



# correctional services

Department:  
Correctional Services  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **DCS Stakeholder Departments**

**Branch Incarceration and Corrections**

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## Purpose

- To brief the Portfolio Committee on the working relationships/collaboration between the Department of Correctional Services and relevant stakeholders in the rehabilitation of inmates and health care services to them
- Stakeholders include inter alia:
  - Department of Basic Education
  - Department of Higher Education and Training
  - Department of Communications
  - Department of Arts and Culture
  - Department of Social Development
  - Department of Health
  - South African National AIDS Council
  - Institutions of Higher Learning

## **Stakeholder Departments**

### **Department of Basic Education (DBE):**

- Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Basic Education signed a Memorandum of Agreement(MOA) on 26 March 2013 to achieve the following:
  - ✓ Manufacture and deliver school furniture
  - ✓ Rehabilitation of school furniture
  - ✓ Construction of school infrastructure
  - ✓ Maintenance and refurbishment of schools
  - ✓ Establishment of school gardens
- Both departments established bilateral committees to manage this MOA
- DCS provided DBE with a quotation and delivery schedule on 23/05/2013 and requested DBE to indicate their needs and place their orders. Formal feedback on this matter is still awaited from DBE although a limited number of orders were handled ad hoc by production workshops receiving orders directly from a few schools



## Stakeholder Departments...continue

- Other departments that DCS can work with:
  - ✓ The Department sent out a letter, signed by the previous National Commissioner to the DG's of all other Government Departments as a reminder that they should, as far as practicable, purchase articles and supplies manufactured by sentenced offender labour from the Department at fair and reasonable prices
  - ✓ The following are some of the Departments that DCS engaged with and that has showed positive responses and that might develop into partnerships:
    - Department of Justice and Constitutional Development: A circular was issued by their acting CFO indicating that DoJ&CD should approach DCS first when procuring furniture. Numerous requests for quotations have been received from their different offices, High Courts and Magistrate Courts. A few orders have already been received, with a promise of more to be received
    - Department of Rural Development: They are looking into the proposal of a MoA with DCS for the manufacture and supply of furniture from 2014 onwards
- Departments that DCS is currently doing business with include:
  - ✓ SAPS, Department of Water Affairs and SANDF

## **Stakeholder Departments...continue**

- The Department of Basic Education (DBE) : to assist DCS with the following:
  - ✓ Kha Ri Gude: to ensure that offenders' literacy skills are addressed
  - ✓ Registration of full time schools for the delivering of Grades 10,11 and 12
  - ✓ Delivering of Early Childhood Development (ECD) services to the babies (birth – 2 years) with their incarcerated mothers
  
- The intension is to rework the MoA so that there is only one MoA that will cover all the areas of cooperation

## **The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET):**

- DHET assists DCS with:
  - delivering of Adult Education and Training (AET) to offenders
  - skills development of offenders by means of the National Skills Fund

## **The Department of Communications (DoC):**

- Assisted DCS with the rendering of basic computer literacy programmes to offenders



## **Stakeholder Departments...continue**

### **The Department of Arts and Culture:**

- The existing MoA between the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Arts and Culture provide offenders with opportunities to utilize arts and culture programmes as part of their rehabilitation process. This process may continue upon release whereby offenders could be included in community projects where the Department of Arts and Culture is involved in
- Institutions of Higher Learning:
  - ✓ It has the potential to provide expertise and assistance in the area of research, development and design of correctional programmes, facilitation of programmes by students as part of experiential learning and to augment the number of personnel in DCS that can be involved in presenting rehabilitation programmes to offenders
  - ✓ The existing MOU between the Department of Correctional Services and the University of Zululand provides third year Criminology students with experiential learning opportunities to facilitate correctional programmes to correctional centres within specific management areas in KZN
  - ✓ Negotiations are also under way with the University of Zululand to implement a critical thinking module in certain management areas in KZN with the intention to roll out the programme nationally

## **Stakeholder Departments....continue**

### **The Department of Social Development (DSD):**

- To look at the needs and protection of Mothers and Babies and those children who are in conflict with the law who are detained in Correctional Facilities;
- The Department participate in the following meetings in partnership with Department of Social Development:
  - ✓ National Child Care Protection Forum
  - ✓ Inter-departmental Early Childhood Development Committee
  - ✓ South African Forum on Early Childhood Development
- All state departments with budget allocation to fund NGO's including the department of Social Development can assist with ensuring access to funding to NGOs and all service providers who render rehabilitation programmes relevant to Correctional Services



## **Stakeholder Departments...continue**

### **The Department of Health (DoH):**

- The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) follows the policies and treatment guidelines from the National Department of Health
- The National Department of Health (NDoH) provides leadership / support with the development of health care (HIV, sexually transmitted infections, TB) and nutrition policies & guidelines
- Support DCS at different levels to strengthen health care in priority programmes (TB, HIV, STI, chronic diseases and mental health) in relation to:
  - ✓ Continuum of care
  - ✓ Pharmaceutical support
  - ✓ Training and development of health care professionals



## Stakeholder Departments...continue

- DCS participates in the Government Community Service programme for pharmacists
- Monitoring and evaluation is conducted based on the National Key Indicators for Government Priority Health Programmes (TB, STIs, chronic diseases, Maternal and Reproductive Health, Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) and HIV & AIDS
- South African National AIDS Council (SANAC): DCS is represented in SANAC and the Provincial AIDS Council (PAC) which is the Government's Coordinating Structure for HIV, STIs and TB in the country



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**Thank you**