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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1602. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the total number of (a) migrant, (b) refugee children and (c) undocumented orphans that has been helped with documentation through the R19 million programme called Children on the Movethat she launched in December 2020 to assist undocumented minors in the Republic? NW1928E

**REPLY:**

1. The total number of 10 **migrant** children have been assisted with documentation.
2. The Department of Home Affairs is better positioned to respond this question.
3. 38 037 **undocumented** children have been referred to the Department of Home Affairs for documentation by the Implementing partners on the Children on the Move Project.

It should be noted that the R19 million programme called Children on the Movethat was launched in December 2020 with UNICEF is aimed at providing capacity in the department to support implementation of the Children on the Move Programme.

Furthermore, the funds support the establishment and sustenance of the coordinating and collaborative mechanisms which amongst others include the functioning of national steering committee on Separated and Unaccompanied Children; and the development of the Standard Operating Procedures across relevant government departments.

It also funds initiatives to promote the Best Practices for Children on the move, which is a multiregional project and has been implemented in Central America (Mexico, El Salvador) and Eastern & Southern Africa (Zambia, South Africa).

The duration of the project is 30 months, starting December 2020. The funds are administered by UNICEF.