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ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVC) POLICY ISSUES

PRESENTED AT

***KZN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS
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OUTLINE

- Purpose
- Background
- State of Orphans
- Policy and Mandates
- Programmes and Partnerships
- Current Status on Children Accessing Services
- Institutional Structures and Operationalization
- Recommendations





PURPOSE

The purpose of the Presentation is to highlight:

- The state of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children(OVCs) in KZN
- The issues affecting the OVCs
- Policy and Mandates to address these issues
- Programmes and Partnerships in dealing with issues of OVCs
- Recommendations for improved care and support of OVCs

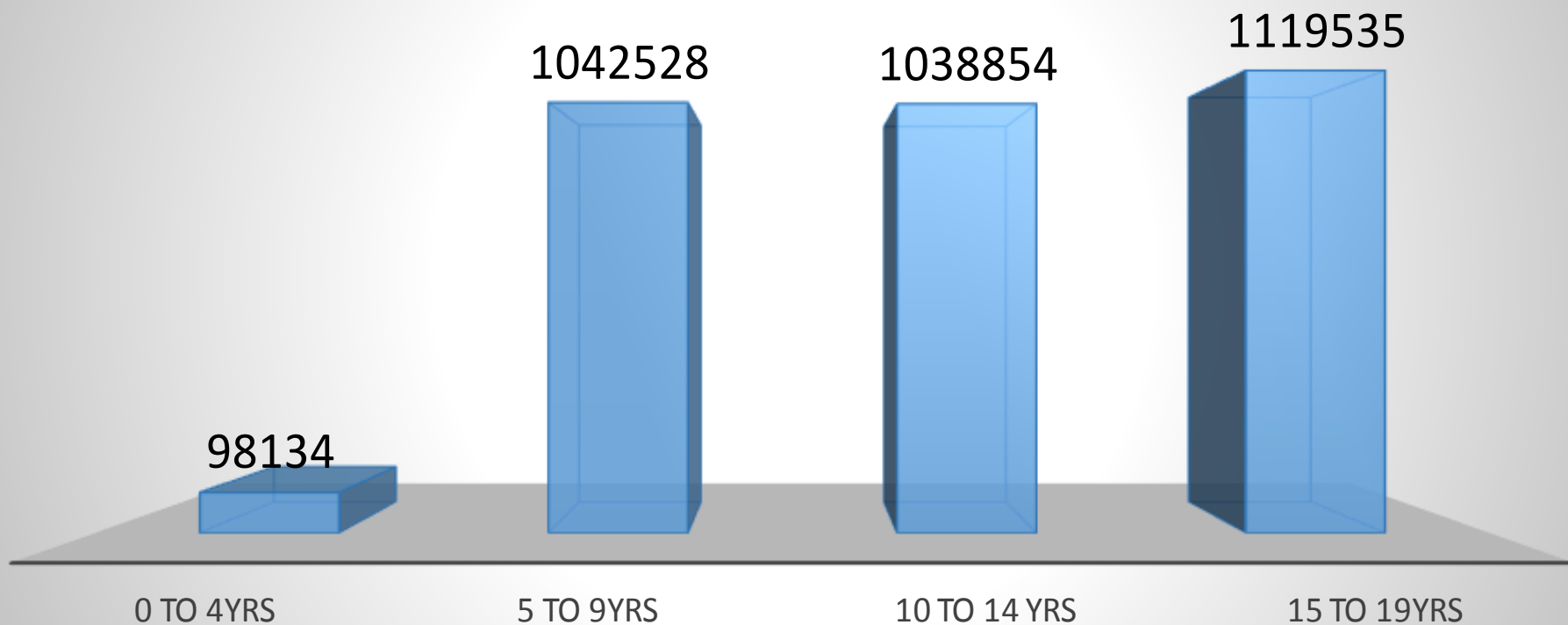




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Status of Children in KZN



Source: Census 2011





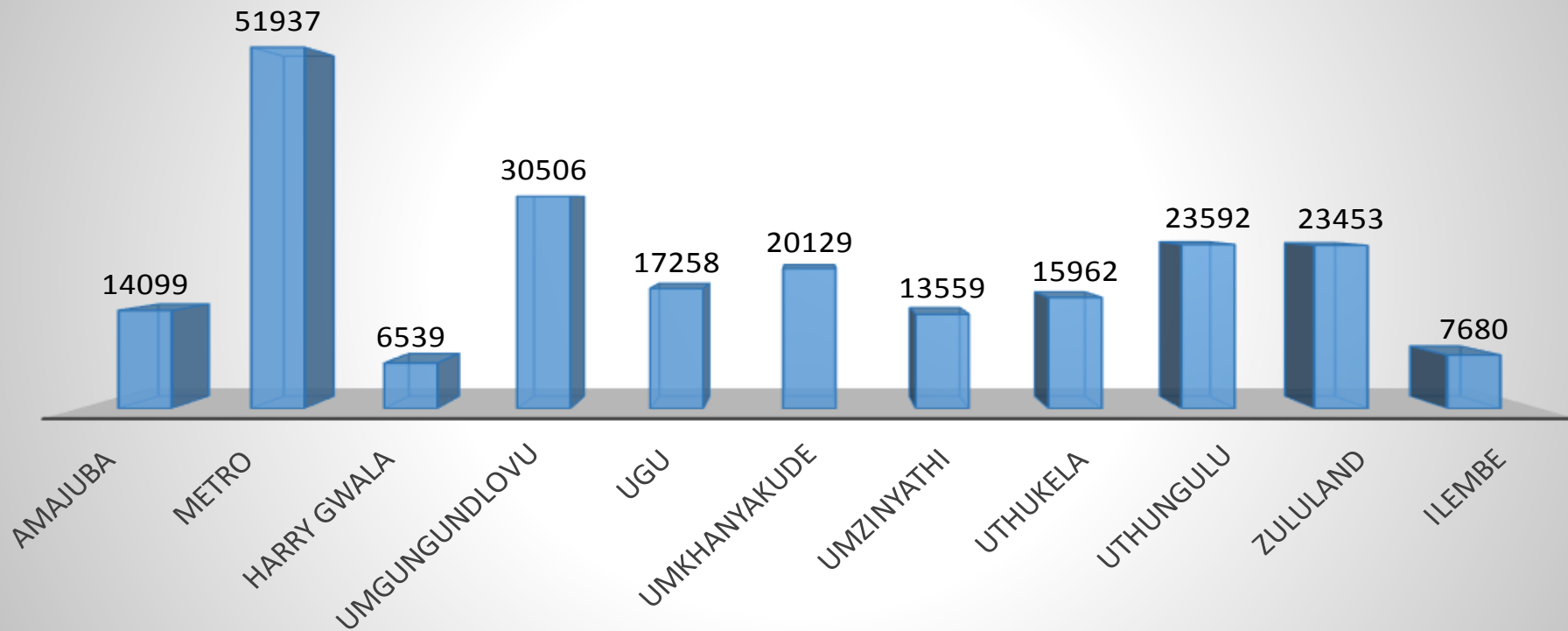
STATE OF ORPHANS

- Maternal Orphan Study Surveillance was conducted in 2012 throughout the country to determine the magnitude of the problem
- Study indicated that by the end of 2009, there were approximately 905, 453 maternal orphans in South Africa, which accounts for about 4 percent of all children living in South Africa.





Status of OVCs in KZN



Source: Census 2011





OVCs ACCESSING DSD SERVICES PER DISTRICT

- Number of OVCs receiving psychosocial support services per district during 1st quarter 2015/16:

Name of DM	OVCs receiving psychosocial support services
1. Amajuba	4775
2. Umzinyathi	4193
3. Uthukela	3182
4. Ugu	1950
5. Umgungundlovu	15670

Source: HIV/AIDS Directorate





OVCs ACCESSING DSD SERVICES PER DISTRICT cont.....

Name of DM	OVCs receiving psychosocial support services
6. Harry Gwala	3418
7. Ilembe	1968
8. Ethekwini Metro	6105
9. Umkhanyakude	2356
10. Uthungulu	15820
11. Zululand	2019

Source: HIV/AIDS Directorate





ISSUES AFFECTING OVCs

Amongst other things, OVCs are primarily affected by :

- Poverty – in ability to provide for their school and material needs
- Abuse and Neglect
- Exploitation
- Child Labour
- Heading households
- At risk / vulnerability to social ills e.g. HIV and AIDS, Substance Abuse and Crime





POLICY AND MANDATES

S.A. CONSTITUTION

Section 26 &
27

- Section 26 (right to housing) and Section 27 (right to health care, food, water and **social security- and social assistance**) apply to everyone, including children.

Section 28

- Section 28(1)- Rights of Children

Children's Act
No 38 of 2005

- Child in Need Of Care and Protection- **Section 150**





POLICY AND MANDATES CONT.....

Gvt Outcome	DSD Outcome(desired change)	Functional Area/ Strategic Objective
All people in SA are and feel safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe & friendly society for children 	Child Care and Protection Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to ECD Programmes 	Early Childhood Development and Partial Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved welfare services to Families including children 	Care and Services to Families





PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED

CHILDREN	PROGRAMMES
Orphans (child with no surviving parent caring for her)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster Care Services• Adoption Services• Child and Youth Care Centres• Psycho social Services• Parenting Skills• Isibindi Programme• Integrated School Health Programme
Abused Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (CANE)• Child Protection Register (CPR)• Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes(PEIP)





PROGRAMMES IMPEMENTED CONT.....

CHILDREN	PROGRAMMES
Children Heading Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Development;• After School Services;• Family Preservation Services;• Parenting Skills;• Family Enrichment Services;• Psycho-social Support;• Drop-in Centre Services;• Succession Planning and Memory Work (where parent, guardian or caregiver is terminally ill)





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PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED CONT.....

CHILDREN

Children Living & Working in the Streets

PROGRAMMES

- Vocational skills development (Youth Academies)
- Outreach through Drop in Centres and Shelters.
- Health Care Programmes





CURRENT STATUS ON CHILDREN ACCESSING SOCIAL SECURITY GRANTS

CHILDREN	NO
▪ Children in receipt of Foster Care Grant	▪ 125 120
▪ Children in receipt of Child Support Grant	▪ 2 805 675
▪ Children in receipt of Care Dependency Grant	▪ 36 842

Source: SASSA report





PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED

PARTNERSHIP	SUGGESTED STAKEHOLDER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Early Childhood Development Health Services▪ School Fee exemption in respect of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in schools.▪ Access to schools in respect of children with special needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Department of Health (DOH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Early Childhood Development(ECD)infrastructure to increase access to ECD Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Department of Cooperate Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Moral regeneration and Family preservation programmes to strengthen family structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Traditional Leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Required registration documents for children and their families to ensure access to government services including foreign minors & their families)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Department of Home Affairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Houses for OVC's and their Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Human Settlement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Free Basic Services (Water and Electricity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local Municipalities



PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED

PARTNERSHIP	SUGGESTED STAKEHOLDER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Placement of children who have been found to be need of care and protection in alternative care placements including victims of abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Justice (DOJ)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Development of curriculum for children living and working in the streets and children in child and youth care centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Department of Basic Education (DBE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Payment of Social Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">South African Social Security Agency (SASSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Management of Family Violence, child abuse and Sexual offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">South African Police Services (SAPS)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsors for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Civil SocietyPrivate Sector



INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES FOR AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE IN RENDERING SERVICES TO CHILDREN

The following structures are in place:

- Provincial & Districts Integrated Child Protection Plans
- National Child Protection Register (**CPR**)
- Provincial & Districts Integrated ECD Action Plans
- Provincial & Districts Integrated Action Plans for Children Living and Working in the Streets and in Child and Youth Care Centers.





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthening of coordination through revitalization of Institutional Structures and Partnerships with all stakeholders focusing on:
 - **Reporting on programmes implemented and Monitoring thereof.**
 - **Capacity building**
 - **Best Practices- Replication**
 - **Information Sharing(challenges/ development of turnaround plans)**
- Each District to update the state of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children(OVCs) and issues affecting the OVCs in order to review an Integrated District Response to address gaps identified.
- Each District to ensure monitoring of implementation of reviewed District Integrated Response Plans.





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