

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2025

13. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the Western Cape Government's Gender-based Violence Implementation Plan:

(a) How much has been spent on this implementation plan since its inception, (b) what are the (i) interventions and (ii) services offered by his Department and (c) what progress has been made by his Department in combating gender-based violence?

Minister of Social Development to reply in a written response:

a) The Department of Social Development coordinates the Provincial implementation plan in the Western Cape Government. No budget is required for the coordination role but the Department's expenditure on projects under the Implementation Plan is as follows:

| 2024/2025 | 2023/2024 | 2022/2023 | 2021/2022 | 2020/2012 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| R 70 998 000 | R 72 683 000 | R 68 299 000 | R 66 495 000 | R 63 860 000 |

Furthermore, each Department within the Province has a range of activities related to the Implementation plan but the expenditure for these activities is drawn from their existing line function budgets and is not specifically ringfenced for the purpose of the Implementation Plan.

(b) (i) Interventions: The Department leads and participates in many intersectoral mechanisms to address victim support services. This includes the quarterly VEP Provincial, Regional and local Forums and attend external stakeholders' engagements such as the Trafficking in Persons Task Team: Quarterly and the Gender Justice Forum: Bi-monthly.

DSD and funded partners render Psychosocial support services that include group work and community work interventions in hot spot areas and interventions with high-risk men. The DSD funds 25 GBV shelters in the province and provide victim support services at critical entry points like Thuthuzela Care Centres, family violence courts and SAPS stations in hotspot areas.

(ii) DSD VEP service include:

- Prevention programmes through school based programmes
- Early community-based intervention inclusive of family preservation and support services, paralegal services, dignity packs and services to high-risk men
- Psychosocial support at Thuthuzela Care Centres.
- Shelter services to victims of crime
- Shelter services to victims of trafficking
- Training and capacity building to other stake holders such as GBV ambassadors, Police forums, municipalities, NGOs
- After care services

C) In the 2023/2024 Financial year 32 692 received psychosocial services from funded victim empowerment organisations.

- DSD funds the Khuseleka One Stop Centre Model which amongst their basket of services also render a paralegal support service where 486 persons were reached.
- 19 563 families were reached through DSD Family Preservation and Support services program
- the Crime Prevention and Support Perpetrator Programmes reached 2 085 perpetrators of gender-based violence.
- 672 Dignity packs were distributed amongst learners at schools across the Western Cape.
- 9 939 persons partake in educational and awareness programmes across the Western Cape.