

BUDGET SPEECH FOR 2010/11 OF THE FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT Tabled by MEC ME SH NTOMBELA

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Honourable Speaker
Honourable premier
Members of the Executive Council (MECs)
Members of the Free State legislature
Executive mayors and mayors
Marena, Dikgosi le Mafumahadi
Distinguished guests
People of the Free State
Comrades and friends
Ladies and gentlemen

Ours is a commitment that we have made to the people of this province and it flows directly from the programme of action as it was set out by the President Zuma and our Premier Magashule. They have declared 2010 as a year of working together to accelerate service delivery. A YEAR OF ACTION nothing else and that is exactly what this department is committed to. GEARED IN ACTION TOGETHER, TANG-TANG E TLA KGANGWA KE LEROLE, YA SE NANG SEKAJA MMAE A TELE!

Quality basic education

Ho ba le seabe motheong wa thuto ya bana, Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano,

Rona ka lefapheng re shebane le bana ba senang dilemo hoisa ho tse nne. Le a tseba le lona hore sefate se tiye, se behe ditholwana tse ntle ke hore o se tshelle metsi se sale senyane, o lokise mobu hore mothapo wa sona o kenelle o tiye hore se tle se seka sisingwa ke eng kapa eng, ke seo re se etsang lefapheng.

Selemong se fetileng sa ditjhelete 2009/10, re nyollotse tjhelete ya bana ya dicreche ho tloha ho R9 ho fihla ho R12 mme re ne re thusa bana ba 40 558 ho tswa malapeng a kobo di mahetleng. Selemong sena sa 2010/11, tjhelete e tla nyoloha ho tloha ho R12 hoisa ho R14. Re tla eketsa palo ya dicreche ho finyella ho 1 594 bakeng sa bana ba likgolo la dikete.

Selemong sena mmuso wa ANC o hlwaile thuto e le ka sehlohong hoba re tseba hantle hore setjhaba se senang thuto ke setjhaba se senang bokamoso. Lefapha le behile ka thoko tjhelete e lekanang le dimilione tse R148,199 selemong sena mabapi le ho ntlafatsa thuto ya bana ba banyane. Tjhelete e kang ka R34 million e tla sebedisetswa di stipend bakeng sa mesuwetsana ya dicreche. Heelang thupa e kojwa e sa le metsi!

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano,

Mona ke rata ho tiisa lentswe ho mosuwetsana ya rona hore tjhelete ena ke ya bana ya ho reka dijo tse matlafatsang mmele ya bona. E seng bana ba je motoho letshehare lohle empa ba fumantshwa tjhelete. Bana ha ba le 50 ngodisa bona, o se ke wa eketsa palo ya bana ka dipooko, wa re ba 70. Selemong sena re tla re thoso o sa labella; mme tang-tang e tla kgangwa ke lerole.

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano

Mmoho re tla fihlella tse ngata. Rona le Lefapha la Thuto re ikemiseditse ho kwetlisa mesuwetsana e ka bang 300. Ka nako ya thupello ena, retlabe rentse rebalefa kgwedi engwe le engwe. Ditikanyetso tsa thupello ke dimilione tse R3,9. Re entse bonnete ba hore dibaka tse nyane tse kang hona mona Trompsburg (Xhariep district) ba fumantshwa diMobile Toy Libraries tse nang le dikomporo ka hare.

Di tla potoloha dicreche tsa rona ho etsa bo nnete ba hore bana ba rona le bona ba tseba ka dikomporo ba sa le banyane. Ao! ANC re ka e leboha ka eng. Rona re tshepile wena.

Social welfare services

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano,

Ho dimo ha ditikanyetso tsa thuto ya bana (ECD), Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba le behetse kathoko dimilione tse R338, 057 bakeng sa ho fana ka ditshebeletso tsa di social workers, mahaeng a Tshireletso, le mekgatlo ya setjhaba (NGOs le CBOs). Di tshebeletso tsena di akaretsa tse latelang:

- Older persons: R37,4 million
- Pre-statutory and statutory services to children in need of care and protection as well as children living on the streets and shelters: R47,6 million
- HIV and AIDS: R22,8 million
- Teenage pregnancy: lefapha le tla bea ka sehlohlolong lenaneo la thibela pelehi ya bananyana. Tsena ka hofela di tla etswa ka R15,3 million
- Persons with disabilities: R14,4 million
- Crime prevention and support: R3,4 million. The focus areas will be the implementation of crime prevention programmes for children and youth, development of a responsive secure care centre model and the implementation of a diversion regulatory framework and accredited system.

School uniform

Tonakgolo Magashule, puong ya hae ya pulo ya lekgotla laketsa molao, o bontshitse ho kgathatseha ka bana ba dikolo ba nang le mathata dikolong. Batho ba bo rona ba ntse ba hula ka nkatana. Ba ntse ba sena mesebetsi, ba bang ba bona ba siile bana. O bone ngwana a ya sekolong a sena seeta, di aparo tsa hae diseantle. Ka nako e nngwe ngwana a be a balehe sekolong ka baka la ho hloka, haholo-holo dikolong tse mapolasing le ditoropong tse nyane. Ho na le bana dikolong ba se nang batswadi, bao e seng e le batswadi malapeng a bo bona (child headed households) ba yang dikolong ba sa ja letho ba bile ba se na diaparo tsa sekolo.

Lefapha le behileng ka thoko tjelete ho etsa bonnete ba hore bana bao le bona ba fumantshwa school uniform ba be le seriti ba tshwane le bana ba bang. Le hona mona Trompsburg ho na le bana ba tla fuwa Uniform kajeno. Bana ba rona le bona ba ke ba ikutlwe e le batho le bona.

Social Work Indaba

I would further like to bring to your attention that the department successfully hosted a Social Work Indaba where best practice strategies were deliberated upon for further improvement of professional services. On 25 March we will be celebrating the provincial chapter of the International Social Workers Day. In addition to the renewal of the pledge, we will also be acknowledging those social workers that have passed on.

Lefapha le hlasela ka social workers dikolong:

- Ho na le bana dikolong ba hlekefetswang ke ba bang ba mesuwe, jwale ka yane wa Welkom ya betileng ngwana wa sekolo, sekolong ka nako ya sekolo.
- Ho na le bana ba rona ba rutwang dithethefatsi, ba tahwe, ba qetelle ba bolayane dikolong
- Ho na le bana ba se nang dibukana tsa boitsebiso (dipasa) le mangolo a hlaho dikolong ba hlokang ho thuswa

Ke ka hoo re le lefapha re ananelang puo ya Tonakgolo Magashule hore basebeletsi ba setjhaba ba be teng dikolong ho thusa bana ba rona. Ho tloha ka 1 April 2010 di social workers di tla ba teng dikolong ha bedi ka kgwedi. Ba tla ya moo ho etsa bo nnete ba hore ba thusa bana ka tseo ba di hlokang, le ho ba eletsa ka taba ena ya ho ima dikolong. O tla bona tsena ha di etsahala hle! Le bona

ba se ba le malala a laotse ho qala mosebetsi wa bona. HALALA ANC HALALA! Tang-tang e tla kgangwa ke lerole.

Safe South Africa for all

Crime prevention and community safety

Re hlasela ka social workers di police stationing. The safety of the communities of the Free State is the responsibility of everyone who lives in the province. The department is partnering with the Department of Police, Roads and Transport to ensure that the members of the police and the community at large have access to social work services. We will be deploying our social workers into 19 police stations where they will be rendering the critical and necessary social work services.

I would like to thank the Premier for his guidance and commitment, all staff of the department and can never forget to thank my husband and children for their unwavering support.

Protection of women and girl children

Speaker,

Human trafficking has become a problem especially in Bloemfontein and we are working together with the police and church organisations to combat the scourge, TO STOP THE MADNESS! This inhumane behaviour undermines the legacy and the very foundations upon which our democracy was built led by our leaders Albert Luthuli, OR Tambo and Nelson Mandela. We cannot rest while our province is being destroyed.

We call upon the communities of the Free State (councillors, business people, and ordinary citizens) to wage war (ya mahlo a mafubedi) against human trafficking.

The upcoming world soccer tournament has brought a further challenge of increase in social ills which we must confront now. Malapeng a rona le dikolong ha re lwantsheng bo oswa bona hore re tle re gobe mathata a HIV le AIDS, hlekefetso ya basadi le bana.

During the 2010/11 financial year R11,6 million has been set aside for support and prevention of sexual and physical abuse of women and girl children. Further, to empower rural women through capacity building, the department will fund girl child and women development programmes managed by non-profit organisations (NPOs). The total allocation will be R1,6 million.

A long healthy life for all

Speaker,

The health of the people of the Free State determines the success of the province; hence it is important for us to work together with the Departments of Health and Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in our efforts to promote "a healthy Free State community". We will in this regard implement the Golden Games Programme with the abovementioned departments.

Substance and alcohol abuse remains a challenge to our communities and we need to accelerate our prevention and treatment services. We will be involving 75 schools to implement the "Ke Moja" programme and 4 500 learners will be reached by this prevention programme. We also intend to involve the social clubs in this endeavour where 40 of these clubs will be implementing "Ke Moja".

In relation to treatment, 600 people will be provided with access to utilise in-patient treatment centers. A total of 1 000 patients will be counselled, referred, screened and assessed for a appropriate intervention. The Department of Social Development has set aside R14 million for substance abuse services during the 2010/11 financial year.

Disabled People South Africa (DPSA)

Following various meetings with different stakeholders including DPSA, we shall continue to protect and promote the rights of people with disabilities. We will initiate special capacity building programmes and increase financial support in order to widen access to independent living for persons with disabilities.

Gogo-getters programme in partnership with Love Life

It is our commitment to constructively engage our older persons into programmes such as the Gogo-getters that we will be implementing in partnership with Love Life. Through this programme, our older persons will contribute to the care of the orphans and vulnerable children. They will also share values and indigenous knowledge with our children whilst also benefit from active ageing programmes.

Intergovernmental relations: South African Social Security Agency SASSA and Department of Home Affairs

Motsamaisi wa dipuisano,

Batho ba rona ba bang ba ntse ba sena dibuka tsa boitsebiso (dipasa), mangolo a tlhaho jwalo jwalo, bongata bo ntse bo sa fumane ditokelo tsa bona ka baka la ho hloka dipasa, motho a ka ipotsa hore ba tswa kae. Ke batho ba tswang mapolasing moo ba neng ba sa fuwe le sebaka sa ho nka dipasa, moo motho ya motsho ho neng ho sa bonwe bohlokwa ba hae hore a be le pasa.

Ba bangata batho ba bo rona ba sa kenang dikolo ka ha ba ne ba lokela ke ho tshwara tokga ho na le hore ba bale. Ba bangata batho ba bo rona ba sa fumantshweng ditsha makeisheneng hoba ba ne ba sena dipasa. Ba ne ba nkuwa feela jwale ka ditshwene le dikafore. Ke yona hee Legacy e tlositseng seriti sa batho ba rona. Empa kajeno ha mmuso wa ANC o thusa batho ho batla di ID, bona ba re batho ba ba voutele ka tsona. Dipasa tseo ba neng ba sa ba fe tsona. PASA KE BOPHELO.

Selemong se fetileng ka baka la Operation Hlasela re kgonne ho thusa batho ba ka bang 228 177 lefapheng lena, mme re ikemiseditse selemong sena ho etsa bonnete ba hore bana bohle ba 16 years ba fumantshwe dipasa tsa bona ka potlako. Mangolo a tlhaho re tla etsa bonnete ba hore ngwana ha a hlaha sepetlele o ya hae a na le lengolo la tlhaho.

Speaker,

The department is currently embarking on campaigns nationally, to encourage the early registration of birth and young people turning 16 years to apply for identity documents (IDs). Some of the campaigns are as follows:

- Birth registration: within 30 days
- Late registration of birth
- ID applications for 16 year olds
- Registration of customary marriages

The campaigns are in conjunction with district and local municipalities and other stakeholders. These campaigns will be officially launched by the President Zuma on 23 March 2010.

This department is aware that an estimated 2.5 percent of the Free State population is undocumented and need to be assisted. The campaigns seek to take the services to the people and to make sure that citizens are provided with their constitutional rights. That is the legacy that we must leave behind as ANC government.

Social grants

Ke batla ho bontsha hore ba bang batla amohela tjhelete ena ya dipenshene ke maqheku a bo ntate a pakeng tsa dilemo tse 61 ho isa ho tse 64 ba amohetsweng ho amohela tjhelete ena ka baka la ho

kengwa tshebetsong ha molawana wa teka-tekano ya bong ya dipenshene e lekang ho tliša tekano ya ditjhelete tsa dipenshene ho bomme le bontate. Re kenya tshebetsong teka-tekano ena ka mekgahlelo e latelang:

- 1 April 2008: bakeng sa bontate ba dilemo tse 63 le 64
- 1 April 2009: bakeng sa bontate ba dilemo tse 61 le 62

Re tla be re kenya tshebetsong mekgahlelo wa ho qetela wa ho kenyetsetsa bontate ba dilemo tse 60 ho tloha ka 1 April 2010.

Ke batla ho le tsebisa hore re nkile mehato e tswetseng pele ho etsa bonnete ba hore re ikamahanya le diphetoho tsa molao o kentsweng tshebetsong ka 2009, ho atolosa dilemo tsa bana tsa ho fumana tjhelete ya tshehetso ya bana (child support grant) hore ba fumane tshehetso ena ya tjhelete ho fihlela ba le dilemo tse 18. E re ke bontshe hore molawana wa mantlha wa 2009 one o sa kenyetsetse bana ba hlahileng ho tloha ka la 1 January hoisa ho 30 September 1994.

Ka mora dipuisano le Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba, lefapha le bohareng la ditjhelete le portfolio Committee ya Social Development re motlotlo ho le tsebisa hore bana ba hlahileng ka moraho ho 31 December 1993 ba se ba tla fumana tjhelete ya tshehetso ya bana (child support grant).

Sena se bolela hore bana bohle ba ntseng ba fumana tjhelete ena le bao e leng hona ba tla etsa dikopo tsa tjhelete ya tshehetso ya bana ba tla amohela tjhelete ena ho fihlela ba le dilemo tse 18. Sena se tla thibela ho phetha-phethwa ha ho etswa dikopo tsa dichelete tsa bana hoo nakong e nngwe ho bakang tshitiso ho batho ba hlokomelang bana.

The changes made to Social grants payments are as follows:

2010/11 grants

Grant type

- Older person's grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R1 010
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R1 080
- Disability grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R1 010
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R1 080
- War veterans grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R1 010 +R20
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R1 080 +20
- Grant in aid
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R240
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R250
- Child support grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R240
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R250
- Foster child grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R680
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R710

- Care dependency grant
Amount as at 1 April 2009: R1 010
Amount as from 1 April 2010: R1 080

Decent employment through inclusive economic growth

Honourable Speaker, please allow me to reflect the difference that we have made in the lives of our people by making our grants accessible to the most vulnerable. While social grants are one form of reducing poverty, the department is ensuring that grant recipients are linked to economic opportunities. According to the Free State growth and development strategy, global insight 2006, there are 11 poorest municipalities in the province, namely:

- Tswelopele
- Tokologo
- Phumelela
- Mafube
- Setsoto
- Nala
- Naledi
- Nketoane
- Mantsopa
- Masilonyana
- Mohokare

In this financial year, out of 11 poorest municipalities which we profiled, five of the 11 are ready to commence with their programme of linking grant recipients to economic opportunities. Each project is allocated R450 000 which benefits 20 beneficiaries per municipality. The national Department of Social Development is funding these projects to the value of R4.9 million.

Speaker,

Lefapha la Ntshetsopele ya Setjhaba le ikemiseditse ho ntshetsapele bomme le batjha mesebetsing ya bona ya matsoho eo ba ileng ba e lahlehelwa ka mabaka a ho kwalwa ha difactory le difeme nakong e fetileng. Re ikemiseditse ho thusa bomme le batjha ka tshetso ya dithupello (training). Lefapha le tlo thusa bomme le batjha banang le tsebo ya meroko ho ikopanya ba thehe di koporasi di bakeng tse na tse latelang:

- Kroonstad
- Botshabelo
- Qwaqwa
- Frankfort Genesis Fashion Designs
- Xhariep district

Youth development

We have prioritised three vulnerable groups for 2010, the youth, women and persons with disabilities. Our Youth Development programme targets youth who are out of school between the ages of 18 and 35.

Re kgonne ho fa batjha ba 346 menyetla ya thupello lenaneong la Masupatsela Youth Pioneer programme. Ba 15 ba bona ba se ba fuwe dibursary ho ya ithuta metseng ya thupello ya thuto e phahameng, mme ba 13 ba bona ba fumane mesebetsi e le mokgwa wa ho ba leboha ka mosebetsi o thata oo ba o etsang dibakeng tseo ba sebetsang ho tsona.

Ka lenane la dikamahano le Cuba, re na le mokwetlisi ya tswang Cuba ya sebetsang ka lenaneo la Masupatsela. Re ikemiseditse hape ho tswela pele ka ho sebedisa tjehelete e kalo ka dimillione tserobedi ka 2010/11 ho ntlafatsa lenaneo lena.

We intend to appoint 350 Masupatsela Youth Pioneers on a new contract from 1 April 2010 until 31 March 2011 and provide them with a stipend.

Our youth development interventions for 2009/10 have resulted in the establishment of community based projects such as Genesis Fashion Design, Kwanda, car wash projects and salons to mention, but a few.

The National Youth Service (NYS) is one of the key programmes that we will be implementing to ensure that we provide our youth with the necessary opportunities that link them with decent employment through inclusive economic growth. We will be recruiting 500 young people who will be part of NYS and we will provide them with an accredited training on child and youth care on national qualifications framework (NQF) level four.

As the honourable premier has already indicated in his budget vote speech, 200 of these young people will be recruited from Botshabelo and the remaining 300 will be from the other four districts of the province. We will be launching this programme on 16 June 2010 as a major highlight of our programme for Youth month. The total allocation for youth development programmes including the implementation of the National Youth Service is R24 million.

Mona re aha setjhaba, re kwetlisa baetapele ba ka moso, ho sa kgathaletsehe morabe.

The construction of a Secure Care Centre in Thabo Mofutsanyana is allocated R30 million.

Service delivery partnerships

Speaker,

Allow me to share these wise thoughts with the house, Kahlil Eibran said: "let the best be your friend", John Hay said: "friends are the sunshine of life", Mother Teresa went further to say: "spread love anywhere you go, let no one ever come to you and leave without being happy". Mosotho wa kgale o ne a e bone le yena ntho ena are "motho ke motho ka batho".

Friends of the Poor Partnership programme

Men and women have partnered with Social Development to assist us with the following projects:

- Construction of the clinic in Hennenman with Tau-pele Construction to a tune of R250 00
- Equipment for Moroka hospital in Thaba Nchu where we partnered with Windmill Casino for the amount of R1,5 million
- Renovation of Iphahamiseng Crèche in Parys where we partnered with First National Bank (FNB) for the amount of R144 000
- Erection of tombstones in Qwaqwa partnered with Standard Bank and 10 business women to the amount of R150 00
- The construction of an orphanage starting this April in Tweeling and accommodating hundred children
- Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) is making available an amount of R800 000 for our programmes of youth development
- We have a significant relationship with EDCON, which has donated blankets and clothing for poor communities and children
- We have also received donation for children food from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) South Africa.

Today we are distributing part of the 400 wheelchairs to persons with disabilities, here in Trompsburg, as a donation from Airports Company South Africa (ACSA).

The Friends of the Poor campaign has been infused into Operation Hlasela and we undertake to strengthen this programme. We acknowledge the efforts of municipalities who are participating in this programme. Indeed, working together we can do more.

Speaker,

Allow me to present to you the financial breakdown of the budget.

The budget appropriation for the department for 2010/11 amounts to R721,690 million. The breakdown of the budget for social spending is as follows:

- Programme One which is Corporate Services: R172 931 million
- Programme Two which is Social Welfare Services: R486 256 million and
- Programme Three which is Development and Research: R62 503 million

In conclusion,

Speaker,

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the people who pledged support to the Operation Hlasela fund and request more people to join in pledging towards sustaining this humanitarian cause. Through this fund, we have been able to help students at tertiary institutions to pay their tuition fees and accommodation.

I would like to thank the premier for his guidance and leadership, my colleagues in the executive council and the Finance Portfolio Committee. Let me thank the head of department and all staff of the department. Thank you to my husband and children for your unwavering support.

Speaker, I hereby table the budget vote for 2010/11.

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