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Honourable Speaker

Honourable Premier

Members of the Executive Council

Members of the Free State Legislature

Leadership of the ANC and the alliance partners

Acting Head of Department

The Regional Managers of SASSA and NDA

Members of civil society organizations who are our partners

Leadership from various sectors of our communities

Distinguished guests

All our valued clients and fellow residents of the Free State province

On the 18th of November 2015, the Department received a referral of a case from Lesedi FM. To protect the family and serve the best interests of the children, I will not mention their identifying information. On our arrival, we discovered that the family is comprised of 5 members who are a 68 year old grandmother and her four grandchildren aged 2, 7, 8 and 13 respectively. The whereabouts of their biological mother is unknown and the father is deceased. The grandmother does not have an ID and cannot apply for the Old Age Grant and any type of grant for the children, because of the lack of

an ID. There is therefore no source of income in the family and this includes grants. The eldest child is HIV positive because she, as stated by the grandmother, was raped by his late stepfather who is the biological father of the other three siblings. They live with handouts from the neighbors and sometimes go to bed without eating, and it becomes more difficult, especially for the child who is on ARV Treatment, since she must take her treatment after meals. The house they are staying in is rented and they cannot afford to pay the rent, it is in a very dilapidated state because the walls are cracked, there are no doors, there are no windows; which compromise their safety. They do not have basic furniture such as a sitting chair and the family sleeps on the floor in the soil.

The above is, but one, of many similar cases that we have to deal with because of unemployment, inequality and poverty.

Honourable Speaker, I am sharing this information with the house so that we can all have an idea on the type of human suffering the Department has to deal with and to demonstrate that our intervention dictates for a holistic approach. I am simply saying our intervention is not limited to one particular aspect of the problem but we must provide services to the entire household as individuals, the family, the community and the entire society. We are, in this case, supposed to provide care and protection services for the children, address issues of the mother as a young person and a woman, intervene on the grandmother as an Older Person, provide psycho-social support to family, assist with poverty alleviation programs such as the grants and food security, prioritize social protection net of the entire family, and link them with further developmental programs such as ECDs. You see ladies and

gentlemen, our services are based on all aspects of human life cycle; from birth to death.

- DITSHEBELETSO TSA BANA

Re fana ka ditshebeletso tsa ho hlokomela bana, ho ba sireletsa le ho ba hodisa. Ditshebeletso tseo re fanang ka tsona ho ba hlokomela le ho ba sireletsa ke tseo molao o di behileng ho tlitsallela hore bana ba fumantshwe tlhokomelo ya nakwana ho bana ba hlekefetswang malapeng ao ba dulang ho ona, bana ba dikgutsana ba hlokomelwang ke malapa ao e seng a bona, bana ba hodiswang ke batswadi bao e seng ba bona ba tlhaho le ba dulang ditsheng tsa mmuso tse hlokomelang bana le batjha.

Ha jwale re na le ditsha tse pedi tseo re di sebedisang ho boloka bana ba hlokomela dibaka tsa tshireletso kapa malapa a ithaopang ho ba hlokomela. Dibaka tsena ke Tshireletso e Bloemfontein e hlokomelang bana ba 58 le Leratong e Qwaqwa ho hlokomela bana ba 53.

Ke batla ho totobatsa ho ntlo ena hore ha jwale, maemo a ikonomi ya lefatshe a qobelletse lefapha lena ho lekola ditshebeletso tsa mantlha tseo re hlokomela ho di behella ka pele. Re tla tswela pele ho fana ka ditshebeletso kaofela ho ya ka dipehelo tsa molao le maano a lefapha empa re tla beha ka pele ditshebeletso tsa malapa a ithaopang ho nka bana ba bao e seng ba bona ho ba hodisa jwale ka bana ba bona, dibaka tsa ho hlokomela bana (dicreche) le ditshebeletso tsa ho buella bana selemong sa 2016/17.

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya hlomphehang, e re ke bontshe ka bokgutshwane ka moo re sebeditseng ho fihlela ha jwale ka moo ditshebeletso tsa bana tseo ke seng ke di boletse; di fanweng ke lefapha ho hlokomela le ho sireletsa bana, ha holo-holo ditshebeletsong tseo re di behileng ho ba tsa mantlha bakeng sa selemo sa 2016/17.

Children on the Streets

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya hlomphehang, re ngongorehile haholo ke taba ya bana ba lahlilweng ke malapa a bo bona, bana ba sa duleng malapeng a bo bona ba amile dipelo tsa rona haholo. Ka 2014 re tlositse bana ba 39 ba neng ba dula le ho sebetsa ditrateng tsa Bloemfontein. Ba 25 ba bona ba kgutliseditswe malapeng a bo bona mme ba kgutletse sekolong, ba 4 ba isitswe maamong a sekolo ba ngodiswa Tawana Primary School, Thaba Nchu. Re tlameha ho ela hloko hore ba 10 ba bashanyana bao ha ba kgona ho kgutlela malapeng a bo bona kapa ho ya dikolong ka baka la ho sebedisa le ho angwa ke dithethefatsi ka mokgwa o kotsi.

Lefapha la ka le sebeditse ha mmoho le moithaupi ya itetseng a nka bashanyana ba 10 a ya le bona setsheng se Tweeling ka maikemisetso a ho ba thusa ho tlohela dithethefatsi. Projeke ena e qadile re batla ho bona hore e tla sebetsa ka mokgwa o jwang empa tsatsing lena ke motlotlo hore bashanyana ba 7 ba bona ba kena sekolo mane Tweeling ha jwale mme ba se ba ituletse ha monate sebakeng seo. Ba se ba tseba ho itlhokomela, ba dula ba hlwekile ebile ba se ba tlohetse ho sebedisa dithethefatse dife kapa dife. Re tla tswela pele ho sebetsa le mahata mmoho a mang ho etsa bo nnete ba hore ha ho sa na bana ba phelang diterateng. Sena se tla etswa

ke ofisi ya ditokelo tsa bana e falletseng ho tloha ofising ya moPremiri ho tla ba ka tlasa lefapha la ka.

Adoption

Tsatsi le leng le le leng re utlwa ditlaleho tse sehloho ditabeng tse haswang le ho sepolesa ka bana ba fumanwang ba lahletswe dithotobolong, ba siilweng dipetlele le dipale tsa ho ima ho qobellang bana ba sekolo ho ntsha dimpa ka bo bona ntle le thuso ya dipetlele. Ka nako eo ho na le makgolo a basadi ba sa hlohonolofatswang ho ba le bana.

Ho kgothaletsa malapa a se nang Bana ho nka Bana bao eseng ba bona ho ba hodisa jwale ka bana ba bona(Adoption) ke a mang a mananeo ao re a kentseng tshebetsong ho etsa bonnete ba hore Bana ba hodiswa le ho tataiswa ka mokgwa o nepahetseng; haholo Bana ba dikgutsana le ba lahlilweng ke malapa a bo bona. Lenaneo lena la malapa a nkang Bana bao eseng ba bona ho ba hodisa jwale ka Bana ba bona ke mokgwa o molaong wa ho beha ngwana seabakeng sa moshwelella ho motswadi/ batswadi bao e seng ba tlhaho ba ngwana/ Bana. Maikemisetso a ho fa batswadi Bana bao e seng ba bona ba tlhaho; ke ho sireletsa le ho tataisa Bana ka ho ba fa sebaka sa bodulo se sireletsehileng se bile se na le tshehetso e nepahetseng.

Ha e sa le ho tloha ka 2010, re se re behile Bana ba 274 malapeng ana a hlokang Bana hoba ba ne ba hloka tlhokomelo le tshireletso. Re bile re tswela pele ho itlama hore re tla eketsa palo ya bana ba tla fuwa malapa a jwalo selemong sena sa 2016/17 jwale ka projeke ya rona e ka sehlohong

ho tsa ditshebeletso tsa Bana. Re tla boela re tswe letsholo la ho nka bashanyana re ba behe malapeng a tla ba tataisa (Adopt a Boy Child Campaign) mme re etsa boipiletso ho ditho tsa baahi ba rona ho tshehetsa letsholo lena. Tjhelete e behelletseng ka thoko bakeng sa tlhokomelo ya bana le tshireletso ke **Dimilione tse 88 le dikete tse makgolo a robedi (R88 896 000)**.

E re ke nke monyetla ona ho etsa kgwelehetso ho baahi ba rona ho tla ingodisa lenaneng la batho ba batlang ho nka bana bao eseng ba bona ba tlhaho ho ba ha ba sa etse jwalo bana ba rona ba tla nkuwa ke ditjhaba tse tswang mafatsheng a mang ho ba lefapha la rona le bohareng le se le kene ditumellanong tsa tshebetso le naha ya Belgium ho ba fa bana ba hlokanng batswadi ho ba hodisa jwale ka bana ba bona. Ha jwale re na le bana ba fetang ba 32 ditsheng tsa rona tsa mmuso le tse seng tsa mmuso le ditsheng tsa batjha ba ka unang molemo ka ho behwa malapeng a moshwelella ka ho ba fa batswadi bao e seng ba bona ba tlhaho. Hopola, “Naheng ya rona ya Afrika ngwana o hodiswa ke motse ohle”.

Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya hlomphehang; e mong wa bara ba tswileng naheng ena ya bontata rona, Nelson Mandela o kile a re: Ha ho na ba le bopaki ba thahasello ya Setjhaba ho feta mokgwa oo e tshwarang bana ba yona ka teng.

Dibaka tsa ho hlokomela bana ba banyane (DiCreche) ke boikarabello bo kopanetsweng ke lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba le lefapha la thuto ya motheo. Phapang pakeng tsa mafapha ana a mabedi ke hore lefapha la rona

le fana ka ditshebeletso bakeng sa bana ba dilemo tse tlohang ho (0) ho fihlela ho tse (5) ha lefapha la thuto ya motheo le tsepamisitse maikutlo ho bana ba ka hodimo ho dilemo tse(5). Re motlotlo ho le bontsha hore ho tloha ka selemo sa 2009 dipalo palo tsa rona ke bopaki ba ditshebeletso tsa makgonthe le bongata ba ditshebeletso tseo re fanang ka tsona baahing ba rona.

Re kgonne ho fihlela tse latelang;

- Ho eketsa palo ya ban aba tshehetsang ka ditjhelete ditsheng tsa tlhokomelo ya bana ho tloha dikete tse mashome a 4 le makgolo a 5 le mashome a 5 (40 550) ho ya ho dikete tse mashome 4 a metso e robedi(8) selemong sa 2016. Hona ho bontsha keketseho ya dikete tse 8 le metso e meraro(3) ya bana(8003).
- Sena se tsheheditse ke keketso ya ditshehetso tsa ditjhelete tsa bana tsa letsatsi le letsatsi tseo re di patallang ngwana ka mong ,tseo e neng e le R9 ka 2009/2010 ho ya ho R15.00 ka matsatsi a 264 selemong sa 2015/2016. Re fanne hape ka thuto tsa ntshetsopele ho basebeletsi ba ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana ba sekete,lekgolo le leshome(1110) ka tjhelete e kalo ka dimilione tse 11 le dikete tse makgolo a 7 (R 11 700 000). Maemo a bolokehileng a dula ele taba ya bohlokwa bakeng sa bana ba rona. Ho etsa bonnete ba hore re fihlella seo re ahile ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana tse ntjha tse 18 diterekeng tsa rona tse 5 ka tjhelete e lekanang le dimilione tse 15 (R15 000 000).
- Re kgonne le ho fana ka lenaneo la phepo e ntle ho ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana tse sa fumaneng tshehetso ya ditjhelete ya boleng ba dimilione tse 2 le dikete tse 11 (R 2 011 000) ho thusa bana ba 2139 le ho fan aka makoloi a 3 bakeng sa ho fa na ka ditshebeletso tsa

tlhokomelo ya bana diterekeng tse 3 tsa (Thabo Mofutsanyana, Xhariep and Fezile Dabi) tsa boleng ba dimilione tse 3 le dikete tse makgolo a 2(R 3 200 000).

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya hlomphehang; lefapha le tla tswela pele ho sebetsa le ho ikopanya le mekgatlo e ka ntle ho mmuso jwale ka bafani ba ditshebeletso. Ho fihlella hona jwale tshebedisano mmoho ya rona le National Lotteries Commission e tla tlisa tjhelete e kalo ka dimilione tse **50 le dikete tse makgolo a supileng (7) le motso ole mong wa diranta (R50 701 000)** ho aha ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana tse 26. Mokete wa ho phethola lekwete o ile wa tshwarwa Tumahole, Parys ka la 18 Hlakola 2016 ho thakgola lenaneo lena.

Ke ka tlhomphe e kgolo ho bontsha hore re se re le letotong la ho qala ho aha setsha sa tlhokomelo ya bana mona Sasolburg, Boiteko Reahola Educate ya boleng ba dimilione tse 3 le dikete tse makgolo a 8 (R3 800 000). Jwale ka ha mohlomphehi moPremieri as sa laetse pehelong ya puo ya province re itlama ho aha ditsha tse ding tsa tlhokomelo ya bana Vogelfontein, Botshabelo le Thaba Nchu. Teboho e kgolo ke e lebisa ho Komiti e kgolo ya tsamaiso (EXCO) le lefapha la tsa ditjhelete ka keketso ya tjhelete ya dimilione tse **38 million le dikete tse makgolo a 6 le mashome a 5 a metso 8 a diranta** (R38 658 000) bakeng sa ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana, ha holo holo ditjhelete tsa mekgolo ya bahlokamedi le ditshehetso tsa ditjhelete. Re tla boela re eketsa mekgolo ya basebetsi ba ditsheng tsena ho tloha ho sekete le makgolo a mabedi (R1200) hoisa ho sekete le makgolo a supileng le mashome a mahlano le motso o le mong (R1751) le dimatron di tla ekelletswa ka **R251** ka kgwedi. Ha e sa le re lefa ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana, tshehetso ya ditjheleta bakeng sa matsatsi a 261 re se re tla ba lefa

bakeng sa matsatsi a 264. Dikeketso tsena di tla kenywa tshebetsong ho tloha ka la 1 Motsheanong 2016. Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya hlomphehang; sena se bolela hore re se re ikamahanya le phatlalatso ya letona la lefapha le bohareng. Ka nnete, **Re a Hlasela, We have Delivered. Tjhelete e teng bakeng sa ditsha tsa tlhokomelo ya bana, ke dimilione tse 196 le dikete tse makgolo a 3 le leshome le metso e mmedi (R 196 312 000).**

Children in conflict with the Law

Ditshebeletso tse fanwang bakeng sa tlhokomelo le tshireleto ya bana ba ka hahlamelwang ke mathata ba kenyelletsa ba etsang ditlolo tsa molao ba be ba qetelle ba le kgahlanong le molao. Re na le ditsha tse 2 tse nang le bana ba kgahlanong le molao e leng Matete Matches Secure Care Center e nang le bashanyana ba 20 le Winkie Direko Secure Care Center ka bashanyana ba 21. Re eleletswe hore ba bang ba bona ba qetella ba entse ditlolo tsa molao ka baka la ho hloka batho bao ba ba shebang e le baetelli pele(role models) ha holo tlhokeho ya bontate ka malapeng jwale ka baetelli pele. Re na le maikutlo a hore bontate ba bapala karolo ya bohlokwa ka hara malapa mme re etsa kgwelehetso ya hore bo ntate ba nke boikarabelo ba ho ba bapala karolo ya ho ba baetelli pele ka hara malapa a bona.Ho etsa bonnete ba hore bontate ba nka karolo re thehile mokgatlo wa bontae ka Pudungwane 2015 ka morero wa ho totobatsa seabo sa bontate ka malapeng le ho matlafatsa seabo sa bona jwale ka baetelli pele ka hara malapa a bona le ka hara baahi.

Lemong sena sa ditjhelete; lefapha le tla netefatsa hore bana ba isitsweng dikolong tse ka ntle ho profense ho ya dikolong tsa bana ba tlotseng molao

ba tswang provenseng ya Free State ba kgutlisetswa Thabo Mofutsanyana Secure Care Centre. **Tjhelete e teng bakeng sa thibelo ya botlokotsebe le tshehetso ke dimilione tse 61 le dikete tse mashome a 9 le metso e 8 (R61 098 000).**

Ho thusa bakeng sa thibelo ya bofuma ba bana; tjhelete ya tshehetso ya bana ha jwale ke R330 mme e tla eketswa ka R20 ho ba R350, ya tlhokomelo ya dikgutsana e tla eketswa ka R30 ho tloha ho R860 ho isa ho R890.

- **SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE**

Honourable Speaker, our services to young people are informed by the approaches which are specialist welfare services and youth development. We have noted that young people are more affected with social ills such as HIV and AIDS, Substance Abuse, Gangsterism and Crime. We acknowledge that these social ills affect all people in the society but we have also recognized the fact that they are more prone within the young people.

Substance Abuse

Like with services for children, we have decided to reprioritize substance abuse and youth development for our services to the youth in 2016/2017.

There is a rise of Substance Abuse in the Province, therefore a demand is growing for the Prevention and Treatment services. For this reason, the Department will establish the first ever “state run” Treatment Center and a half way house for substance abuse dependent persons. The Treatment Centre will be established in Botshabelo and a building contractor is already on site to start with its construction for the next 12 months. 68 million rand

(R68 000 000) has been set aside for this purpose and in 2016/1,7 an amount of 42 million 5 hundred thousand rand (R42 500 000) has been allocated for this project. The second center is in Clarens, serving as a Half-way House will prepare substance abuse dependent persons especially youth for re-integration and reunification into the community by providing skills development and life skills programmes. We will launch this project on 01 April 2016.

We have set aside a budget of 78 million and 7 thousand rand (R78 007 000) for the entire Substance Abuse sub-programme.

Youth Development

The Statistics South Africa National and Provincial Labour Market on Youth, Quarter 2 of 2014 indicated that the rate of youth unemployment in the Free State is higher than the National average of 36,1%. The unemployment rate among the African youth and Coloured population is the highest in the province. This picture also does not seem right if you consider that this year we will be celebrating 40 years Anniversary of the 1976 uprising by the youth who fought for their rights and the rights of today's young people.

In response to this, our youth development programs aim to create an environment to help young people to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationship while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies and needed skills. We hope this will engage them as partners in their own development and that of their communities.

Honourable Speaker, I must indicate that we are currently focusing on Social Entrepreneurship for our Youth Development programmes because our core business as the Department is to provide social protection. I must emphasize that we do not provide funding for Small Businesses nor provide Business Development or Corporate Development, but we facilitate services for Social Entrepreneurship. Let me share with the House, for a common understanding, Social Enterprise refers to the business concept whose main aim is to address a social problem. We have already initiated a Social Entrepreneurship approach in partnership with the International Labour Organization and Central University of Technology where we saw 13 social enterprises funded, 12 of these were funded through an Awards ceremony which was held on 11 November 2015. A total of 1 million 2 hundred thousand rand (R1 297 471) was used in 2015/16. To strengthen and roll-out our Social Entrepreneurship model for 2016/2017, we will support 17 Social Entrepreneurs through training and funding for equipment. A total of **1 million 3 hundred thousand rand (R1 300 000) has been identified for this purpose.** Five Social Entrepreneurs, who are operating as cooperatives and which we initiated in Xhariep, Trompsburg in 2014/15, will benefit from this commitment.

Also as one of our Social Entrepreneurship projects will be on Sanitary Towels. Once more, my greatest appreciation goes to the EXCO and Treasury for additional allocation for of 6 million rand (R6 000 000) for the implementation of this project. We intend to implement a Sanitary Towel Distributing Project in Cornelia as part of our contribution to job creation, linking youth with skills development and retaining the dignity of a young woman. This project is also one of the SOPA commitments. These sanitary

towels will be distributed to young girls in rural schools as means to protect one of their Constitutional Rights, which is a Right to Dignity, and of course Speaker, this commitment is made during March, the Human Rights Month in South Africa.

We will also implement a project on youth mobilization and patriotism to engage young people to serve their communities. This project will benefit the 90 young people who attended a National Youth Camp in Kimberley in December 2015. Each young person will be requested to do a household profiling from the wards they are originating from and will be paid a stipend based on EPWP rates over three months. We hope this project will be able to assist in job creation and youth volunteerism. We have set aside a budget of **1 million 3 hundred thousand rand (R1 300 000)** and intend to implement it on 01 April 2016.

We intend to also re-launch our Annual Young Developer of the Year Awards, which will be held in youth month, June 2016. By this, we say thank you to a young person for Volunteerism and Patriotism, but also encourage a spirit of community service. **An overall budget of 63 million and 7 hundred thousand rand (R63 700 000) is available for Youth Development.**

- SERVICES TO ADULTS

Our services for adults target those who do not fit in the bracket of a child, a young person and an old age. This simply means that the service targets those who can have an age ranging between, 36 and 59 years. We provide these services through various initiatives such as families, groups with

special needs such as the persons with disabilities, women development and victim empowerment.

Honourable Speaker, let me acknowledge that factors such as disability, families and victim empowerment do not only affect the adults but they also affect other sectors within human cycle development such as children, youth, and the elderly. Services for these other groups are also integrated, but not limited, into the entire basket of services for the adults.

Persons with Disabilities

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya kgabane, e re ke boele ke bontshe diphihlello tsa rona le ho toboketsa hape kgwelehetso ya moPremiri ya kgabane ya “**Re a Hlasela, We have Delivered**”. Tjhelete tsa tshehetso bakeng sa ditsha tse hlokomelang batho bas a itekanelang e ile ya eketsawa ho tloha ho R11 ngwana ka mong ka letsatsi ka selemo sa ditjhelete sa 2013/2014 ho ya ho R16 ngwana k among ka letsatsi. Ho ile ha thehwa mesebetsi e 190 bakeng sa bahlokamedi ba ditsheng tsena tsa tlhokomelo ya batho ba sa itekanelang. Mekgolo ya bona e ile ya eketswa ho tloha ho sekete le makgolo a mabedi (R1 200) ho isa ho sekete le makgolo a mahlano a diranta (R1 500) mohlokamedi ka mong selemong sa ditjhelete sa 2015/16.

Ka 2015 hape, mekgolo ya bahlokamedi ba ditsheng tsena tsa tlhokomelo ya batho ba sa itekanelang e ile ya eketswaay Care Facilities for People with Disabilities was increased from 1 thousand 2 hundred rand (R1 200) to 1 thousand 5 hundred rand (R1 500). Repetition of the above statement

Tokomane ya boipiletso e ile ya tekwa tafoleng ka letsatsi la ho keteka letsatsi la batho ba sa itekanelang ka la 3 Tshitwe 2015. Ho seka –seka ditaba tse boletsweng tokomaneng ena; re tla tshwara kopano ya matsatsi a 2 bakeng sa batho bas a itekanelang moo batla kopana le ditho tsa komiti ya matona (EXCO) kgweding ya batho ba sa itekanelang e qalang ka la 03 Pudungwane ho is aka la 03 Tshitwe 2016. Lefapha le tla ntlafatsa mananeo a diphatlalatso le ho hlaba batho malotsana ka ditaba tsa ho se itekanele mme tjhelete e behelletsweeng ka thoko bakeng sa tsena e lekanyeditswe ho dikete tse makgolo a mabedi le mashome a mahlano (R250 000).

Ke motlotlo ho tsebisa ntlo ena hore tjhelete ya mokgolo wa batho ba sa itekanelang e tla eketswa ka R80 ho tloha ka la 01 Mmesa 2016 e tloha ho R1 420 ho ya ho R1 500.

Tjhelete kaofela e behelletsweeng ka thoko bakeng sa batho bas a itekanelang ke dimillione tse 41 le dikete tse makgolo a 3 le leshome le metso e mmedi a diranta(R41 312 000).

Victim Empowerment

Re bone hore le ha re entse matsholo a fapafapaneng ho sireletsa bana le basadi ba hlekefetswang, dinyewe tsa tshotlhako ka malapeng le ho hweba ka batho di ntse di tswella pele. Ho a swabisa ho nna hore ke utlwe hore ka la 06 Hlakubele 2016, basadi ba 14 ba ile ba sebediswa jwale ka diotswa sebakeng se fanang ka ditshebeletso tsa ho rekisa mmele mane Bloemfontein; mmileng wa Raymond Mhlaba. Re leboha sepolesa ho etsa mosebetsi o tswileng matsoho ka ho kwalla beng ba sebaka seo. Re boela hape re etsa boipiletso ho banka karolo ba sebetsng ka thibelo ya bootswa ho sebetsa mmoho le rona ho lwantsha tlhekefetso ya basadi le ho hweba

ka batho. Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ka lehlohonolo dipalopalo ha di bue mashano, ebile ho utluisa bohloko ho bontsha hore ho tloha ka 2009, lefapha la ka le sebetsane le dinyewe tse dikete tse 26 tsa mahlatsipa a tlikefetso le ho sotliwa ka malapeng. Ba dikete tse 22 le makgolo a 2 le mashome a 3 a metso e 5 ba mahlatsipa ana ba ile ba fumantshwa thuso ya ho thoba maikutlo (counselling) ba dikete tse 2 le makgolo a 5 le metso e 8 ba ile ba iswa ditsheng tsa polokeho tsa lefapha.

Re boetse ra fumana ditlaleho tse mmalwa tsa hore bongata ba batswadi ha holo-holo basadi ba sokola ho fumana tjhelete tsa tshehetso tsa ho hodisa bana (maintenance) tsa kgwedi le kgwedi .Selemong sa 2016/2017, re tla tswa matsholo ho ya makgotleng a tshehetso tsa ditjhelete tsa ho hodisa bana (Maintenance Courts) ho ya buisana ka mokgwa oo re ka tokafatsang phumantsho ya ho fumana tjhelete tsa tshehetso tsa ho hodisa bana ho tswa ho batswadi ba bona. Lefapha le tla boela le theha sehlopha sa tshebetso sa batho ba nang le boiphihlello jwale ka boRamolao le batho ba sebetsang ka mahloko a keello ba tla thusa basadi le bana ba hlekefetswang. **Tjhelete e kalo ka dimilione tse 17 le dikete tse makgolo a 2 le mashome a mabedi a metso e mmedi (R17 222 000) e behelletse ka thoko bakeng sa ditshebeletso tsa thuso ya mahlatsipa.**

- SERVICES TO OLDER PERSONS

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya kgabane; ho na le mananeo a fapaneng ao re a kentseng tshebetsong bakeng ka maqheku re kenyelletsa mekgolo ya maqheku.

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano ya kgabane, ke lekunutu le pepeneneng hore bongata ba bo Ntatemoholo le bo Nkgono ba rona ke mahlatsipa a

tlhekefetso ke malapa a bona le batho bao ba sa ba tsebeng. Ba nkelwa ditjhelete tsa mekgolo, ba betwa ke batjha, bana ba bona ha ba ba tsotelle; ba hlokofofatswa malapeng a bona le kante ho malapa a bona. Sena ha se a nepahala. Re tla Kenya tshebetsong letsholo la ho boloka maqheku a rona a bolokehile “Keeping our Grandparents Safe” campaign ka ho ba ruta ka tlhekefetso le metjha eo ba tshwanetseng ho e latela ho tlaleha tlhekefetso. Re tla tshwara palamente ya maqheku ka Phupu 2016 hobeha ka sehlohlolong dingongoreho tsa maqheku. Re hoballetse pele ho sebetsa le ntlokgolo ya peho ya melao ya Free State dinthong tse amang maqheku. E re ke tlalehe ka motlotlo hore mkgolo wa maqheku o tla eketswa ka R80 ho tloha ka la 01 Mmesa 2016 ho tloha ho R1 420 ho isa ho R1 500.

Re beile ka thoko tjhelete e kalo ka dimilione tse 101 le dikete tse makgolo a 7 le mashome a 5 a motso o le mong wa diranta (R101 751 000) bakeng sa ditshebeletso tsa maqheku.

- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES
Honourable Speaker, Community Development is one of the key programmes that are aimed at providing intervention services on poverty and hunger. We have developed and further implement various initiatives under community development which includes food security, community-based research, support and capacity building to the Non-profit Organization and Population and Research.

Food Security

Honourable Speaker, our food security programme targets poor households without an income and is implemented through a comprehensive community development approach called Community Nutrition and Development Centers (CNDCs). We currently have 24 of these centers and they are

benefitting 3 thousand 1 hundred and 54 people (3 154) from all four districts and the metro. As means to sustain these centers, we will provide a funding of 4 million 5 hundred thousand rand (R4 500 000) with effect from 01 April 2016.

We intend to strengthen our food security programme of CNDCs by establishing additional 8 of these centers in Cornelia, Villiers, Excelsior, Tweespruit, Theunessin, Winburg, Soutpan and Vrede. Let me further indicate that the Cornelia CNDC will also have a dining hall as mandated by the Honourable Premier during the State of the Province Address.

An amount of 1 million 2 hundred thousand rand (R1 200 000) will be used for Cornelia CNDC. A total budget of 1 million 5 hundred thousand rand (R1 500 000) has been set aside for the roll-out of other additional 7 CNDCs.

An additional 5 million 3 hundred thousand rand (R5 300 000) will come from the National Department for the roll-out of CNDC. The total work opportunities that will be created by this initiative are 612 benefitting our change agents identified during household profiling and the Care Givers of the Day Care Centers. The Department has put aside an amount of 1 million 4 hundred thousand rand (R1 400 000) for the stipends.

The total amount which has been set aside for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Livelihoods is 42 million 8 hundred thousand rand (R42 888 000).

Institutional Capacity Building and Support to NPOs

Honourable Speaker, the Civil Society Organizations such as NPOs play an important role as a partner in service delivery, but also in social cohesion and community advocacy. It is one of our main aims to support and develop these organizations, especially on areas of accountability and good governance. We are going to increase our Annual allocation to the NPOs with 7.8% for both Statutory and Non-Statutory Services in 2016/2016. This implies that the current budget allocation for NPOs of 1 hundred and 70 million rand (R170 000 000) will be increased to 1 hundred and 83 million rand (R183 000 000). This however will not be a one size fits all. In order to prevent wasteful expenditure, we will also be stopping to fund all the NPOs who are not adding value on our services and who do not comply with service delivery agreement.

To improve compliance of our NPOs, we will capacitate them and as registration is needs driven, the Department will target deregistered NPOs and newly established CBOs for registration during the 2016/. Our plans are as follows:

- Undertake 400 re-registrations and new registrations
- Ensure 500 Annual Reports to be submitted
- In partnership with NDA, to provide training to 1600 funded NPOs on Governance, NPO Act, Conflict Management and Financial Management

Honourable Speaker, we are also busy capacitating our existing personnel on NPO services by providing training to 50 NPO officials from the district and provincial office on an Monitoring and Evaluation course at the Free State Training and Development Institute from December 2015 until June

2016 at a cost of 1 million rand (R1 000 000). This will assist in strengthening the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in the Department.

We have invested 13 million and 9 hundred thousand rand (R13 99 000) for this Sub-programme.

- SOCIAL SECURITY

Honourable Speaker, let me begin with one of our apex child and adult poverty intervention programs which will also demonstrate our human life cycle intervention approach through Social Security.

When the current Provincial Administration took over in 2009, under the leadership of the gallant advocate of the course of our people, Premier Magashule, and as of the 1st of April 2009, the Free State had a total of 755 thousand and 82 (755 082) recipients for all types of grants paying a total amount of 278 million rand (R277 751 081) per month. The entire budget was 4.5 billion rand (R4.5 billion) for 2009/2010 financial year. We have done some great strides in ensuring an increased access to grants to an extent that we have increase both the recipients and the budget for Social Security with almost 50% in 2016.

It is with great pleasure and excitement to announce to the House that as on 01 February 2016, we have a total of 973 thousand 5 hundred and 77 (973 577) recipients paying a total of 628 million rand (R628 220 820) per month. The total budget was 7. 8 billion rand (R7.8 billion) in 2015/2016. For those who must still be assisted with their mathematics, this indicates that an additional 2 hundred and 18 thousand 495 more people are receiving grants

as compared to 2009/2010 and in terms of rand and cents. It also shows an additional monthly amount of 350 million rand (R350 469 739) is paid in 2015/2016 as compared to 2009/2010.

Honourable Speaker, I am of the opinion that everybody knows that the global negative economic growth has had negative effects on our own economy as well. These sentiments were also echoed by His Excellency, President Jacob Zuma. During his State of the Nation Address, the President indicated that there is a negative outlook of our economy. This was also confirmed by both the Honourable Premier during the State of the Province Address and the Honourable Minister of Finance during the tabling of the National Budget for 2016/17. I must however indicate that we, as the caring, legitimate and elected government of South Africa; are proud to indicate that, despite this negative economic growth, we will always strive to assist the poorest of the poor by meeting their socio-economic needs. This commitment is demonstrated by the increase in the allocation of Social Grants not meant for children, old age and disability for 2016/17 as follows:

- Current Care-Dependency is R1 420 and will increase with R80 to R1 500
- Current Grant-in-aid is R330 and will increase with R20 to R350

This is indeed a Good Story to Tell and yes Honourable Premier, as you indicated during the State of the Province Address, **Re a Hlasela – We have Delivered!**

In the Department we have five programmes and the budget allocated is based on these Programme as follows:

Programme 1: Administration is allocated R239 484 million

Programme 2: Social Welfare Service is allocated R188 899 million

Programme 3: Children and Families is allocated R428 762 million

Programme 4: Restorative Services is allocated R155 307 million

Programme 5: Development and Research is allocated R132 712

Million

The total budget of the Department for the 2016/17 financial year amounts to **R1 billion 145 million and 1 hundred and 64 thousand rand (R1 145 164 000), reflecting 12.8% overall increase.**

CONCLUSION

Honourable Speaker, let me conclude my Budget Speech by making a call to the fellow South African and Free Staters to go out in their large numbers and vote for the party of their choice in the upcoming local government elections. As reflected earlier, this year we mark a 40th year Anniversary of the June 16, 1976 resistance by our young people to subject themselves to slavery and servitude of Apartheid. Those young people sacrificed a lot including their lives for us to realize our Freedom and Democracy. Today's youth can only thank them by exercising their right to vote, and please make a wise decision by voting for those who have your greatest interests at heart, who will help you to realize your dream.

Let me send my greatest appreciation to the Honourable Premier and my colleagues in the Executive Council for your confidence in me and support.

I would not be doing justice to this process if I do not thank the Acting HOD of the Department, Mr. Seoke for keeping the fort in the Department by ensuring stability and continued service delivery. This also goes to all the staff in the Department for your sterling performance and dedication. Honourable Speaker, our NPOs play a significant role in assisting the government to realize its vision and mission. I urge them to continue supporting us and further thank them for their role in Social Development Sector. This appreciation goes hand in glove with all other partners who have supported us both within the government and externally.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to my family, in particular my husband, uBaba uNtombela with his support and tolerance of my hectic schedule. He always keeps the fort when I am not there during my hectic schedule. To my sons and daughters, thank you for your love, support and for being NOT ONLY GOOD CHILDREN TO US, but a PILLAR OF STRENGTH.

Yes, Re a Hlasela – We have Delivered!!!

I thank you.