

NON-STATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

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SECTOR OVERVIEW

The non-state sector was established in 2009 as part of the EPWP phase II in order to mobilise the capacity and the potential for innovation of the non-state sector. The sector model was designed to establish programmes that are not constrained by government and the need to deliver on key government priorities at predetermined norms and standards. The intention is not that these programmes should just be make-work programmes, but that the range of possible activities and outcomes is broadened considerably and determined by community needs specifically. The non-state sector currently engages very large numbers of people either as volunteers, or as people receiving stipends for what is essentially voluntary work and had considerable potential if provided with funding support.

The intent of the NGO sector is to make use of existing service implementation capacity in not-for-profit organisations (NPOs) and, through the application of a wage subsidy, encourage implementers to engage as many poor and unemployed people as possible in undertaking work.

THE NGO SECTOR

In the 2010/11 financial year, the NGOs in the NSS have participated in the following key activities:

- *Agriculture, farming and food gardens;*
- *Providing Social Assistance and community safety;*
- *Supporting Home community Based Care and primary health care activities;*
- *Arts, crafts and culture*
- *Education and support for ECD; and*
- *Supporting environmental care initiatives such as recycling.*

Achievements of the Programme

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One of the significant activities undertaken by the NGOs is planting food gardens. In many projects visited, food gardens were created. These garden services have been established in the yards of poor households; in public spaces such as schools and clinics and on unused municipal land. In many projects, the produce from the gardens is used in the School Nutrition Programme to feed school children at local schools to ensure they don't attend classes hungry. On the other hand some of the produce from the gardens is donated to orphans and also sold to the local communities' members at reasonable prices.

Barolong Bo Ratlou Ba Ga Seitshiro



The revenue generated from the sales of these produces is ploughed back into the projects to enable the expansion of the activities in order to employ more beneficiaries.

Also worth noting from the findings of the evaluation study is that unused land previously used for dumping, has been transformed into gardens and playgrounds. Community safety has increased. A wide array of home based care services have been delivered to the elderly, the disabled, to child headed households and to those who are sick.

The findings of the evaluation study supported by the EPWP Web Based System (WBS) reveal that since the inception of the programme in 2009/10, more than 35 000 people across the country have been provided with an opportunity to work and to receive experience or skills from projects that are supported by the NSS NGOs wage subsidy.



SA ACTIVE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

The findings of the evaluation study also confirm that the NSS NGOs programme has a potential to create viable and sustainable development projects in communities where people live. The most remarkable impact of the NSS NGOs Programme is its contribution to the delivery of basic services in highly marginalised communities

Beneficiaries interviewed expressed how the programme has changed their lives; they mentioned that the NSS NGOs programme has afforded them with the opportunity of taking care of their families. One beneficiary mentioned that *"because of EPWP NSS; I am able to walk into Shoprite and buy food for my family"*. The programme has ignited a sense of responsibility and dignity to many people that have lost hope in life. One lady from an NPO in Mpumalanga stated *"I now own a bank account and I am able to receive a notification message through my cell phone from the bank when my salary is paid."*



Beneficiaries at Oasis

PARTNERSHIPS

Due to the NSS NGOs Programme, many NGOs mentioned they have established partnerships with significant numbers of government agencies including municipalities; local development structures; provincial departments; clinics; schools – to name a few. This in turn ensures that community members design and takes ownership of the development of their communities whilst addressing the goals of the Integrated Development Plans (IDPs) of the Municipalities. On the other hand the partnerships in place ensure that people work together towards achieving government priorities of rural development and poverty alleviation.

Profile of SA Active Disabled Association

"The programme has contributed toward reducing the stigma against people with disabilities"

South African Active Disabled People's association is situated in the deep rural areas of bushbuckridge. The organisation was established in 2003 February 23rd as an NPO in September 2004; with the objective of addressing unemployment, shortage of skills, eradication of poverty to people with disability, women and youth and other community members. The association started to secure source of funding from the EPWP: NSS in 2009/10 financial year.

The association is biased towards disabled group hence the reason for the formulation of this organization was to address the matter of unemployment between the people with disability, on skills development in order to alleviate poverty. The members are skilled in the field of furniture production, beadwork, sewing, fashion designing, craft & curving and pottery.

The organization to date has active members with the above mentioned skills of the project/ fields that are accredited. 200 are people with disability, 301 Women and 275 whom are youth.

The organization through the EPWP NSS has managed to create 550 work opportunities & skills development to people with disability, women and youth in nine villages: Dwaarsloop, Thulamahshe, New Forest, Kumani, Arthurstone, Marite, Agincourt, Rolle, Eidurnburg and Phalaborwa.

Through the organisations partnership with the EPWP:NSS community members can put food on the table to support their families. The programme has contributed to the poverty eradication and rural development and managed to reduce the stigma against people with disability.

Activities of the project

Beadwork, Sewing, Craft & carving, Pottery, Farming, Furniture production, Weaving.

Total number of beneficiaries receiving NSS wage subsidy

Five hundred and fifty beneficiaries who receive NSS wage subsidy

Equity targets

275 youth (50%), 301 Female (55%) and 200 (36%) people with disability.



SA Active Disabled Beneficiaries



Beneficiaries at work

Impact of Wage Subsidy

The impact in the local communities is the project has employed woman, youth and disabled people from the street, it has decreased the number of crime that was growing from our community, teenage pregnancy from youth and unemployment by 60%. The subsidy has made a huge impact also because beneficiaries are able to put food on their tables.



SA Active Disabled beneficiaries



Portfolio Committee Visit

On the 5 – 9 September 2011 the Department of Public Works (DPW) Portfolio Committee visited the Northern Cape. The Portfolio Committee was visiting the province as part of their oversight role of Public Works projects. The programme of the week included site visits of two Non State Sector projects in the province; Agang Multipurpose Centre on the 8th September and Oasis Skills Development on the 9th September.



Agang Centre beneficiaries

Agang Multipurpose Centre started participating in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Non-State Sector (NSS) in 2010/11 financial year with 300 work opportunities. Ncwelengwe and Vergenoeg.

OASIS SKILLS

DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The Oasis Skills Development project is located in Upington under the Siyanda District Municipality. The partnership between the EPWP: NSS programme and the NPO began in 2009.

The centre has been awarded 100 work opportunities in the 2011/12 financial year. The work opportunities created are in the educational, vocational and skills development sector. The projects that are at the centre are the: bakery project, needle work project, quilt making, paving project, vocational skills training learners with disabilities, hydroponics project tea suppliers of the school nutrition programmes and commercial businesses in the area.

AGANG MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

In 2011/12 Agang Multipurpose Centre was awarded 500 work opportunities. The Centre is located in the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality with projects located in Batlharos, Kuruman, Gasebolao, The Agang Multipurpose Centre has 311 beneficiaries employed; 100 youth and 114 women. The Agang Multi-purpose Centre has the following projects; Boitumelo Chickens, Bathlaros Bakery, Batlharos Financial Service that assists the community to invest and save money towards a burial scheme, the beneficiaries have registered the financial service with the South African Micro-Finance Apex Fund (SAMAF). Beneficiaries in the Agang Brick Cooperative are making bricks and paving blocks to supply their local community. The beneficiaries indicated that their challenge at present is contacting the relevant officials who will test the bricks that they are making so that they can supply government projects. Ms. Onkemetse Gill, Chief Director of Public Works in the Northern Cape committed that the province will make sure that they assist the organization with testing their bricks. The Agang Multipurpose Centre has a woman's sewing project on site, Ms. Macdaline Potelo of the women's sewing project presented their work to the committee. The portfolio committee chairperson Honourable Manana Catherine Mabuza encouraged the beneficiaries to be meticulous and neat in their sewing so that the local shops and commercial brands may utilize them as suppliers in the future.

TESTIMONIAL

NSS EPWP Programme: acknowledgement letters from the beneficiaries



CELL NO: 0739920040

DEAR: **EPWP**

You really made a difference in my life, all the time I spent at Kutullo was because I had passion of taking care of the disabled. I was volunteering, earning nothing even though I had needs and children to look after, I kept going because of the love I have for disabled people.

Then you came into my life and made me take a step forward by giving me something I haven't had in a long time, a salary. With my first salary I went to Morabastad to buy myself bedding (linen) and curtains, at home there was a spare shack room which I have been planning to move in it for a long time back, and make it my bedroom and my plan got stucked due to my financial problems, but since you came into my life I managed to fix it, it needed plastering so I bought 3 bags of cement, plastering sand and hired someone to do it for me, it is now fixed and hung with new curtains.

I am planning to buy myself a bed and wardrobe by lay-buy and as long as I still have you in my life I am definitely sure that I will have them. I just hope

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TESTIMONIAL

NSS EPWP programme: acknowledgement letters from the beneficiaries

Waalala wa Sala wa Nuka wazithwintwetha

I like to say hi to LESENDING CARE CENTERS; I.D.T. and E.P.W.P. I'M MARTHA KHANYISA BALOJI. A Single parent of Two SONS.

I started Volunteering at Kutullo Disability Care Center in 2001. Our focus was on Disability. When time goes on we had programme of HIV/Aids. doing palliative Care. It was hard in My Family for me going to work and My Children going to School on an empty stomach. At Kutullo most of the time we survive with donations and it was not enough to support me and my family with such limited funds.

On the 25th of June 2010 we had build a relationship with LESENDING CARE CENTERS. More especially in finance. out that date I have mentioned above I've started earning my first stipend. I bought grocery paying electricity and instalment.

There is a changes in my family. we are moving forward

We are one big family with LESENDING.

On the 9th of September 2010. I bought a T.V. Stand Cash. I have send you a photo so that you could see it.

LESENDING brought happiness in our lives

I LOVE YOU LESENDING I LOVE YOU FOR EVER.
THANK YOU 073 016 0640

Pictures of NPO Projects



Agang Centre - food garden



Oasis Centre learners performing for the Portfolio Committee



Quilts produced by Oasis Skills

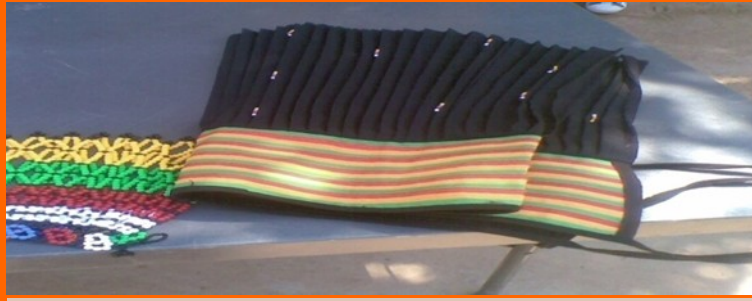


NSS Beneficiaries producing wood products in Mpumalanga



SA Active Disabled beneficiaries at work in the food garden.

Pictures of NPO Projects



Bead work products from NSS SA Active Disabled



Ujimabakwena beneficiaries exhibiting shoes that they make at the women's economic workshop in Tshwane.



Poultry produce displayed by beneficiaries at Agang Multi-purpose Centre



Brick making project at Agang Multi-purpose Centre

IMPACT OF WAGE SUBSIDY: NPO TESTIMONIALS

YISANE SAKHE (Western Cape) - April 2011

"Since being involved in the NSS we have been able to successfully obtain funding from a US organisation for the establishment of a Laundromat in Gugulethu (Land is still being sought out)."

SA ACTIVE DISABLED ORGANISATION (MPUMALANGA)- October 2011

The organization through the EPWP NSS programme has managed to create 550 employment opportunities & skills development to people with disability, women and youth from the nine nearest villages namely: Dwaarsloop, Thulamahshe, New Forest, Kumaní trust, Arthurstone trust, Marite, Agincourt, Rolle, Eidurnburg and Phalaborwa.

"Now some of the community members can be able to put food on the table to support their families. It has contributed to the poverty eradication and rural development and managed to reduce the stigma against people with disability."

OR TAMBO DISABLED PEOPLES ORGANISATION (EASTERN CAPE)- October 2011

The project has been able to take care of the disabled people in families that may not ordinarily have the knowledge on how to assist relatives and disabled people in their community. It has also reduced the financial burden on relatives. "The NSS wage subsidy has enabled the beneficiaries to contribute to their household economy (buying groceries, electricity and other household needs) as they were previously volunteers."