

NPO Registration Campaign

The Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) Sector is undoubtedly one of the most important sectors in our country as it helps in developing and improving the quality of service delivery throughout the country. Which is why it is so important for government to ensure that they assist NPOs in any way possible. During 2012/2012 financial year, the Department of Social Development transferred a total of R348 092 000.00 to NPOs in order to ensure progress in services to the poor and vulnerable communities against poverty, inequality and unemployment.

Like any other organisation that works with government, NPOs have to comply with rules and regulation, in order for NPOs to maintain their registration status they must submit the following annually:

- ❖ Narrative Report
- ❖ Audited Financial Statements; and
- ❖ In the event that an NPO has not received funding, a copy of the bank statement and affidavit must be provided.

Failure to do so will result in the organization being deregistered. On the 3rd of October 2012, 23 040 NPOs were deregistered based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Registered NPOs from 2007 and backwards
- ❖ Those that have not submitted a single document since they registered

A non compliance notice was sent to them and none responded. Free State has 5125 registered NPOs and 2148 of them were deregistered, however, all these deregistered NPOs received a grace period of 6 months

starting from 1st February 2013 till 31 July, this grace period allows the organisations to submit outstanding documents at the nearest Social Development District offices.

The Department of Social Development has embarked on a campaign throughout the province to educate the NPO



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sector about the importance of compliance with emphasis on the six month grace period. The campaigns also open a platform for members of the organisations to raise the issues they face particularly with the compliance matter.

On the 12th of April the Department of Social Development, NPO directorate, held their registration campaign in Thabo Mofutsanyana District, Phuthaditjhaba. Most NPOs attended the event and they were all pleased with what they heard.



NPOs participating in the Q&A session.