



**DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES QUARTERLY  
REPORTS: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
RESEARCH BRIEF: SUMMARY**

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The Children's Rights and Responsibilities Programme has the following three sub-programmes:

- Advocacy and Mainstreaming
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Institutional Support and Capacity Building

**Challenges**

This document contains a summary of the challenges mentioned in the Research Brief, which I drafted and should be read in conjunction with that brief.

General Challenges

- The Department seems to have indicators incomplete, which were not only incomplete since the 2012/ 2013 financial year, but also from the years before that. An example would be performance indicator 13 on child friendly cities/ communities, which is still incomplete.
- The Department only achieved 14% of its performance indicators for the 2012/ 2013 financial year in relation to the Children's Rights and Responsibilities Programme.
- In relation to the rest of the performance indicators, only 50% were partially achieved or in progress and 36% were not achieved at all/ incomplete.
- This is not surprising, because the Department only has a staff compliment of 15 people for this Programme (as stipulated in the 2013/ 2014 Annual Performance Plan) and had 14 Performance Indicators to reach during the 2012/ 2013 financial year.
- The performance indicators are not strategic in relation to Government Plans or Goals and need to be given proper thought.

Budget related issues

- This programme had a budget of R13.5 million for the 2012/ 2013 financial year.



- If the Department only managed to reach 14% of its performance indicator targets and 50% are in progress, how is it that they managed to spend R13.5 million during this financial year on this programme?
- In relation to donor funding, the Department received R788 000.00 from UNICEF to complete the following documents:
  - Review of the National Plan of Action for Children
  - Support the completion of the Combined UN Children's Rights report
  - Diagnostic Report for M&E and integrated M&E framework; and
  - Support for an inter-sectoral policy dialogue
- These were all achieved or in the completion phases. With R788 000.00 the Department seemed to have completed or are in the process of completing all of this.
- Therefore, what are the Department's reasons for not reaching its performance in relation to funds made available to it by Treasury, to be reported on in terms of substance to the Portfolio Committee.