OVC POLICY ISSUES

PRESENTED AT

KZN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ON AIDS
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
BACKGROUND

Children in KZN Province as indicated by 2011 Census:

0 to 4yrs   ---  1,198 134
5 to 9yrs   ---  1,042 528
10 to 14 yrs ---  1,038 854
15 to 19yrs ---  1,119 535
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.
STATE OF ORPHANS

According to the study orphans were estimated as follows:

- **KwaZulu-Natal** - 226,759 (26%) Districts:
  - Amajuba - 14,098,
  - Metro – 51,936,
  - Harry Gwala - 6,538,
  - uMgungundlovu - 30,505,
  - uGu – 17,257,
  - uMkhanyakude – 20,128,
  - uMzinyathi – 13,558,
  - UThukela – 15,961,
  - UThungulu – 23,591,
  - Zululand – 23,452,
  - uLembe – 7,679,
- **Gauteng** 147,136 (17%)
- **Eastern Cape** 142,444 (16%) and **Northern Cape** province has the lowest number of (3%).
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**

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<td>• National Policy Framework for Orphans and other Children made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS.</td>
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<td>• Safe &amp; friendly society for children</td>
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| **Orphans**( child with no surviving parent caring for her) | • Foster Care Services  
• Adoption Services  
• Child and Youth Care Centres  
• Psycho social Services  
• Parenting Skills  
• Isibindi Programme  
• Integrated School Health Programme | • Independent living  
• Sponsor A child Sponsor A Family Campaign |
| **Abused Children** | • Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation( CANE)  
• Child Protection Register( CPR)  
• Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes( PEIP) | • Effective Management of CANE Cases.  
• Therapeutic Services  
• Compliance to Chapter 7 of the Act( S-110- Reporting/ 113- Recording/ 118- Clearance in terms of Part B. |
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| Children Heading Households | • 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);  
• Outreach- Capacity building on Recognition of CHH in terms of Section 137 of the Act | • Birth Registration;  
• Housing support;  
• Free Basic Services (Municipal services);  
• Skills Training.  
• Alignment to Children’s Act – Powers and Functions of Municipalities-Chapter7-Sec 156( Part B of Schedule 4&5 & Children’s Act ) |
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<td>Children in Foster Care</td>
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## INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS /STRUCTURES

- **Children’s Act 38 of 2005** - Provincial Intersectoral Child Care and Protection Forum.
- Provincial ECD Committee
- **National Guidelines on Statutory Services rendered to CHH**
- **Strategy and Guidelines for Children Living and Working in the Streets**
- **Strategy on Services for Vulnerable Children in Drop-In Centres**

## OPERATIONALIZATION

- 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
- Spatial distribution of Drop-In Centers
- Spatial distribution of Home Community Based Care organisations
- Spatial distribution of Isibindi model
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ongoing Capacity Building - Certain sections in Legislation.
- Strengthen Partnership with all stakeholders
- Reconciliation of statistics / Data Bases at all levels
- Revitalization of Institutional Structures to focus on:
  - Reporting on programmes implemented vs Monitoring
  - Capacity building
  - Best Practices- Replication
  - Information Sharing(challenges/ development of turnaround plans)
THANK YOU