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# 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 , ILembe – 7 679,
- Gauteng 147,136 (17%)
- Eastern Cape 142,444 (16%) and Northern Cape province has the lowest number of (3%).





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# 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 &  
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- Section 26 (right to housing) and S 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**

- National Policy Framework for Orphans and other Children made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS.
- National Action Plan for Orphans made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS in South Africa (2009 -2012).







## 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"> <li>Safe &amp; friendly society for children</li> </ul>	Child Care and Protection Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to ECD Programmes</li> </ul>	Early Childhood Development and Partial Care
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved welfare services to Families including children</li> </ul>	Care and Services to Families





## PROGRAMMES AND PARTNESHIPS

CHILDREN	PROGRAMMES	PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED
<b>Orphans</b> ( child with no surviving parent caring fo her)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foster Care Services</li><li>• Adoption Services</li><li>• Child and Youth Care Centres</li><li>• Psycho social Services</li><li>• Parenting Skills</li><li>• Isibindi Programme</li><li>• Integrated School Health Programme</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Independent living</li><li>• Sponsor A child Sponsor A Family Campaign</li></ul>
<b>Abused Children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation( <b>CANE</b>)</li><li>• Child Protection Register( <b>CPR</b>)</li><li>• Prevention and Early Intervention Programmes( <b>PEIP</b>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective Management of CANE Cases.</li><li>• Therapeutic Services</li><li>• Compliance to Chapter 7 of the Act( <b>S-110-</b> Reporting/ <b>113-</b> Recording/ <b>118-</b> Clearance in terms of Part B.</li></ul>



## PROGRAMMES AND PARTNESHIPS CONT.....

CHILDREN	PROGRAMMES	PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED
<b>Children Heading Households</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early Childhood Development;</li><li>• After School Services;</li><li>• Family Preservation Services;</li><li>• Parenting Skills;</li><li>• Family Enrichment Services;</li><li>• Psycho-social Support;</li><li>• Drop-in Centre Services;</li><li>• Succession Planning and Memory Work (where parent, guardian or caregiver is terminally ill);</li><li>• Outreach- Capacity building on Recognition of CHH in terms of Section 137 of the Act</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth Registration;</li><li>• Housing support;</li><li>• Free Basic Services (Municipal services);</li><li>• Skills Training.</li><li>• Alignment to Children's Act – Powers and Functions of Municipalities-<b>Chapter7-Sec 156( Part B of Schedule 4&amp;5 &amp; Children's Act )</b></li></ul>





## PROGRAMMES AND PARTNESHIPS CONT.....

CHILDREN	PROGRAMMES	PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED
<b>Children Living &amp; Working in the Streets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmental Progs</li> <li>• Vocational</li> <li>• Therapeutic</li> <li>• Behavior Management</li> <li>• Spiritual Services</li> <li>• Family Preservation</li> <li>• Re-unification</li> <li>• Outreach</li> <li>• Substance Abuse</li> <li>• School Holiday</li> <li>• Health Care Programmes</li> <li>• Educational</li> <li>• Recreational</li> <li>• Child Abuse</li> <li>• Independent Living</li> <li>• Drop-In Centres</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Living- Linking to Economic Opportunities</li> <li>• Integrated Service Delivery</li> <li>• Curriculum</li> </ul>





## CURRENT STATUS ON CHILDREN ACCESSING SERVICES

CHILDREN	NO
▪ Children in Foster Care	▪ <b>137 779</b>
▪ Children Accessing ECD Services	▪ <b>115 369</b>
▪ Children in Child and Youth Care Centers	▪ <b>3 375</b>
▪ OVC's Receiving Psycho-social Services	▪ <b>42 285</b>





## INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES & OPERATIONALIZATION

### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGMENTS /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)**







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