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**246. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What (a) are the objectives and functions of the 17 community care centres established across the Republic, (b) is the breakdown of costs of construction and operation of the centres, (c) is the total breakdown of donor and state expenses in the construction and operation, (d) are the names of the construction companies involved and (e) is the breakdown of which centres are operational and which are not;

(2) what are the (a) completion dates for centres that are not yet open, (b) names and contact details of the operational centres, (c) physical addresses and contact details of respective managers and (d) successes and challenges of the 17 community care centres? NW250E

**REPLY:**

1. **Community Care Centres:-**
2. **The objectives and functions of the Community Care Centres are to:**

* Strengthen prevention, early identification and early intervention services for vulnerable groups within communities.
* Improve access to quality, comprehensive and integrated social services provided by Social Workers, Community Development Practitioners, Social Auxiliary Workers, Child and Youth Care Workers and trained Community Care Givers.
* Provide services in partnership with other Government Departments and Civil society organisations.
* Provide skills development programmes and social and behaviour change programmes for beneficiaries.
* Bring government services closer to the people in rural areas.

The table below reflects (b) the breakdown of costs of construction and operation costs, (c) the total breakdown of donor and state expenses in construction and operation, (d) the names of the construction companies involved and (e) the breakdown of centres are operational and that are not:

**Kwa Zulu-Natal Province**

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| **Name of CCC** | **(b)** **Costs of construction and operations** | **(c)** **Donor and state expenses in construction and operations** | **(d) Construction companies involved** | **(e) Operational Status of the CCCs** |
| Idlebe CCC, Ulundi  (Khululekani operates in the CCC) | **R18’192,590.75** for construction of 2 CCCs.  **R1’751, 236.20 for service delivery** | **R18’192,590.75** donor funds for construction.  Zero state funds for construction  **R1’751, 236.20 state funds for service delivery during 2022/23 FY, the province funds each NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery** (R 977 780.00 for Idlebe CCC and R 773 456.20 for Nibela CCC). | Khuthala Building Construction | All CCCs are operational. |
| Nibela CCC, Hluhluwe  (Vukuzakhe operates in the CCC) |
| Esidumbini CCC, Ndwedwe  (Sithandukwedza operates in the CCC) | **R21’330,846.03** for construction of 3 CCCs.  **R** **2’109,058.15**  **for service delivery** | **R21’330,846.3** donor funds for construction  **Zero** state funds for construction  **R2’109,058.15**  **state funds for service delivery** **during 2022/23 FY, the** province funds annually each NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery (R500,000.00 for Esidumbini CCC; R815, 544.20 for Stoffelton CCC and R793, 513.95 for Charlestown CCC). | Bhekanani Building and Construction | All CCCs are operational. |
| Stoffelton CCC, Impendle  (Khanyisani Health support Organisation operates in the CCC) |
| Charlestown CCC, Newcastle  (Sukumuzenzele operates in the CCC) |
| Bethany CCC, Bergville  (Sinothandolwethu operates in the CCC) | **R8’577, 188.88** **for construction of 1 CCC**  **R745,472.47 for service delivery** | **R8’577, 188.88** donor funds for construction  **Zero** state funds for construction  **R745,472.47 state funds for service delivery during 2022/23 FY**, the province funds annually the NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery | Operational and funded annually by the province for service delivery. |

**North West Province**

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| **Name of CCC** | **(b)** **Costs of construction and operations** | **(c)** **Donor and state expenses in construction and operations** | **(d) Construction companies involved** | **(e) Operational Status of the CCCs** |
| Ventersdorp CCC  (Tshireletsego Care and Support operates in the CCC) | **R25’530, 846.00 for construction of 3 CCCs.**  **R4’280,780.00 for service delivery** | **R25’530, 846.00** donor funds for construction  **Zero** state funds for construction  **R4’280,780.00 state funds for service delivery** **during 2022/23 FY**, the province funds annually each NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery (R1’557,356.00 for Ventersdorp CCC; R1’418, 308.00 for Ipelegeng CCC and R1’305, 116.00 for Kgomotso CCC). | Risimati (RS) Civil construction | All 3 CCCs are operational.  The three CCCs were completed and handed over to the province in September, October and November 2019 respectively. |
| Ipelegeng CCC, Schweizer Reneke  (Lesedi HCBC operates in the CCC) |
| Kgomotso CCC, Taung  (Malebogo HCBC operates in the CCC) |
| Letlhakeng CCC  (Ikageng Basha HBC operates in the CCC) | **R32’551,113.15** for construction of 3 CCCs  **R259,579.00** for operations  **R3’591,112.00 for service delivery** | **R** **17 551 113.15** donor funds for construction  **R15’000.000** state funds for construction (towards the completion of the 3 CCCs that were left incomplete by the previous contractor).  **R259,579.00** for operations (R9, 579.00 for approval of building plans by the Moses Kotane Local Municipality for Letlhakeng CCC and R250, 000.00 for the rezoning of Groot Marico CCC).  **R3’591,112.00 state funds for service delivery** during 2022/23 FY, the province funds annually each NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery (R1’211,580.00 for Letlhakeng CCC; R1’211,580.00 for Lethabong CCC and R1’ 167,952.00 for Groot Marico CCC). | **Baitiredi Management Properties** – Contract was terminated due to poor performance and cash flow constraints.  **Bhekanani Building and Construction** was appointed to complete construction of the three CCCs. | All 3 CCCs are operational.  The 3 CCCs were completed and handed over to the province in June 2022 for the first two CCCs and on October 2022 for the third CCC. |
| Lethabong CCC  (Lethabong OVC Programme operates in the CCC) |
| Groot Marico CCC  (Tlhokomelo HBC and DIC operate in the CCC) |

**Limpopo Province**

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| **Name of CCC** | **(b)** **Costs of construction and operations** | **(c)** **Donor and state expenses in construction and operations** | **(d) Construction companies involved** | **(e) Operational Status of the CCCs** |
| Ndindane CCC, Greater Giyane  (Ndindani DIC operate in the CCC) | **R14’000,000.00**  for construction of 2 CCCs  **R854,286.74 for service delivery** | **R14’000,000.00**  donor funds for construction  **Zero** state funds for construction  **R854,286.74 state funds for service delivery** during 2022/23 FY, the province funds annually each NPO operating in the CCC for service delivery (R489,677.60 for Ndindani CCC and R364, 609.14 for Bonn CCC). | MUMS Building Construction | Both CCCs are operational. The two CCCs were completed and handed over to the province in January 2018. |
| Bonn CCC, Greater Giyane  (Hluvukani DIC operate in the CCC) |
| Mamvuka CCC, Makhado  (Dzanani Community HBC operate in the CCC) | **R32’277,521.00 for construction of 3 CCCs.**  **R1’730,244.74 for service delivery** | **R25’277, 521.00** donor funds for construction  (R15’458,115.50 already used on the existing, unfinished buildings and R9’819,405.50 will be used towards completion of the CCCs)  **R7’000,000.00** state funds will be used to complete the remaining works towards finalisation of the CCCs.  **R1’730,244.74 state funds for service delivery** during 2022/23 FY, the province funds annually each NPO to operate in the CCC for service delivery (R467,265.54 for Mamvuka CCC; R806 979.20 for Taueatsoala CCC and R456, 000.00 for Elandsdoorn CCC). | **Segabokeng Building Construction** was appointed in 2015 and contract terminated in February 2017 due to non-compliance, non -performance and cash flow challenges. Left the CCCs incomplete.  **Striking Force Civils and Construction** was appointed in 2018 and contract terminated in 2019 due to non-compliance, non -performance and cash flow challenges, left the CCCs incomplete.  **Bhekanani Building and construction** has been appointed to complete the CCCs. Commenced with construction in February 2023 – to complete the CCCs in November 2023 | Under Construction and will be completed in November 2023. |
| Taueatsoala CCC, Mogalakwena  (Kopanang DIC to operate in the CCC once its completed) |
| Elandsdoorn CCC, Elias Motsoaledi  (Pholosho DIC to operate in the CCC once its completed) |

1. **Community Care centres:**

**The table below reflects (b) names and contact details of the operational centres, (c) physical addresses and contact details of respective managers**

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| (b) Name of Operational CCCs | (C) Physical Addresses and contact details of respective managers |
| 1. Idlebe CCC | Mbambankunzi, Dlebe  Ulundi Local Municipality  Ms Tholinhlanhla Primrose Nhlanzi (Site Facilitator)  Contact No: 076 378 0354 |
| 2. Nibela CCC | Hluhluwe, Nibela  Big Five False Bay Local Municipality  Nkosinathi Mlandu (Social Worker) Contact No:0826788432  MH Mkhize  078 559 9156 |
| 3. Charlestown CCC | Charlestown  New Castle Local Municipality  Sibonelo Zondi (Social Worker)  Contact No: 0604693170  Thabisile Hlabisa  082 689 4028  Vusi R Ndlovu (Chairperson) contact No: 0835871930 |
| 4. Stoffelton CCC | Stoffelton  Impendle Local Municipality  Wandile Dladla (Social Worker) Contac No:0790554469  T Funeka  071 361 0598 |
| 5. Esidumbini CCC | Esidumbini  Ndwedwe Local Municipality  Ms Duduzile Linda (Social Worker) Contact No: 0735910683  Thobile Shabalala  079 111 0262 |
| 6. Bergville | Bergville  Okhahlamba Local Municipality  Dombi Ngwenya (Chairperson)  Contact No: 0722042077  Lungile Sithole (Secretary)  Contact No: 073 537 9408 |
| 7. Letlhakeng CCC | Letlhakeng  Moses Kotane local Municipality  Ms Bafedile Motaung  NO: 0639479828  NO: 0760736873  ikagengbasha@gmail.com |
| 8. Lethabong CCC | Lethabong  Rustenburg Local Municipality  Ms Lebogang Moilwe  NO: 0762374678  lethabongovc@gmail.com |
| 9. Groot Marico CCC | Groot Marico  Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality  Ms Gerzia Ratshefola  NO: 0823242460 |
| 10. Kgomotso CCC | Kgomotso , Taung  Greater Taung Local Municipality  Ms Tshegofatso Phefo  NO: 0798850469 |
| 11. Ipelegeng CCC | Ipelegeng, Schweizer Reneke, Mamusa Local Municipality  Ms Funky Tsheboeng  NO: 0820430536  funkyju79@gmail.com  Cecilia Mabone  082 041 2422 |
| 12. Boikhutso CCC | Boikhutso,  Ventersdorp Local Municipality  Boniwe Mgwagwa  NO: 0648102993  Tcsdsd049@gmail.com |
| 13. Bonn CCC | Bonn Village, Berlin  Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality  Mavis Mkhari 0603942135  Ms Yvonne Chauke  District Coordinator  0614626873  murhangeri.chauke@gmail.com |
| 14. Ndindani CCC | Ndindani Village  Greater Giyani Local Municipality  Grace Chavalala 0837682421  Ms Yvonne Chauke  District Coordinator  0614626873  murhangeri.chauke@gmail.com |

**(d) successes and challenges of the 17 community care centres**

**Successes:**

* Employment of staff in the CCCs has contributed to job creation. All CCCs have a staff complement of a Social Worker, Child and Youth Care Workers, Community Care Givers, Security personnel, Gardener and Cooks.
* The launch of Multi- media centres and safe spaces for men in some of the CCCs in the North West and Kwa- Zulu Natal provinces by the Deputy Minister. This means that more children and youth can access computers for their studies and job hunting purposes. Men and boys in the communities have safe spaces within the CCCs, where they can discuss their issues and contribute to championing change initiatives.
* Huawei has also been engaged to provide training on Robotics and Coding to these young people and so far, almost 40 young people have been trained in Letlhakeng.
* The CCCs reach more beneficiaries in communities, through the services provided such as psychosocial support services, Social and Behaviour Change programmes, Early Childhood Development services, services to Older Persons, Skills development programmes and sports and recreation.
* Provision of nutritional support in terms of meals and food parcels to those in distress which contributes to reduction of extreme poverty as highlighted in the NDP.
* Provision of Educational support and homework supervision to keep children at school.
* Promotion of cultural practices through the intergenerational programmes that are rendered in the CCCs where the elderly transfer skills and knowledge to the children and youth.

**Challenges:**

* Delays in construction due to challenges with appointed contractors, in terms of performance, and cash flow challenges. This hampers service delivery that is promised to communities and escalates finances for the building of CCCs, hence the department had to contribute in order to ensure that all CCCs are completed.
* Difficulty in getting intergovernmental collaboration and support from other Municipalities especially those that are charging fees to the department for their services.
* The NPOs operating in the CCCs are under-funded by provinces for operations due to fiscal constraints (the funding is not yet comprehensive to cover all services as per the comprehensive package of services for the CCCs). This does not go with the intended purpose of the CCCs, as they are intended to render services to all beneficiaries in the communities.