



THE PRESIDENCY
Ministry for Women, Youth, Children and
Persons with Disabilities
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Introduction

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- This report covers the 2008/9 and 2009/2010 activities including 4 focal areas of the POA targets.

Vision

- Realizing the Commitment of a better life for all persons with disabilities through excellence in Governance.

Mission

- Ensuring the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities in leading, developing and managing the strategic agenda of Government.

Policy Coordination, Mainstreaming, Advocacy and Awareness Raising

Strategic Objective 1: To strengthen strategic management and leadership capability to achieve greater organizational cohesion.

Policy Coordination:

- Finalised National Disability Policy, prepared Cabinet memo and Gazette memos ready for discussion with Minister's Office before submission to Cabinet.
- Started preparations for the implementation plan for the Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Advocacy and Awareness Raising

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Advocacy and Awareness Raising:

- Presented at the launch of the JOBACCESS Strategy in Limpopo working in collaboration with Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) focusing on employment target of 2% of persons with disabilities to be reached by 31/03/2010.
- Explored future partnerships which will involve making Umsobomvu's services accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Attended the launch of the Reprint of South African Classic in indigenous languages in support of Department of Arts and Culture to reduce illiteracy and promote the culture of reading and writing including among people with disabilities.

Advocacy and Awareness Raising

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- Participated in Disability Awareness Month activities through workshops.
- Held a camp with deaf youth in partnership with Deaf Federation South Africa.
- Visited special schools with the Minister in Soshanguve.
- Organized the 2008 International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Coordination

Strategic Objective 2: Provide strategic leadership to provincial focal points in all spheres of government including civil society.

- Coordinated quarterly meetings with National provincial structures i.e. Inter-Provincial Forum (IPF).
- Coordinated two term meetings of National Disability Machinery and compiled reports and minutes.
- Convened the second National Disability Summit in July 2008 regarding the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disability.
- Continued to implement the summit resolutions in collaboration with relevant governmental departments and other stake holders.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Strat. Objective 3: To coordinate, monitor, evaluate and communicate government policies and programmes and accelerate integrated service delivery.

M & E

- Compiled a report on OSDP budget and budget systems controls for the 2009/10 financial year.
- Completed the Handover Report for the new administration and submitted to Minister in the Presidency. Completed the GDCY final exit / Hand over report for Minister and for the Presidency.
- Finalised GDCY FYR report and submitted to the project leader.

Strategic Objective 4: To foster nation-building and effect and impetus to the people's contract.

- Participated in the Ministerial imbizo to engage the community in a dialogue about forced marriages for girls aged between 12-14 years in Lusikisiki (particularly in the OR Tambo municipality) and continue to work with the task team to implement an integrated intervention plan to address a number of human rights concerns.
- Participated with Minister in the Presidency at the NCOP event held in the Eastern Cape.

Capacity Building

Strategic Objective 5: To promote the integrated approach to governance for accelerated service delivery.

- Conducted Orientation workshops to 80 district and their local municipalities in 7 provinces on UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Provinces covered so far are Limpopo, Kwazulu Natal, Northern Cape, Western Cape, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape and North West.
- The workshops targeted senior managers, provincial departments and Disabled People Organisations.

Regional and International Obligations

- Strategic Objective 6: To support, develop and consolidate initiatives for building a better Africa and a better world.
- Attended the first Conference of State Parties in New York, participated in the Committee of 12 experts and South Africa was elected as Vice Chair of the Africa Bureau. South Africa used the opportunity to meet with the UN Department of Economics and Social Affairs (DESA) to discuss implementation options of this Convention.

Regional and International Obligations

- SA steering Committee for the African Decade Programme with clear terms of reference was established in 2008 in order to drive this agenda. The office also hosted two board meetings.
- Responded to resolution 62/170 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto and resolution 62/127 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning disability issues.