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**978. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) How many (i) non-governmental organisations and (ii) community-based organisations has the National Development Agency funded since its inception and (b) in each case, (i) how many of the specified organisations are (aa) still operational and (bb) not operational, (ii) why are the specified organisations no longer operational and (iii) what has happened to the services that they were providing? NW1108E

**Reply:**

1. The NDA has funded 2612 Community Based Organisations and Non-governmental organizations since inception. However, in the last five years, a total of 485 NGOs/CBOs were funded for which have hereunder provided the responses. The status of all organisations since inception cannot be confirmed as The NDA Grant making process works with funded projects for a period of 12 to 18 months. During this period our relationship with an organization is regulated by a Funding Agreement between the NDA and the CBO/NGO. At the end of the funding period, the NDA would develop an exit/sustainability plan for the organization and then the formal relations between the NDA and the organization ceases.
2. (i)Of the 485 organisations funded in the last five years, 452 are still operating and providing services to communities. A total of 33 NGOs/CBOs are no longer operational. (ii) The reasons for their lack of operation include lack of funding since the completion of NDA funding and governance challenges, including conflict within the organisations. (iii) The activities that they were involved in have been transferred to other organisations within the area. To mitigate the challenges faced by organisations the NDA in partnership with the Department of Social Development has implemented a capacity building programme since 2013 which has trained 4244 NGOs/CBOs in all provinces, including organisations that may not have been directly funded by the NDA. The capacity building will result in sustainability for the organizations and their service delivery capacity.