RE-IMAGINE ECD BY 2030:
THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED POLICY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT:
ONE YEAR LATER

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ECD Diagnostic Review

ECD Conference Plan of Action

ELEMENTS
OF THE SA INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT–MOVING AHEAD –MOVING AHEAD 2013/14 – 2016/17

1. Legislation and Policy
2. Institutional arrangements/Coordination and integration
3. Human resources, training and capacity building
4. Comprehensive ECD Programme
5. ECD Infrastructure
6. Funding and partnerships
7. Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
8. Communication and awareness
THE MAKING OF A POLICY

FINAL DRAFT FROM CONSULTANTS

Draft ECD Policy published for public comment

Approved to be Gazetted for Public Comment by CABINET

Consultation with provincial government departments

Consultation with disability sector

Consultations in provinces

Large National Consultation

Evidence

Review 1
Review of comments by IDC ECD 13&14 May 2015

Review 2
Review of public comments by IDC ECD 8&9 June 2015

Review 3
Technical review by IDC ECD

Technical consolidation of all REVIEWED inputs

Technical review by IDC ECD

Consolidate Inputs from Public Comments

Consolidate inputs

Review 4
Final Review

Internal Government submission process

ECD Policy approved by Cabinet

9 December 2015

Expert Consultations

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DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESSION

First 1000 days

Conception, pregnancy, birth & neonatal period

Infancy (birth-2yrs)

Preschool (3-4yrs)

Foundation phase (5-9yrs)
The Children

Children birth to 6 years per province 2015

South Africa: 8,207,723

Northern Cape: 157,425 (2%)
Northern Cape: 1,625,383 (20%)
North West: 533,337 (6%)
Free State: 380,629 (5%)
Eastern Cape: 1,206,982 (15%)
Western Cape: 783,569 (10%)
KwaZulu-Natal: 1,894,032 (23%)
Mpumalanga: 658,845 (8%)
Limpopo: 967,520 (12%)
**YOUNG CHILD REALITIES**

**Infant Mortality Rate**
- 1 in 4 children (birth to 3 years)
- 11 deaths per 1000 live births

**Infant Mortality Rate**
- 1 in 5 pre-school children overweight or obese
- 34.4 deaths per 1000 live births

**Under 5 Mortality Rate**
- 1 in 3 children (0-4) attend an ECD centre
- 44 deaths per 1000 live births

**Stunting**
- 1 in 4 children birth to 3 years

**Overweight**
- 1 in 5 pre-school children overweight or obese

**MTCT of HIV**
- 2.6%
- 1 in 3 children (0-4) attend an ECD centre

**1 in 6 young children (0-4) stay with a Child Minder**
- 7%

- Infants
- 1 - 2 year olds
- 3 - 4 year olds

28%
VISION: ECD POLICY

All infants and young children and their families in South Africa live in environments conducive to the optimal development of young children.
PURPOSE OF NATIONAL INTEGRATED ECD POLICY

To provide an overarching multi-sectoral enabling framework of early childhood development services, inclusive of national, provincial and local spheres of government;

• To define national comprehensive early childhood development services and support, with identified essential components;

• To identify the relevant role players and their roles and responsibilities for the provision of the various components of early childhood development services; and

• To establish national early childhood development leadership and coordinating structure.
MISSION OF THE ECD POLICY

To provide a Comprehensive programme of quality ECD services that would be universally available in sufficient quantities and proximity so that all children enjoy an equal opportunity to access them.
POLICY GOALS

Short-term 2017
- Establishment of the necessary legal framework(s), organisational structures and institutional arrangements,
- Planning, financing mechanisms necessary to support and realise its commitments
- Estimated cost of R265.6m

Medium-term 2024
- Availability of age and developmental stage appropriate essential components of the comprehensive package of quality ECD services, accessible to all infants and young children and their caregivers
- Estimated cost of R13.8b

Long-term 2030
- Availability of a full comprehensive age and development stage appropriate package of quality ECD development services and accessible to all infants and young children and their caregivers
- Estimated cost of R12.5b
The Policy helps us to ReIMAGINE

• A comprehensive ECD Programme
• Leadership and coordination
• The ECD WorkForce
• The ECD Programmes
• The Funding for ECD
• Collaboration with Civil society
• Amongst others
COMPREHENSIVE ECD PROGRAMME
ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECD PROGRAMME

- Nutrition
- Health
- Parent Support
- Social Protection
- Early Learning
- Communication
- Living Standard
- Play, Sport & Culture
- Food Security
ELEVEN MONTHS LATER!

- WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION?
## 1. LEGISLATION AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

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<td>Develop the ECD policy.</td>
<td>• Training manual was developed.</td>
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<td>Develop an integrated ECD Policy. Cost</td>
<td>• 8 Provinces have been capacitated – 877 attendees. Western Cape to be done in November on 22 to 23 November 2016.</td>
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<td>implement integrated ECD Policy</td>
<td>• Conducted 2 workshops on the National Integrated Implementation Plan with partner departments in June and October 2016, resulting in a draft implementation plan.</td>
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<td>• Finalisation envisaged before March 2017 to give effect to the commitments in the ECD policy objectives. It covers the National Comprehensive Programme including leadership and co-ordination.</td>
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## 2. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION

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<td>Feasibility study on options for inter-sectoral management and coordination.</td>
<td>• According to the ECD policy government should take responsibility for inter-sectoral management and coordination.</td>
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| Research on the various options of an integrated governance structures such as an ECD Council or, ECD Institute or, ECD Agency, and integrated ECD Directorates/units in the Department. | • UNICEF provided funding and technical support to conduct the feasibility study on options for inter-sectoral management and coordination.  
• The National Interdepartmental Committee for ECD (NIDC ECD) accepted recommendations of the study on 26 October 2016. |
### 3. HUMAN RESOURCES, TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

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<td>Human Resource Development plan for the ECD Sector. Conduct Capacity audit. Develop a Human Resource Development plan for the ECD Sector. Improve human resources for the ECD Sector.</td>
<td>• Draft comprehensive integrated ECD plan developed, to be used to inform the finalisation of the integrated HR plan for the sector. • First draft report on the audit of HR capacity in the Departments of Social Development, Health and Basic Education at national and provincial level. • Draft HR plan for ECD Practitioners has been developed by DBE. • DBE is training 5, 898 ECD Practitioners towards NQF Level 4 qualification. • DHET developed a policy on minimum requirements for teacher education qualification framework to accommodate prior learning experience and progression in career advancement.</td>
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## 4. COMPREHENSIVE ECD PROGRAMME/SERVICES

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| Comprehensive package of ECD services for children birth to four years with roles and responsibilities of government departments and other stakeholders | • Comprehensive Programme was alignment with the ECD Policy;  
• Parental/primary caregiver training of trainers package is being conducted in provinces – Eastern Cape Province (September 2016) and North West Province (October 2016) - 29 trained respectively.  
• Free State and Northern Cape (combined) – February 2017  
• Western Cape – February/March 2017 and Gauteng – May 2017.  
• Trained provinces expected to develop a roll-out plan to capacitate parents and primary caregivers in 2017/18 according to targets set.  
• Training to strengthen the parenting programme, providing parents and/or primary caregivers with information, skills and understanding necessary to support the optimal development of their infants and young children in healthy and stimulating home environments. |
## 5. ECD INFRASTRUCTURE

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| Audit of existing ECD infrastructure provisioning | • Developed **infrastructure blue print designs** for centre based ECD programmes which have a standardised design - will be used across the country for different modalities for small, medium and large ECD centres.  
  • **Spatial norms and standards** have been developed;  
  • **CSIR** appointed as experts for consultation and review of draft Infrastructure Plan currently in process.  
  • Meeting held with **COGTA** (28 September 2016) on all matters related to their mandate on ECD and 3 work stream being established. |
## 5. ECD INFRASTRUCTURE (cont…)

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<td>Audit of existing ECD infrastructure</td>
<td>- <strong>National Treasury (NT)</strong> allocated a Maintenance Grant as part of the Conditional Grant for ECD for 2017/18 &amp; 2018/19.</td>
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<td>Provisioning</td>
<td>- Held workshops with provinces in February, July and September 2016 to prepare for the allocation of the grant;</td>
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<td>- Provinces submitted information on assessed conditionally registered ECD centres that need improvement to be assisted to get full registration;</td>
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<td>- Analysis completed and submitted to Treasury for allocation of funds according to province.</td>
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<td>- Further required documents completed and submitted to NT.</td>
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## 6. FUNDS AND PARTNERSHIPS

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<td>Identify and conduct research on all existing funding models.</td>
<td>• Funding model is being developed with support of UNICEF to establish uniform provision and funding norms;</td>
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<td>Compile a list of all applicable funding models relating to ECD.</td>
<td>• Provisioning norms to link to the infrastructure plan and risk management informed by population based planning to assist the department to have uniform funding norms for differentiated ECD services and programmes as stated in the ECD policy;</td>
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<td>Identify the gaps and challenges in the various funding models for ECD services.</td>
<td>• 1st workshop held to determine the parameters for the funding model i.e. focussing on centre based and non centre based programmes, play groups, child minders and home visitors</td>
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<td>• Sector Financing Strategy drafted to be finalised before March 2017 to inform cost driving matters for ECD service delivery;</td>
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<td>Identify government and private donors to leverage resources for ECD services including children with disabilities.</td>
<td>Investment case – Study completed by UNICEF to provide evidence based information to enable informed lobbying for funds from National Treasury;</td>
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<td>Increase leverage and lobby for adequate financial and human resources for ECD from Government.</td>
<td>UNICEF to conduct capacity building of all partner departments on how to utilise the information to lobby for funding;</td>
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<td>Strengthening of the existing ECD donor forum for ECD services.</td>
<td>Partnership has been established with the ECD Donor Funding Forum.</td>
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<td>Identify private donors to leverage resources for ECD.</td>
<td>Working relationship has resulted in their participation in the Donor Sub-Committee of Integrated Inter-sectoral Forum for ECD.</td>
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<td>Develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Donors.</td>
<td>To be developed in due course.</td>
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## 7. RESEARCH, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

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| Develop an Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation framework for ECD in financial year 2016/17 onwards | • Review indicators and align them to the ECD policy with all M&E units of the core partner departments;  
• Align indicators to the Non-Financial Data;  
• Management Information System (MIS) for ECD being developed with IT using the audit information as baseline;  
• Data base information to be used for National Integrated Social Protection Information System (NISPIIS); |
## 8. COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS

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<td>Develop an integrated inter-sectoral awareness raising and communication strategy.</td>
<td>• Draft communication strategy developed by communication unit in conjunction with partner departments and GCIS;</td>
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<td>Provide public education and raise public awareness on the importance of Early Childhood Development to ensure that all young children have access to quality ECD programmes/services.</td>
<td>• This will lead to the integrated inter-sectoral awareness messages;</td>
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<td>Advocacy, Communications and Social Mobilisation Campaign implemented.</td>
<td>• Developed a draft national registration action plan to call for all service providers to register their ECD centres and programmes;</td>
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<td>Plan advocacy communication and social mobilisation Campaign.</td>
<td>• Promote importance of ECD stimulation programmes on the development of children;</td>
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<td>• Promote understanding of role of parents/caregivers regarding importance of putting children in registered programmes and facilities</td>
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<td>• Provinces developed their own registration implementation plans with technical assistance from National.</td>
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<td>Advocacy, Communications and Social Mobilisation Campaign implemented.</td>
<td>Provinces have already started with the registration drive and information on ECD services:</td>
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<td>Plan advocacy communication and social mobilisation Campaign.</td>
<td>• <strong>Mpumalanga</strong>: Summit (October 2016) - focus on increasing access;</td>
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<td>• <strong>NW</strong>: Expo held in October as part of Health and Welfare;</td>
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<td>• <strong>KZN</strong>: Marketing of ECD services to be done through the mobile programme targeting parents, caregivers and practitioners in rural areas;</td>
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| Advocacy, Communications and Social Mobilisation Campaign implemented. | **LIMPOPO:** Radio talk shows (Thobela FM);  
**GP:** Conducted radio interviews in May 2016 through Radio 702.  
- Focus is on registration of ECD centres and the benefits thereof  
- Implications of running unregistered centres;  
- Workshops on the registration drive to be conducted in October 2016. |
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<td><strong>ECD Annual Awards held.</strong></td>
<td>Application forms have been distributed in all provinces for entries and the closing date for entries was 14 October 2016.</td>
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CONCLUSION

- The first year after the Cabinet approved the National Integrated ECD Policy on 09 December 2016 has seen substantial progress!
- Momentum is to be maintained to complete the first phase of the --- and give effect to the policy goals set out!
- Next year we have to conclude the short-term goals and start with the medium- and long-term goals.
- The implementation of the National Integrated ECD Policy is guided by the Inter-ministerial Committee for ECD, with technical assistance from the National Interdepartmental Committee for ECD!
- All partners are to work together so that we can attain the vision of the National Integrated ECD Policy by 2030!
Thank you for thinking of me.
Ngiyabonga!