

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



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Background

- o Population of 5.4 million
- o 92% rural
- o Children 0-4 is 675 500
- o Most ECD centres are in remote rural areas
- Mopani ,Sekhukhune and Vhembe

Status of ECD centres

- ◆ Total registers ECD centres is 1573
- ◆ Total number of children in ECD centres is 70 785
- ◆ Number subsidised is 1093
- ◆ Children subsidised at R9.00 per child per day per attendance
- ◆ The claims are paid monthly upon submission

Status of ECD centres

- ◆ Funding is done through means test
 - Proof of income required from parents
e.g. parent with one child earning less than R1800 per month
 - Parent with 3 children earning less than R2240 per month
- ◆ 95% of beneficiaries resides in rural areas

STATUS OF ECD CENTRES

Name of district	Number of funded ECD sites	Number of beneficiaries	Allocated Budget R'000	Expenditure to date
Sekhukhune	256	11520	R19 441	R2 744
Vhembe	227	10235	R20 232	R3 470
Mopani	200	9000	R19 894	R4 255
Waterberg	153	6885	R10 248	R 2 007
Capricorn	258	11650	19 274	R4 274
Total	1093	49290	R89 089	R 16 720

CHALLENGES

- ◆ Inadequate staff to register and support the sites
- ◆ Capacity of ECD staff to submit claims timeously
- ◆ Inadequate budget to subsidise all registered sites
- ◆ Carers not provided with stipend/salary
- ◆ Incapacity of communities to provide ECD infrastructure
- ◆ Most children not accessing ECD sites

INTERVENTION

- ◆ Recruitment and retention of Social Workers through bursary scheme
- ◆ Training of Auxiliary Social Workers and deploy them to communities
- ◆ Capacity building of ECD sites
- ◆ Coordinate with Municipalities on establishment of ECD sites