIAL RELIEF OF DISTRESS)

Lefapha le ipetsetsa ka mafolofolo ho thuseng malapa a tsielehileng le a maqakabetsing ka ho ba abela dijo, uniforomo ya sekolo kapa chelete. Lemong sena re ikemiseditse ho fihlella batho ba ka bang 15,652, budget (tekanyetso) e ka bang R8 647 million e behetswe ka thoko ho ka thusa.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Young people remain catalysts in all fronts for advancing the broad social development agenda of government. The character of our youth development programme is shaped by the National Youth Strategy and Policy.

The Department will spend R7, 539 million to advance the cause of youth development. Our interventions, amongst others, will focus on Masupatsela youth pioneering model and National Youth Service programmes.

- **Masupatsela Youth Pioneering Model**

Ladies and gentlemen we have decided to broaden our technical support base by expanding our horizon by developing international partnerships to promote international solidarity as per existing national protocols. The Brotherhood between us and Cuba continues to grow stronger. A joint initiative called Masupatsela Youth Pioneering Model will be piloted during the course of the year. The Provincial Youth Commission will also be an important partner in the implementation of the programme.



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This programme will be focus on building core skills required by the social welfare sector, build new cadre of youth pioneers, foster the spirit of youth service and create opportunities for productive employment. The set output is to recruit and train unemployed youth by 2011. Cuba will deploy country resident managers in all the provinces to provide the required project management support.

- **National Youth Service and Related Programmes**

Tshebeletso ena ya bacha ke e kgothaletsang kenyeletso ya batjha ditshebetsong tsa setjhaba. Lefapha le beheletse ka thoko R2, milliom (dimillion tse pedi) ho thusa mekgatlo e fetang leshome (10) e tshehetsang ditshebeletso tsa batjha, mme bomasepala ba fetang robedi (8) ba futsanehileng ka hara Freistata, batla una molemo tshebeletsong ena.

Tlhokeho ya ho bateng ha ditsi tsa tsebo le hoba hole ha tsona ho holofatsa tswelopele batsheng le boiktlahetso ba mmuso ho ba thusa. Ho thibela bokowa bona tshebetsong le tshebeletsong projeke ya ho ruta batjha ka ditshebeletso tse teng mmusong e tlilo thakgolwa ka kopanelo le mekhatlo e kang Youth Comminisiotn le Umsobomvu Youth Fund, mme bomasepala ba lesome (10) ba futsanehileng ba la una mmoho le batjha ba dulang teng.

Benghadi le mafumahadi, ke sepheo sa rona ho fana ka ditshebeletso ka kopanelo le bohle ba boithatelo bo botle ntshetsopele ya batjha, ho fihlela sena re tlilo theha Provoncial Youth Development Steering Committee e kenyeleditseng mafapha a mmuso le bohle ba sebetsanang le projeke tsa ntshetso pele ya setjhaba



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GEMEENSKAPSONTWIKKELING

Gemeenskapsontwikkeling is 'n tweerigtinggesprek; dit is deelnemend van aard en word geëien deur mense, wat deur middel van hul organisasies hulself vir hul ontwikkeling moet beywer. Die departement sal voortgaan om die vermoëns van gemeenskappe te ontwikkel deur vennootskappe en eensgesindheid met die internasionale gemeenskap te bou ten einde die vereiste basis vir tegniese ondersteuning te verbreed met die oog op verbeterde dienslewering.

- **Building and managing partnerships**

Partnerships are a backbone in the delivery of public goods especially social welfare services. These partners provide important institutional leverage at two levels. First they complement the delivery arm of government by providing their much needed resources and/or technical support. Second they serve as critical role players in matters of democratic governance and oversight. The success of our social plan depends, amongst other things, in our ability to nurture and sustain smart partnerships with community organizations, and all other social partners.

Whilst the department will sustain existing partnership arrangement with funded NPO's, the funding model will be reviewed to address issues of equity, good governance and re-definition and packaging of services to achieve efficiency and effectiveness. The department is looking at developing a policy to regulate the payment of stipends. Regarding development of competencies for management and accounting a capacity building programme has been developed and will be implement in the current financial year. The department has set aside an amount of R215, 847 million for transfer payments to Not for Profit Organizations in this financial year.



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The department will continue to develop and sustain partnership with sector departments and resource organizations such as the National Development Agency, Umsobomvu Youth Fund, Youth Commission and the business community. Our partnership with the Youth Commission will ensure that six young people are placed with Konica Minolta as interns.

The department has concluded partnership with the Department of Local Government and Housing to implement a Social Housing programme. The programme will target 500 people that will include elderly persons, persons with disabilities and child-headed households. The overall objective of this venture is to address Millennium Development Goals through Human settlement.

- **Building International Solidarity**

Honourable Speaker, South Africa, as developing country, still requires financial and technical support in carrying out its historical and developmental tasks.

The department will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to implement the country programme over a three year cycle. This partnership is governed by the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) which is a working contract between South Africa and the United Nations. UNDAF provides for a technical support in the development and implementation of the country programme. The country programme is a set of priorities and needs identified by the country and packaged into a programme to address the Millennium



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Development Goal's and other development commitments and protocols.

On the 9th April 2008, a meeting was held to introduce UNFPA and the concept of the country programme to sector departments. A tentative project plan was developed which must be finalized by end of April 2008. The programme will focus on three areas of service delivery which are:

- 1) Gender empowerment and main streaming which will address issues of gender violence, capital formation, planning and policy formulation. Community outreach programmes dealing gender violence will be held in all districts
- 2) Population and development programmes will focus on developing capacity to mainstream population issues into development programmes. This will also include development of systems for measuring and monitoring development. To this end the province will host a conference on measuring development as a process towards development of provincial sustainable development indicators
- 3) Sexual and Reproductive Rights will look into issues of life skills, awareness programmes and moral regeneration. Faith Based Organizations have been targeted in the implementation of this project.

ONS PLEGTIGE BELOFTE

Agbare Speaker, na die voorlegging van ons maatskaplike plan voel ek genoop om plegtig aan die mense van die provinsie te beloop dat **ONS GEREED STAAN OM DIENS TE LEWER.**



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Ons verbind onssself om die inwoners van die provinsie te mobiliseer tot deelname in die implementering van die program om die uitwissing van armoede in die provinsie te verseker.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to all our partner organizations and caregivers in particular who toil in all kinds of challenging situations to provide psycho-social care and support system to the vulnerable members of our communities especially the orphans. They dare it all to traverse the road less traveled to provide hope and meaning to those in the circumstances of despair.

I would further like to pass my greatest appreciation to the following people, committees and organizations for the support they have provided to me as a Member of the Executive Council and to the Department as a whole.

- Honorable Premier of the Free State, Me. Beatrice Marshoff and the Executive Council for their support and guidance.
- The Free State Legislature

I want give thanks to the following Portfolio Committees

- Health and Social Development
- Finance, Office of the Premier and Legislature
- Public Accounts.

I must also send my gratitude to the African National Congress for showing confidence by deploying me to the Free State Legislature.



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I would be doing an injustice to the people of the Free State if I don't acknowledge and appreciate their support, patience, and resilience in dealing with matters of social development. Thanks to all the officials of the department under the leadership of Dr.M.Maharaswa for ensuring that services are delivered to the people of the province. I urge you to keep up the good work. How can I forget the staff in the staff in my Office for their loyal and undivided support. Many challenges still lie ahead and with your expertise, commitment and dedication we can conquer them all.

WE STAND READY TO DELIVER

Ekugqibeleni, mandibulele umyeni wam uSandile Tsopo, abekhaya lakwaTsopo kunye nabantwana bam, ha mmoho le lapa la Motsumi. I thank you for your understanding and support when duty calls and at times I am not there as a wife, mother and sister. daughter and daughter in law

Honorable Speaker, may I present the policy debate for Budget Vote 7 for Social Development.

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