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**1767. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In view of the commemoration of World Hunger Day on 28 May 2021, and whilst we appreciate the efforts by her department to end child hunger through initiatives such as the Child Support Grant that reaches more than 13 million children in the Republic, hunger remains a huge challenge affecting millions of children in the Republic, what more is her department planning to do to address the scourge of hunger still facing millions in the Republic? NW1978E

**REPLY:**

The Department working with other stakeholders is strengthening the implementation of the National Food and Nutrition Security Plan 2018-2023 developed as a response to the challenge of food insecurity and malnutrition in South Africa. This is implemented with diverse stakeholders including government departments; nongovernmental organisations; academic institutions and development partners working in unison to fight against hunger and the underlying causes.

DSD will continue to implement Strategic Objective 3 of the plan, which is about expanding targeted social protection measures and sustainable livelihood programmes to assist the poor and vulnerable.

This work is implemented by the National Interdepartmental Coordination Committee, led by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) and DSD will play its part and mobilise provinces to also intensify their contribution on the same.