

**NOTES FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY EXECUTIVE, DR VUYELWA NHLAPO,  
AT THE OPENING OF LETHABONG DROP-IN CENTRE ECD CAMPAIGN CONCEPT LAUNCH  
ON WEDNESDAY, 03 OCTOBER 2012'**

Honourable Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini  
Honourable Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Maria Ntuli  
Madame Speaker  
Mme Sisi Ntombela, MEC for Social Development  
Ms M Maboe, HOD Social Development (Free State)  
Dr B. Mzangwa, Executive Mayor, Thabo Mofutsanyana Municipality  
Cllr M Mopeli, Executive Mayor of Maluti A Phofung Municipality  
Ms Virginia Petersen, Chief Executive Officer of SASSA  
Colleagues from DSD National and Free State Offices  
Colleagues from the NDA  
Ladies and gentlemen

As we gather here today to open Lethabong drop-in centre, let us remember the 57% of children who have no access to registered ECD Centres. Let us make it our goal, to enable as much children as possible to get a good foundation that will benefit them throughout their life-long learning.

Let us commit today, to invest in the welfare of our children so that we can reap the benefits of having well educated future generations who will be proud leaders of tomorrow.

The NDA has launched an "Adopt an ECD Campaign" aimed at getting more partners to be involved in creating holistic ECD centres. This campaign, which needs your financial support, is aimed at assisting ECD centres to offer holistic development for our children. It is aimed at ensuring that children are well prepared to join the formal education system and that they can 'hit the ground running'. If we can get this right, we would have ensured a brighter future for all our children.

Ladies and gentlemen, please support our Adopt-an-ECD campaign. Let us aim to reduce the 57%, at least by half, between now and October next year. This can only happen if you all join us in this campaign.

Kea leboha!

## **MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AT THE BLUEGUMBOSCH STADIUM**

Honourable Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini  
Honourable Deputy Minister of Social Development, Ms Maria Ntuli  
Madame Speaker  
Mme Sisi Ntombela, MEC for Social Development  
Ms M Maboe, HOD Social Development (Free State)  
Dr B. Mzangwa, Executive Mayor, Thabo Mofutsanyana Municipality  
Cllr M Mopeli, Executive Mayor of Maluti A Phofung Municipality  
Ms Virginia Petersen, Chief Executive Officer of SASSA  
Colleagues from DSD National and Free State Offices  
Ladies and gentlemen, Good Afternoon!

The National Development Agency has always been a proud supporter of the community of QwaQwa. As an Agency of government, we have funded a number of projects in piggery, sugar distribution, ceramics at Tshia College, early childhood development, to mention a few, through your civil society organisations. All these projects were aimed at contributing towards poverty eradication by creating jobs and the necessary skills for participating members of the community.

The National Development Agency provides capacity building to registered civil society organisations to enable them to carry out development programmes in their communities. Our strategic focus this financial year is investing in early childhood development to ensure that our children get a good foundation for their life-long learning; another one is food security – as we believe that no one should go to bed hungry in a land of the free.

Please contact Dr Anthony Bouwer at our office in Bloemfontein and check how we can be of assistance to your community.

Ke le lakaletsa katleho le mahlohonolo, ntshetsong pele ya setjhaba sa lona.

Kgotso (Peace), Pula (Rain), Nala (Prosperity)! Kea leboha!