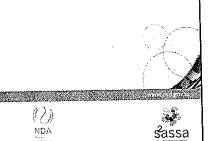


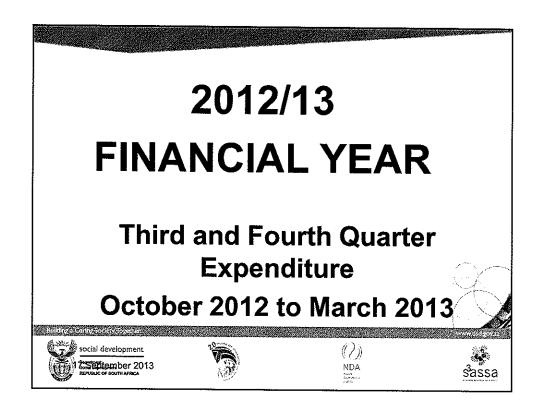
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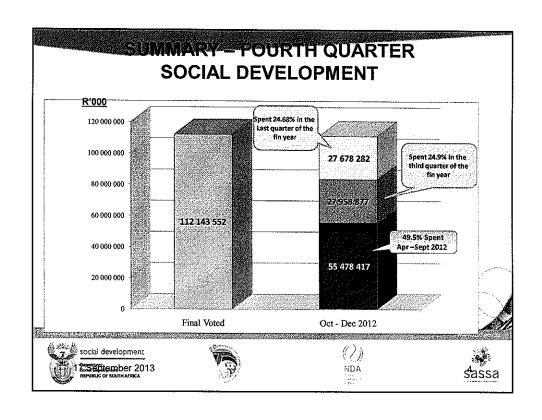
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- Social Assistance Grants

September 2013

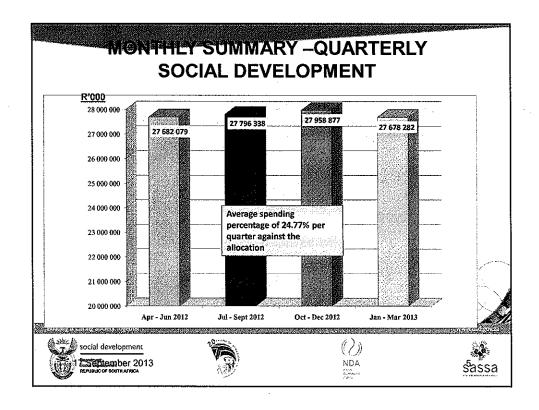
Successes and Challenges

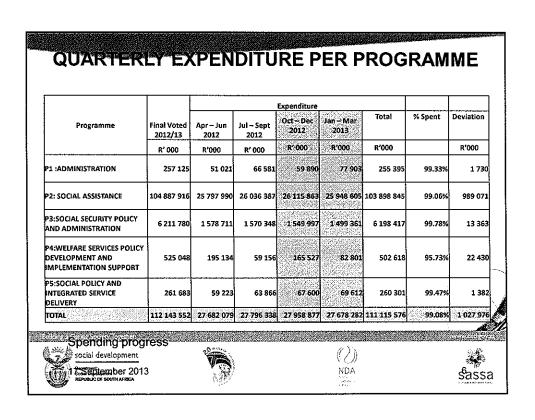






Portfolio Committee





Economic Classification	Final Voted 2012/13	Expenditure						
		Apr – Jun 2012	Jul – Sept 2012	Oct - Dec 2012	Jan – Mar 2013	Total	% Spent	Deviation
	R' 000	R'000	R' 000	R'.000	R'000	R'000		R'000
Compensation of Employees	300 508	70 252	75 355	73 541	72 188	291 336	96.95%	9 17
Goods and Services	324 403	40 800	73 432	76 895	106 313	297 440	91.69%	26 96
Transfers and Subsidies	111 505 389	27 569 314	27 646 066	27 807 102	27 483 554	110 506 036	99.10%	999 35
Payments of Capital Assets	13 252	1713	1 485	1339	6 324	10 861	81.96%	2 39:
Payments for Financial assets				00000	9 903	9903	Ţ	-9 90
TOTAL	112 143 552	27 682 079	27 796 338	27 958 877	27 678 282	111 115 576	99.08%	1 027 97

Goods and Services		R'000
October month activities	-	4,883
National Youth Camps and dialogue		6,657
Older Person's golden games		14,000
NPO Submit and provincial dialogues	6,224	

Explanation of increased Spending in the last Quarter

- Payment of Capital Assets
 - Delays were experienced in procurement processes for the followings projects (R7.2 million):
 - Upgrading of Information Technology Servers and software for the Department;
 - Upgrading of Security equipment to be compliant with the Security Act.











Explanation of Increased Spending in the last Quarter

- Payment for Financial Assets R 9.903 million
 - This relates to the irrecoverable Social Assistance Debtors that were written-off.











Actions taken to improve management of expenditure

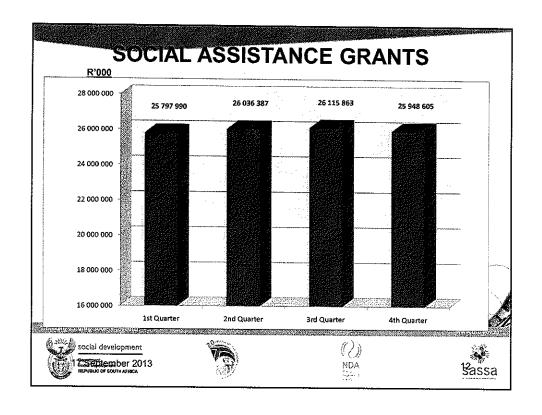
- · Streamlined the Procurement processes i.e
 - Procurement and Spending Plans in place;
 - Functioning of Procurement committees improved;
 - Development of Procurement and payment monitoring system;
- Monthly reporting on Expenditure against plans by Programme Managers at Management meetings;
- Regular inter-departmental meetings to resolve disputes and outstanding matters;
- · Oversight visits to NGO's receiving transfers.











GRANT TYPE	Final Voted 2012 13							
		Apr – Jun 2012	Jul – Sept 2012	Oct Dec 2012	Jan – Mar 2013	Total	% Spent	Deviation
	R' 000	R'000	R' 000	R'000	R'000	R'000		R'000
OLD AGE	40 486 119	10 008 459	10 078 895	10 150 334	10 237 333	40 475 021	99.97%	11 0
WAR VETERANS	12 902	2 667	2 461	2 269	2.146	9 543	73.97%	3 3
DISABILITY	18 062 534	4 472 829	4 457 703	4 392 187	4 313 851	17 636 570	97.64%	425 9
FOSTER CARE	5 618 342	1 324 348	1 382 515	1 418 593	1 209 593	5 335 049	94.96%	283 29
CARE DEPENDENCY	1 897 401	464 528	469 064	471 838	471 982	1 877 412	98.95%	19 98
CHILD SUPPORT	38 310 293	9 439 984	9 529 347	9 565 380	9 553 279	38 087 990	99.42%	222 30
GRANT-IN-AID	245 144	57 705	58 933	60 153	61 183	237 974	97.08%	7 17
SOCIAL RELIEF	255 181	27 470	57 469	55:109	99 238	239 286	93.77%	15 89
TOTAL	104 887 916	25 797 990	26 036 387	26 115 863	25 948 605	103 898 845	99.06%	989.07

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- Under spending R989,071 million
 - Expenditure is driven by beneficiaries numbers, application process and grant values, which is linked to economic factors, policy changes, payment model efficiency and CPI inflation rates;
 - Savings on the total budget of R104 billion relate to "unpaid" grants as well as expenditure lower than projected when setting budget requirements specifically on Foster Care, Disability, Care Dependency and Child Support Grants;









Successes

- The Department and its Agencies managed to achieve Un-Qualified Audits for the 2012/13 financial year;
- The Department continued to maintain an overall spending of more than 98% for the year under review;











Grant specific successes

- Grant coverage and take-up rates of around 80% for older persons and 70% for child grants;
- · Increase in efficiency of grant application process;
- Lower turn around times(90% of applications processed within 21 days) and backpay resulting in decreased expenditure;
- The Agency has its own electronic biometric database of beneficiaries;
- Introduction of SASSA-branded smart payment master card which is chip enabled
- Incorporation of previously unbanked and under-banked beneficiaries into the banking community
- Reduced risk of beneficiaries having to draw all their money (can use the card for purchases at participating vendors or savings as they do not have to withdraw all the money);
- The project on re-registration of beneficiaries has resulted in numerous beneficiaries requesting voluntary cancellation of their social grants, thus resulting in savings;
- Increase in social grants payment gateways (cash pay points, selected merchant stores and ATMs), resulting in beneficiaries being able to access their grants from the 1st of every month, anywhere, anytime.









Grant specific successes

Number and expenditure patterns could be attributed to the following:

- · Disability grant:
 - Implementation of a standardised medical assessment form and awareness on the disability assessment tool;
 - Introduction of a standardised quality assurance process.
- · Child support grant
 - The realisation of extension of CSG to children up to the age of 18 years









Challenges

- · Continued budget pressures:
 - Increasing demand for services versus declining resources;
 - Shortage of Social Workers results in inability to provide statutory services as required by specific legislation eg. Children's Act, Older Persons Act, etc.
- War veterans grant numbers and expenditure were affected by:
 No new applicants and demise of beneficiaries
- Disability grant numbers and expenditure were affected by:
 - People with chronic conditions excluded from the social assistance system
- · Care dependency grant numbers and expenditure were affected by:
 - A low number of children assessed as care dependent
 - Exclusion error children with sensory, communication & temporary disabilities are excluded from the system. This is mainly due to lack of understanding of disability."









Challenges

- Foster child grant numbers and expenditure were affected by:
 - The delay in finalising foster care placement orders which affects the number of applications for foster child grants.
 - Inadequate capacity in terms of social workers to assess new applications











