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**1555. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What number of (a) projects, (b) programmes and (c) employment opportunities were implemented by the National Development Agency in the 2021-22 financial year?NW1880E

**REPLY:**

**Background**

The NDA provide grant funding and capacity building interventions to CSOs. These interventions are to ensure that CSOs projects have impact to the communities they are serving.

1. In the 2021-2022 financial year, the NDA supported and funded 414 CSOs projects covering all nine provinces.
2. The NDA programmes implemented in the 2021-2022 financial year were in the following programmatic areas:
	* 1. **Grant funding** programme which provides grants to CSOs for funding their projects in food security, garment making including school uniforms, animal production including poultry and piggery, bricks making, tea production, bakery, Early childhood development and social services. This programmes links CSOs products to various markets to ensure that they achieve levels of development that can sustain themselves in the medium to long term.
		2. **Capacity Building** programme provides skills development through training, mentoring and support to their institutional capacities and technical skills to better manage the CSOs and produce quality products for different markets. of CSOs across all districts and local municipalities in nine provinces.
		3. **DSD/ CARA Victim Empowerment Programme**: The programme is funded through the Criminal Asset Recovery Account (CARA). The overall purpose of the programme is to identify; partner and empower, through grant funding, CSOs in the nine (9) Provinces. Over 300 CSOs have been funded to provide the following services to victims of crime and abuse:
* Family strengthening - to increase family strengths, enhance child development, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.
* Social crime prevention - focusing on the structural drivers of gender based violence.
* Social behaviour changes programs - focusing on boys and men.
* Welfare services - focusing on social protection, maximization of human potential and fostering self-reliance and participation in decision-making.
	+ 1. **Venture Creation Programme:** This is a skills development and workplace placement intervention funded by the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF). The programme recruited 2000 young people to participate in the programme with the aim of training them, place them in work environment and organise them into Co-operatives to use the skills in starting new business ventures for improving their livelihoods and economic participation. They are paid R2 000.00 stipends every month whilst enrolled in the programme for 12 months.
		2. **Resource Mobilisation mobilisation programe**: this programme seeks to mobilise resources outside the NDA allocation to fund and support CSOs interventions so as to achieve sustainable financial resources. In the 2021/22 financial year, the NDA raised R47 million towards this programme from government and private sectors.
1. The number of employment opportunities created during the financial year through the grant funding programme was 546.