

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

SANITARY DIGNITY PROGRAMME

2020/21 & 2021/22 TO 2023/24



**Northern Cape
Department of Education**

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INTRODUCTION

- The Department of Women, Youth and People with Disabilities(DoWYPD) has developed an Implementation Framework on Sanitary Dignity in an effort to ensure that indigent girls and women are afforded the opportunity to manage menstruation in a knowledgeable, safe and dignified manner.
- In terms of this Framework, only sanitary products that comply with the SABS standards will be provided to indigent persons free of charge.
- The SDIF is implemented through integration with existing programmes such as the Integrated Schools Health Programme (ISHP) and Life Skills, HIV & AIDS Education Conditional Grant Programme.



IMPLEMENTATION

- The delivery of the programme is in accordance with an implementation plan, driven from the Northern Cape Department of Education (NCDoE) as the implementing Agent.
- The Office of the Premier is the Monitoring & Overseeing Body.
- Identified and targeted Quintile 1-3 schools girl learners from all five (5) districts are beneficiaries of the procured products.
- Life Orientation teachers of identified schools will be empowered to be coordinators and mentors of the program at school level.
- These teachers will compile a list of indigent learners, signed off by principals and submit to the Department.



COORDINATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- School Based Support Teams (SBST's) and where applicable the appointed Learner Support Agents (LSA's) will be orientated and workshopped on the comprehensive concept and program of Sanitary Dignity.
- At district level, District Support Teams (DBST's) and all Life Skills, HIV & Aids Education District Coordinators, Inclusive Education Officials and Employee, Health and Wellness officials will be targeted for orientation and advocacy.
- At provincial Level the Provincial Integrated School Health Teams (ISHP's) will be orientated on the program and advocacy.
- The comprehensive Advocacy and Health Education of learners will be inclusive of both girls and boys conducted by the integrated SBST's, DBST's and Provincial ISHP Task Team.
- The key pillars and framework of Care and Support for Teaching and Learning (CSTL), will be the foundation for addressing the needs of all indigent learners and protecting their dignity.



COORDINATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ...2

- Upon delivery acknowledgement of receipts will be signed by the principal, a copy kept at school, copy given to the district and all copies sent to the provincial office.
- Learners will sign a register during collection.
- The NCDoE will report to the Premiers Office as the Monitoring and Overseeing Body.



VALUE CHAIN AND PROCUREMENT

- The amount available for use was R 4.6 million for the procurement of sanitary towels for indigent girl learners.
- In order to address the immediate need, quotation process was followed and procurement was done through retailers (Imvuso Consultancy and Medicare Emergency Services delivered a Lil-let Brand. Both companies are women owned.
- This was a once off procurement by means of quotation system and a three year contract will be concluded through tender process.
- The cost price per unit was R0,96 and pack of 8 was R 7,68 and a total of 500 000 single sanitary towels were procured.



DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE

- The First Consignment and delivery was finalised for the third quarter of the 2020/21 financial year. It was delivered to all identified schools and distributed to all girl learners before closure of schools on 15 December 2020.
- The Second Consignment and Delivery of Sanitary Towels is to be implemented during the Fourth Quarter of the current 2020/21 financial year in preparation for the re-opening of schools on Monday, 25 January 2021.
- Consignments were delivered to NCDoe provincial office and stored at main hall which is under straight surveillance.
- At district level, consignments are stored in storerooms and / or basements under management and supervision of District Directors.
- At school level, storage is in secured store rooms.



BENEFICIARIES

- A total of **31,913 Grade 6 to 9** girl learners from **408 Quintiles 1 to 3** schools were targeted for the first consignment in all five districts.
- Grades 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 girl learners from Quintiles 1 to 3 schools will be accommodated in the second consignment which bring the total number of girl learners benefitting from the programme to 67,824 from 419 Quintiles 1 to 3 schools.



BENEFICIARIES...2

- The following table indicates the number of Quintiles 1 to 3 schools benefitting from the programme.

DISTRICT	Quintile 1	Quintile 2	Quintile 3
FRANCES BAARD	19	31	37
JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE	106	11	47
NAMAKWA	10	11	6
PIXLEY KA SEME	19	40	11
Z.F MGCAWU	16	27	17
Total	170	120	118



BENEFICIARIES...3

- The following table indicates the number of girl learners from Quintile 1 to 3 schools per district that benefitted from the program:

DISTRICT	TOTAL
FRANCES BAARD	11,307
JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE	9,948
NAMAKWA	650
PIXLEY KA SEME	5,574
Z.F MGCWU	4,434
Total	31,913



PROGRESS STATUS FOR 2021/22 TO 2023/24

- With respect to the 2020/21 financial year, the Bid Specification Committee completed the specifications and the Bid Adjudication Committee must still approve before tender is advertised.
- The plan is for the Department to advertise and close the tender by end of March 2021.
- However, provision must made for an allocation for 2021/22 to 2023/24.
- The NCDoe will consult with Provincial Treasury.



KEY CHALLENGES

- Immediate implementation compliant with draft tender specifications and timelines as expected by DoWYPD and Treasury was not possible for current 2020/21 financial year.
- No additional funding to augment the National Allocation to expand the programme for broader coverage in the outer years.
- Rural and vast nature of the Province increases travelling and distribution costs.

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