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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1577. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) (a) What is the total revenue that is currently generated by the National Development Agency (NDA) through strategic partnerships and (b) how will the NDA generate the projected R500 million to capacitate civil society organisations (CSOs) through public-private partnerships;

(2) what total number of the 1500 CSOs have been linked to sustainable resource opportunities since 1 January 2017;

(3) whether the NDA footprint increased through the Mikondzo service delivery approach; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of how much the footprint has increased? NW1783E

**REPLY:**

1. (a) The NDA raised an amount of R399 485 000 since 2016/17 to date (Three hundred and ninety nine million four hundred and eighty five thousand rand) towards support to civil society organisations. The funds were raised through strategic partnerships such as DoSD (National and Provincial), SASSA, Unemployment Insurance Fund, CARA and National Lotteries Commission.

(b) The revenue generation will be anchored on partnerships with strategic private sector partners such as Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), the Solidarity Fund and the Jobs Fund in order to establish high yielding collaborative partnerships in the fight against poverty. Within government, the NDA will seek to establish partnerships within the three spheres of government with regards to co-ordination of community-based development efforts. The NDA will also employ cross referral strategies with other funding agencies such as the National Lotteries Commission, NYDA and SEDA whereby unsuccessful applicant CSOs can be referred to the NDA for further capacitation.

1. The NDA has created linkages and ensured access to markets for 978 co-operatives through SASSA which provide social relief to poor communities through the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) programme. This programme procures uniforms, including sanitary pads for children and they provide nutritious food for families identified to be in social distress.
2. The Mikondzo approach affirmed the critical role that NDA has to play in building the capacities of the NGOs working in the most deprived wards and municipalities. As a result, the NDA adopted a decentralized approach that would be achieved through establishing district offices to bring its services closer to the communities. Nine District offices were then established with 52 additional Development Officers hired to work in the Districts across the country. In the process over 25 550 CSOs were profiled and formed the database of the NDA.